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Dear Christle

Taupō District Plan Review: Rollover of existing designations which have not lapsed without modification

Thank you for your letter dated 30th August 2024 to Spark Trading New Zealand Limited (Spark) that invites them to rollover their existing designations into the Taupō District Plan. I note that most of these are Chorus New Zealand Limited (Chorus) designations since the demerger from Spark (formally Telecom).

Pursuant to Clause 4 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991, Chorus requests that all of its existing designations, as included in the attached schedule, are rolled over without modification. The purpose of the existing designations is *"Telecommunication and Radio-communication and ancillary purposes"*.

The designations are subject to conditions. The designation descriptor for all Chorus sites should be updated to CNZ as per the November 2019 National Planning Standards, Table 15.

On 30 November 2011, Chorus and Telecom demerged into two separate companies. Details of how existing Telecom designations were to be treated after that time was dealt with in the Telecommunications (TSO, Broadband, and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2011. Under that Act, a new Section 69XI was inserted into the Telecommunications Act 2001 approving Chorus as a requiring authority under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

Further, a new Section 69XJ was inserted into the Telecommunications Act 2001. This section allowed the Minister for Communications and Information Technology, before separation day and by way of Gazette Notice, to issue two lists comprising all of the designations for which Telecom was formerly responsible. These lists detailed:

- a) designations that are to be transferred to Chorus; and
- b) designations that are to be additionally granted back as a secondary designation to Telecom.

As part of the demerger process, all of the designations as listed in the attached schedule were transferred to Chorus, with designation D20 (Taupō Exchange) granted back to Telecom (now Spark) as a secondary designation. Chorus requests that the designation

schedule clearly identifies that the Chorus designation is the primary designation and that the Spark designation (which we understand they will also be rolling over without modification) is the secondary designation in regard to existing designation D20.

Chorus and Spark now use a consistent purpose nationally for their designations. The current purpose as shown in the Taupō District Plan is "*Telecommunication and Radio-communication and ancillary purposes*". Chorus request that this terminology be retained in the schedule.

Chorus requests that all existing conditions are rolled over without modification (other than if reference to new terminology in the Proposed Plan need to be made for consistency). Please include the conditions which we understand are on council files into a schedule in the Proposed Plan when notified.

Please direct any queries and correspondence on this matter to Andrew Kantor, Environmental Planner and RMA Advisor, Chorus email – Andrew.Kantor@chorus.co.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Kantor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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