

**BEFORE THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS  
AT WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**UNDER** the Resource Management Act 1991  
**IN THE MATTER** of hearing submissions and further submissions on the  
Proposed Waikato District Plan

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**SUBMISSIONS FOR COMBINED POULTRY INDUSTRY GROUP  
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## SUBMISSIONS FOR COMBINED POULTRY INDUSTRY GROUP

### Introduction

- 1 These submissions are made on behalf of Combined Poultry Industry Representatives (“**CPI**”) and concern its submission and further submission on the Proposed Waikato District Plan (“**PDP**”). CPI is comprised of the following entities:
  - (a) Inghams Enterprises (NZ) Pty Limited;
  - (b) Brink’s New Zealand Chicken;
  - (c) The Poultry Industry Association New Zealand;
  - (d) Tegel Foods Limited; and
  - (e) The Egg Producers Federation of New Zealand.
- 2 CPI made a submission (#821) on the PDP in relation to amending the following definitions in Chapter 13 of the PDP:
  - (a) “Farming”,
  - (b) “Intensive farming”,
  - (c) “Poultry hatchery”,
  - (d) “Rural industry”, and
  - (e) “Industrial activity”.

### Submissions

- 3 The proposed definition of “farming” does not currently include ranging poultry as livestock due to the requirement of soil being in-situ soil. CPI opposes the current wording and submits that ranging poultry should be included within the definition and the requirement for in-situ soil to be deleted.
- 4 The proposed definition of “intensive farming” currently includes activities in an outdoor enclosure. CPI opposes the proposed definition of intensive farming as activities in outdoor enclosures should be considered as farming.

- 5 The PDP does not currently provide for “poultry hatcheries”. CPI seeks a definition of poultry hatchery be included in the PDP. Poultry hatcheries are a different activity to poultry farming and should not be assessed as the same. CPI is of the view that poultry hatcheries should be provided for in the Rural or Industrial Zones, due to their effects.
- 6 CPI sought an amendment to the definition of industrial activity to include a reference to poultry hatcheries.
- 7 CPI supports Waikato District Council’s submission (#697.385) in part as the amended wording proposing by the council recognises that farming has a variety of forms and not all rely on the in-situ soil as a medium for production.
- 8 CPI supports Mainland Poultry Limited’s (#833.1 and 833.2) submission that poultry ought to be included in the definition of farming and that if birds are outside they are livestock and that outdoor enclosures needs to be deleted from the definition.
- 9 It also supports The Surveying Company’s (#746.7) submission and agrees that free range poultry farming may be managed without the limitations on other forms of intensive farming, subject to meeting reasonable performance standards. CPI considers that the free range poultry farming should be included in the definition of ‘farming’.

### **Section 42A Report**

- 10 The Council’s s 42A report outlines in section 3.44.3 that the Planning Standards definition does not provide for such specificity and recommends that this is an activity which is best considered in the Rural, Industrial or Heavy Industrial Zones hearings, so that the effects of providing for such an activity can be considered and addressed in the rule framework. It further notes that if necessary, a definition of poultry hatcheries could be included in the Plan, alongside any rules.
- 11 While CPI agrees with the deferral until later hearing topics so the definitions can be assessed in relation to the effects, however, it also considers that it is important these definitions can be discussed in Hearing 5 as it is focused on that chapter.
- 12 The amendments sought by CPI are in line with other district plans (for example - Matamata Piako and Waipa) where similar definitions have been incorporated to capture the activity accurately. This is particularly

important given hatcheries can potentially have reverse sensitivity effects. If these activities are clearly defined in the district plan, then it helps eliminate confusion about such activity. CPI activities are positive feature in the rural environment and should be recognised in the PDP as they contribute to rural character.

### **Conclusion**

13 In conclusion, CPI:

- (a) seeks amendments to the definitions in Chapter 13 as per its submission so its activities can be recognised and accurately captured in the PDP.

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