

Form 6

Clause 8 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991
Further submission in opposition to submission on notified Ruakura Variation

To Hamilton City Council

Name of person making further submission: *AgResearch Limited (AgResearch)*

This is a further submission in opposition to a submission on the Ruakura Variation to the Hamilton Proposed District Plan.

I am

a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public has being the owner/operator of the AgResearch Ruakura Research Centre the site of which is included within the area of the Ruakura Variation.

I oppose the submission of:

*Laura Kellaway, Louise Beaumont and John P Adam
10 Taniwha Street, Frankton, Hamilton.*

Submitter No. 49

The particular parts of the submission I oppose are:

The entirety of the submission.

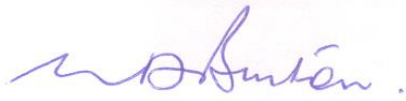
The reasons for my opposition are:

- (i) Ruakura AgResearch Campus and farm is located within the Knowledge Zone and is part of the Ruakura Variation.*
- (ii) Whilst restructuring of AgResearch operations will result in some downsizing of the current operation at Ruakura, AgResearch will continue to operate its research activities at the site for the foreseeable future.*
- (iii) AgResearch needs to change (or potentially remove) some of the buildings on the Campus that will no longer be suitable for research requirements.*
- (iv) Some buildings will become redundant as AgResearch restructures its operations and some functions are relocated (to Lincoln and Palmerston North).*
- (v) The buildings on the central Ruakura Campus have minimal heritage value as structures. The heritage value of the Ruakura Agricultural Research Centre is in the scientific advances achieved there, not in the buildings. AgResearch opposes the inclusion of those buildings nominated in the submission on Schedule 8A Heritage Schedule.*
- (vi) Those trees on the AgResearch Ruakura Campus that are worthy of protection are already included on Schedule 9D of the Proposed Hamilton District Plan. AgResearch opposes the inclusion of those trees nominated in the submission on Schedule 9D – Significant Trees.*
- (vii) The inclusion of a Heritage Area provision for the Ruakura AgResearch site is uncertain, lacking in policy or rule details and contrary to the intention of the Knowledge Zone in supporting the continued development and expansion of research, education, innovation and technology activity precincts at AgResearch (Objective 8.2.1).*
- (viii) The proposed Heritage Area provisions would unreasonably constrain AgResearch's continued use and development of the site*
- (ix) The changes sought re the additions to Schedules 8A and 9D and the inclusion of a Heritage Area Provision are beyond the scope of the Ruakura Variation.*

I seek that the whole of the submission be disallowed.

I wish to be heard in support of my further submission.

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.



Signature

WD Burton - Authorised Agent for AgResearch

Date 29 March 2016

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I oppose the submission of:

*Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
PO Box 13339, Tauranga 3141
Attention: Carolyn McAlley*

Submitter No. 44

The particular parts of the submission I oppose are:

The entirety of the submission.

The reasons for my opposition are:

- (i) AgResearch recognises its obligations under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.*
- (ii) Ruakura AgResearch Campus and farm is located within the Knowledge Zone and is part of the Ruakura Variation.*
- (iii) Whilst restructuring of AgResearch operations will result in some downsizing of the current operation at Ruakura, AgResearch will continue to operate its research activities at the site for the foreseeable future.*
- (iv) AgResearch will inevitably need to change or potentially remove some of the buildings on the Campus that will no longer be suitable for research requirements.*
- (v) Some buildings will become redundant as AgResearch restructures its operations and some functions are relocated (to Lincoln and Palmerston North).*
- (vi) The buildings on the central Ruakura Campus have minimal heritage value as structures. The heritage value of the Ruakura Agricultural Research Centre is in the scientific advances achieved there, not in the buildings as such. AgResearch opposes the inclusion of those buildings nominated in the submission on the Schedule 8A Heritage Schedule.*
- (vii) Those trees on the AgResearch Ruakura Campus that are worthy of protection are already included on Schedule 9D of the Proposed Hamilton District Plan. AgResearch opposed the inclusion of additional trees on the Campus being included on Schedule 9D – Significant Trees.*
- (viii) The changes sought are contrary to the intention of the Knowledge Zone in supporting the continued development and expansion of research, education, innovation and technology activity precincts at the AgResearch Ruakura Campus (Objective 8.2.1).*
- (ix) The proposed Heritage Area provisions would unreasonably constrain AgResearch's continued use and development of the site*
- (x) The changes sought re the additions to Schedules 8A and possibly 9D are beyond the scope of the Ruakura Variation.*

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