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Ministry of Education Submission on Hamilton City Council Plan Change 7: Rotokauri North Private Plan Change

Background:

The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) is the Government's lead advisor on the New Zealand education system, shaping direction for education agencies and providers and contributing to the Government's goals for education. The Ministry has responsibility for all education property owned by the Crown. This involves managing the existing property portfolio, upgrading and improving the portfolio, purchasing and constructing new property to meet increased demand, identifying and disposing of surplus State school sector property and managing teacher and caretaker housing. The Ministry is therefore a considerable stakeholder in terms of activities that may impact on educational facilities and assets in the Hamilton City area.

The Ministry's submission on Private Plan Change 7 to the Hamilton City District Plan is:

The private plan change applies to approximately 140ha of land in Hamilton's north west, at the northern end of the Rotokauri Structure Plan. The land is currently zoned Future Urban and seeks to enable urban development. The key elements of the plan change of interest to the Ministry include the:

- Approximately 137ha Medium Density Residential zone to enable up to 2000 residential units; and
- Approximately 1 hectare of Business 6 zone for the development of a Neighbourhood Centre, which could include small neighbourhood shops, cafes, or other similar activities.

Preliminary consultation has been undertaken with the Ministry in relation to the private plan change. This consultation determined that the wider area would likely require a new primary school.

The Ministry supports the proposed development in Rotokauri North as it will provide much needed housing for Hamilton. However, provision of additional capacity to cater for this growth within the expanding local school network is vital as the area develops.

Relief Sought:

Given the level of increase in housing provision in Rotokauri North as a result of this private plan change, the Ministry requests that Hamilton City Council and the developer continue to engage with them and keep them up to date with the staging and timing of this development to help them understand the potential impact on the school network.

The Ministry also requests that Council and the developer develop walking and cycling connections to enable a co-ordinated approach in safely accessing all forms of housing and social infrastructure provided to communities to facilitate a high quality of life.

The key Ministry contact person for this development area is Tony Bodger. Contact details for Tony are:

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Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned as the consultant on behalf of the Ministry.

The Ministry wish to be heard in support of their submission. If others make a similar submission, the Ministry would consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Should you have any more queries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on behalf of the Ministry.



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