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SLR Ref No.: Submitter S335 - Fuel Companies - Hearing Statement for Hearing 6-7 v0.1

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## RE: Proposed Far North District Plan - Hearing Statement of the Fuel Companies (Submitter S335) for Hearing 6/7

- 1. This hearing statement is prepared on behalf of bp Oil New Zealand Limited, Mobil Oil New Zealand Limited and Z Energy Limited (the Fuel Companies), Submitter S335, on Hearing 6/7 for the Proposed Far North District Plan (the PDP). The Fuel Companies has an interest in the PDP to the extent that it relates to, or impacts on, their sites and activities in the district.
- 2. This hearing statement represents the views of the Fuel Companies and is <u>not</u> expert evidence. The Fuel Companies will not be attending the hearing but request that this hearing statement be tabled before the Hearings Panel.
- 3. The Earthworks Chapter s 42A report prepared by Jerome Wyeth dated 20 September 2024 has been reviewed. I acknowledge that planning consultants of SLR are the reporting officers on some PDP hearing topics; this includes Mr Wyeth for this hearing topic. The Council is aware of this and, in accordance with its standard processes, SLR is carefully managing and avoiding any conflict-of-interest issues.
- 4. The Fuel Companies support all recommendations of the s 42A report on its submissions:
  - a. Recommendation to accept S335.007 and amend Earthworks Chapter Note 6 for a minor correction.
  - b. Recommendation to accept S335.008 and insert Earthworks Chapter Note 7 to state that the rules do not apply to the removal or replacement of underground fuel storage systems that are regulated under the NES-CS<sup>1</sup>.
  - c. Recommendation to accept S335.009 to S335.022 and consolidate the earthworks rules to establish a general permitted activity rule (Rule EW-R1).
  - d. Recommendation to accept S335.023 and amend Standard EW-S2 to exempt land disturbance activities.
- 5. Thank you for your time and acknowledgement of the matters raised in the submissions of the Fuel Companies. Please do not hesitate to contact the writer should you wish to clarify any matters addressed herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2011.

Regards,

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