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Submissions may be:

- Posted to Hamilton City Council, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240
- Delivered direct to Hamilton City Council offices at Garden Place, Hamilton
- Sent by fax to 07 838 6464; or emailed to [districtplan@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:districtplan@hcc.govt.nz)

Note: online submissions can also be made at [www.hamilton.co.nz/ruakura](http://www.hamilton.co.nz/ruakura)

1. Submitter Details (all fields required)	
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2. Trade Competition
If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Submitter could not gain</b> an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Submitter could gain</b> an advantage in trade competition through this submission and I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of this submission that: (a) Adversely affects the environment; and (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Submitter could gain</b> an advantage in trade competition through this submission and the submitter is <b>NOT</b> directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of this submission that: (a) Adversely affects the environment; and (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

3. Public Hearing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Submitter does</b> wish to attend and speak at the Council hearing in support of their submission

**4. Signature of Submitter** *(note a signature is not required if sending your submissions my electronic means, but please type your name below)*

John Galbraith, FLAG Facilitator, for:

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John Gordon  
Chairman  
Freight Logistics Action Group

Date: 18/12/2015

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)



# BAY OF CONNECTIONS

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## ***Background***

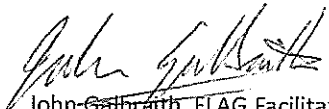
1. The Freight Logistics Action Group (FLAG) was formed in 2011 to implement actions arising from the Bay of Connections Freight Logistics Strategy.
2. The group is comprised of members representing a wide cross section of the logistics and supporting industries, including commercial operators, companies, research, education & training, economic development, and local and central government partners. Current membership list is attached.
3. The goal of the group is to lift New Zealand's (International) ranking in Logistics Performance.
4. The main group meets bi-monthly and has active working groups on:
  - workforce & skills
  - health, safety and environment
  - high productivity vehicles
  - enabling technology
5. FLAG congratulates Hamilton City Council on the timely production of the Ruakura Variation. It is a high quality document and the Group welcomes the invitation and opportunity to submit comment.

## ***The Ruakura Variation to the Proposed District Plan (PDP)***

6. FLAG strongly supports the Variation in that it incorporates the Board of Inquiry decision on the Ruakura Plan Change into the district plan. Critically the Ruakura development seeks to enable a significant new employment area based around the development of an inland port and regional logistics hub.
7. The inland port and logistic hub is highly strategic and will result in a more efficient freight network for the upper north island. The proposed development also maximises the use of existing and planned infrastructure investment including the East Coast Main Trunk Line and the Waikato Expressway which is strongly supported.
8. In addition to the general points above we make the following specific submission points;

The specific provision (s) of the proposal that my submission relates to:	Support, Oppose or Support in part	My submission is:	I seek the following decision from the local authority:
<b>Chapter 3.7 Ruakura</b>			
3.7 Ruakura	Support	FLAG supports the amendments to this chapter as the provisions ensure consistency with the Board of Inquiry decision and support the development of an efficient freight network.	Incorporate this part of the Variation into the District Plan.
<b>Chapter 10 Ruakura Logistics Zone</b>			
Chapter 10	Support	FLAG supports the amendments to this chapter as the provisions ensure consistency with the Board of Inquiry decision and support the development of an efficient freight network.	Incorporate this part of the Variation into the District Plan.
<b>Chapter 11 Industrial Park Zone</b>			
11 Ruakura Industrial Park Zone	Support	FLAG supports the amendments to this chapter as the provisions ensure consistency with the Board of Inquiry decision and support the development of an efficient freight network.	Incorporate this part of the Variation into the District Plan.

DATED this 18 day of December 2015

  
 John Galbraith, FLAG Facilitator,  
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 John Gordon

Chairman  
 Freight Logistics Action Group