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Tēnā koutou,

Submission on Emergency Management Rule 1 – Forms for Declarations of States of Emergency and Transition Periods

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Rangitīkei District Council (RDC) thanks the National Emergency Management Agency for the opportunity to provide feedback on the first Emergency Management Rule relating to 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 Rangitīkei District.
- 1.3. The comments provided in this submission are intended to clarify minor operational and practical matters that may assist in improving usability, consistency, and implementation for local authorities.

2. Question 1: Issues with Declaring

- 2.1. *Question 1: To help us make this draft rule fit for purpose, we would like you to tell us any issues or workarounds you currently have, or have experienced, with: declaring states of local emergency, including extensions and terminations, issuing transition period notices, including extensions and terminations, the forms currently in the CDEM regulations, signing declarations, and/or anything else you feel is relevant.*

- 2.2. Comments from Rangitīkei District Council are as follows:

- Future forms need to be simple, operationally usable, and hard to complete incorrectly.
- Delegations and authorised signatories should be visible in the process.
- Forms should be usable in degraded communications environments.

3. Question 2: Using electronic signatures

3.1. *Question 2: We would also like to know about your current processes and systems for signing out formal documents electronically. What would work for you for declarations, or any barriers to the proposed parameters in the draft rule.*

3.2. Comments from Rangitikei District Council are as follows:

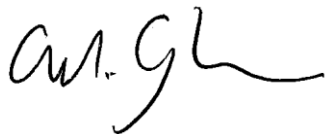
- The rule should allow common signing methods, such as electronic signatures.
- Avoid requiring a single proprietary platform.

4. Conclusion

4.1. 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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