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Tēnā koutou,

Consultation on new provision added to Emergency Management Rule: Forms of Declarations

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Rangitikei District Council (RDC) thanks the National Emergency Management Agency for the opportunity to provide feedback on the new provision added to Emergency Management Rule: Forms of Declarations, for states of emergency and transition periods under the Emergency Management Bill.
- 1.2. RDC has a strong interest in the practical implementation of emergency management legislation and associated operational requirements. As a territorial authority with responsibilities under the Civil Defence Emergency Management framework, the Council plays an active role in local emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and community resilience across the Rangitikei District.

2. Proposed inclusion of clause 50A to the Emergency Management Bill (No.2)

- 2.1. The Rangitikei District Council supports the proposed inclusion of clause 50A that allows a mayor-elect to be sworn in temporarily, to declare, extend or terminate a SOLE or local transition period.
- 2.2. Allowing local declarations to be managed in accordance with this proposal will ensure that delays to the process are minimised and that elected officials are empowered to act in support of their communities.
- 2.3. We see no issues with the form in Schedule 5, nor the clarity of this part of the rule.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. Rangitikei District Council appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the development of the Emergency Management Rules and supports efforts to strengthen and modernise New Zealand's emergency management framework.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this consultation.

Ngā mihi,



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