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Dear Hearing Commissioner,

Fire and Emergency New Zealand – letter to be tabled for Proposed Plan Change 19 Hearing

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire and Emergency) made a submission on Proposed Plan Change 19 which proposes to make a suite of changes to the way the District's residential areas are zoned and managed.

Central Otago District Council (CODC) 42a reporting officer has assessed the application addressing the concerns raised by Fire and Emergency. The reporting officer has recommended that the changes sought outlined as follows are to be rejected:

- Various amendments to objectives and policies
- Enabling Fire and Emergency as a Non Residential Activity
- Emergency Service Facilities as a permitted activity
- A separate definition for Emergency Service Facilities
- Provision for firefighting water supply in each zone through a new servicing standard
- An exemption for the height of Emergency Service Facilities.

It is noted that the reporting officer has recommended that an exemption for the height of hose towers is accepted.

As abovementioned, the provision for a firefighting water supply standard across each residential zone has been recommended to be rejected. The reporting officer has stated *"I do not consider this to be necessary. In my opinion the provision of infrastructure, including firefighting provision, is best dealt with at the time of subdivision. As noted earlier, Section 16: Subdivision already addresses servicing."* Although the subdivision chapter has provisions for servicing such as firefighting water supply, not all developments with the Central Otago District will be through subdivision as there will be instances where development will occur on existing lots that are not part of a subdivision. There is a risk to Fire and Emergency that developments may not have adequate servicing for firefighting water should the additional servicing standard not be included within the residential chapter.

Fire and Emergency wish to reiterate that all of the amendments sought in the submission seek to enable Fire and Emergency to carry out its responsibilities under the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 effectively in the protection of lives, property and the surrounding environment. With this in mind Fire and Emergency wish to reiterate the importance of their original submission and the various points raised within it.

Fire and Emergency do not consider it necessary to be heard at the hearing.

Should you have any queries or seek clarification, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lydia Shirley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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