

**BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANEL FOR HUTT CITY
COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Hutt City Council Proposed
District Plan

REPLY STATEMENT OF SEAN BELLAMY

ON BEHALF OF HUTT CITY COUNCIL

21 August 2026

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 My name is Sean Bellamy. I am an Intermediate Policy Planner at Hutt City Council. I am the Council's reporting officer for the Rural Zones topic.

1.2 This Reply Statement responds to:

- a. the questions raised by the Hearing Panel in Minute #11, dated 7 August 2026, insofar as those questions relate to the Rural Zones topic.

2.0 QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND CODE OF CONDUCT

2.1 My qualifications and experience are set out in the Section 42A Report and the evidence previously filed for Hearing Stream 3.

2.2 I repeat the confirmation given in that material that I have read and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses contained in the Environment Court Practice Note 2023.

2.3 Except where I expressly rely on the evidence or advice of another person, the matters addressed in this statement are within my area of expertise.

3.0 RESPONSES TO PANEL QUESTIONS

3.1 This section responds to the questions raised by the Hearings Panel in Minute #11 that relate to the Rural Zones topic.

4.0 Provisions and other matters not in contention

4.1 The Panel has requested a summary table showing the provisions in the Rural Chapters that attracted no submissions, as per Table 2 of the Section 42A report for the Residential Chapters of the Proposed District Plan.

4.2 I note that:

- There are submissions on strategic direction UESD-O8 which was assessed as part of the s42A report on the Rural Zones, and
- GRUZ-R7 and RLZ-R7 relate to Papakāinga and will be assessed as part of Hearing Stream #7.

4.3 The definitions, objectives, policies and submissions that only received submissions in support or attracted no submissions are summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Provisions only with submissions in support, or where no submissions were received.	
Definitions	Submissions in support
Intensive indoor primary production	Pork Industry Board (341.1)
Primary Production	Agricultural Aviation Association (231.5)
Objectives	Submissions in support
RLZ-O3 (Built character) and RLZ-O4 (Adverse effects)	No submissions were received on these objectives
RLZ-O1 (Purpose and character of the zone)	MoE (399.80)
RLZ-O2 (Activities in the zone)	Enviro NZ (323.67), FENZ (374.100) and MoE (399.81)
Policies	Submissions in support
RLZ-P1 (Enabled activities) and RLZ-P4 (Built development)	No submissions were received on these policies
GRUZ-P4 (Built development)	Pork Industry Board (341.16)
RLZ-P3 (Potentially incompatible activities)	FENZ (374.102b). Enviro NZ (323.68) and Aggregate and Quarry Association (202.7) are neutral, and

	are supported by Winstone Aggregates (F33.11).
Rules	Submissions in support
GRUZ-R7 (Papakāinga), GRUZ-R8 (Home businesses not otherwise provided for), GRUZ-R9 (Conservation activities) and GRUZ-R10 (Public and community gardens) RLZ-R1 (Repair and maintenance of buildings and structures), RLZ-2 (Demolition or removal of buildings and structures), RLZ-R3 (Construction of new buildings and structures and alterations and additions to existing buildings and structures), RLZ-R4 (Piggeries), RLZ-R5 (Rural activities not otherwise provided for), RLZ-R7 (Papakāinga), RLZ-R8 (Home businesses not otherwise provided for), RLZ-R9 (Conservation activities), RLZ-R10 (Public and community gardens), RLZ-R11 (Recreation activities not otherwise provided for), RLZ-R12 (Visitor accommodation), RLZ-R14 (Retirement villages), RLZ-R15 (Community facilities),	No submissions were received on these rules

RLZ-R18 (Boarding of domestic pets), and RLZ-R20 (Intensive indoor primary production)	
GRUZ-R1 (Repair and maintenance of buildings and structures)	Pork Industry Board (341.19)
GRUZ-R2 (Demolition or removal of buildings and structures)	Pork Industry Board (341.20)
GRUZ-R5 (Rural activities not otherwise provided for)	Pork Industry Board (341.23)
GRUZ-R18 (Retirement villages)	Pork Industry Board (341.29)
GRUZ-R19 (Community facilities)	Pork Industry Board (341.30)
GRUZ-R21 (Health care activities)	Pork Industry Board (341.32)
RLZ-R13 (Rural industries)	Neutral submission from Enviro NZ (323.70)
RLZ-R21 (Industrial activities)	Neutral submission from Enviro NZ (323.70)
Standards	Submission in support
GRUZ-S2 (Building height)	FENZ (374.98b)
RLZ-S1 (Gross floor area)	FENZ (374.104a)
RLZ-S2 (Building height)	FENZ (374.104b)



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