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Dear Sarah

**Far North District Plan Review: Rollover of existing designations which have not lapsed without modification**

Thank you for your letter dated 17th May 2020 that invites Chorus New Zealand Limited (Chorus) to rollover its existing designations into the Proposed Far North District Plan.

Pursuant to Clause 4 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991, Chorus requests that all of its existing designations, as included in the attached schedule, are rolled over without modification. The purpose of the existing designations is *Land Uses for Telecommunication and Radio Communication purposes, including telephone exchange*.

The designations are subject to conditions. The designation descriptor for all Chorus sites should be updated to CNZ as per the November 2019 National Planning Standards, Table 15.

On 30 November 2011, Chorus and Telecom demerged into two separate companies. Details of how existing Telecom designations were to be treated after that time was dealt with in the Telecommunications (TSO, Broadband, and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2011. Under that Act, a new Section 69XI was inserted into the Telecommunications Act 2001 approving Chorus as a requiring authority under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

Further, a new Section 69XJ was inserted into the Telecommunications Act 2001. This section allowed the Minister for Communications and Information Technology, before separation day and by way of Gazette Notice, to issue two lists comprising all of the designations for which Telecom was formerly responsible. These lists detailed:

- a) designations that are to be transferred to Chorus; and
- b) designations that are to be additionally granted back as a secondary designation to Telecom.

As part of the demerger process, all of the designations as listed in the attached schedule were transferred to Chorus, with designations TC25 (Paihia Exchange), TC28 (Kaikohe Exchange), and designation TC34 (Russell Heights Radio Station) granted back to Telecom (now Spark) as a secondary designation. Chorus requests that the designation schedule clearly identifies that the Chorus designation is the primary designation and that the Spark

designation (which we understand they will also be rolling over without modification) is the secondary designation in regard to existing designations TC28 and TC34.

Chorus and Spark now use a consistent purpose nationally for their designations. The current purpose as shown in the Far North District Plan is "*Land Uses for Telecommunication and Radio Communication purposes, including telephone exchange*". Chorus request that this terminology be updated in the schedule to "*Telecommunications and Radio Communications and Ancillary Purposes*". This is only a consistency change and not a modification to the designations as the same general scope of activities is enabled by either terminology and the same conditions will continue to apply. The updated purpose is shown in the attached schedule.

Chorus requests that all conditions applying to former Telecom designations are rolled over onto Chorus designations.

Please direct any queries and correspondence on this matter to Andrew Kantor, Environmental Planner and RMA Advisor, Chorus email – [Andrew.Kantor@chorus.co.nz](mailto:Andrew.Kantor@chorus.co.nz).

Yours sincerely



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