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**Attention: Christle Pilkington**  
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Dear Christle,

**Reference: MetService Taupō District Council – Designation Rollover Review**

Thank you for your correspondence on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2024 inviting the Meteorological Service of New Zealand Ltd - Te Ratonga Tirorangi (MetService) as a requiring authority since July 1994, to confirm the details of its designation at Taupō Airport in the Taupō District Plan (TDP). MetService has reviewed the information provided and seeks to confirm the designation with modification.

**The Existing Designation**

Designation D33 in the TDP provides for 'Meteorological Purposes', specifically an Automatic Weather Station (AWS). The designation information currently held in Section 8 of the TDP is shown in Table 1 below. The location of the designation is also shown in Figure 1 below. No conditions are attached to the existing designation.

**Table 1: Existing MetService Designation Information**

| D#  | Designation Title               | Designation Purpose     | Location             | Legal Description                        |
|-----|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| D33 | Taupō Automatic Weather Station | Meteorological Purposes | Taupō Airport, Taupō | Part Lot 49 SO 43084 Block IV Tauhara SD |



**Figure 1: Extent and Location of Designation D33 (blue outline)**

## **The Relocated AWS**

The AWS was originally located within the boundary of D33 but was subsequently shifted to the west by approximately 100 m to a more appropriate location away from other development on the site. Consequently, the location of the designation and its information is now out of date and needs to be corrected.

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In addition, TDC is in the process of converting the Taupō District Plan to align with the National Planning Standards (November 2019), which will result in changes to the formatting of the information supplied in Table 1, and a new unique identifier – MSNZ01 - for the modified designation. Figure 2 below shows the location of D33 and the location of the modified designation in relation to the wider environment.

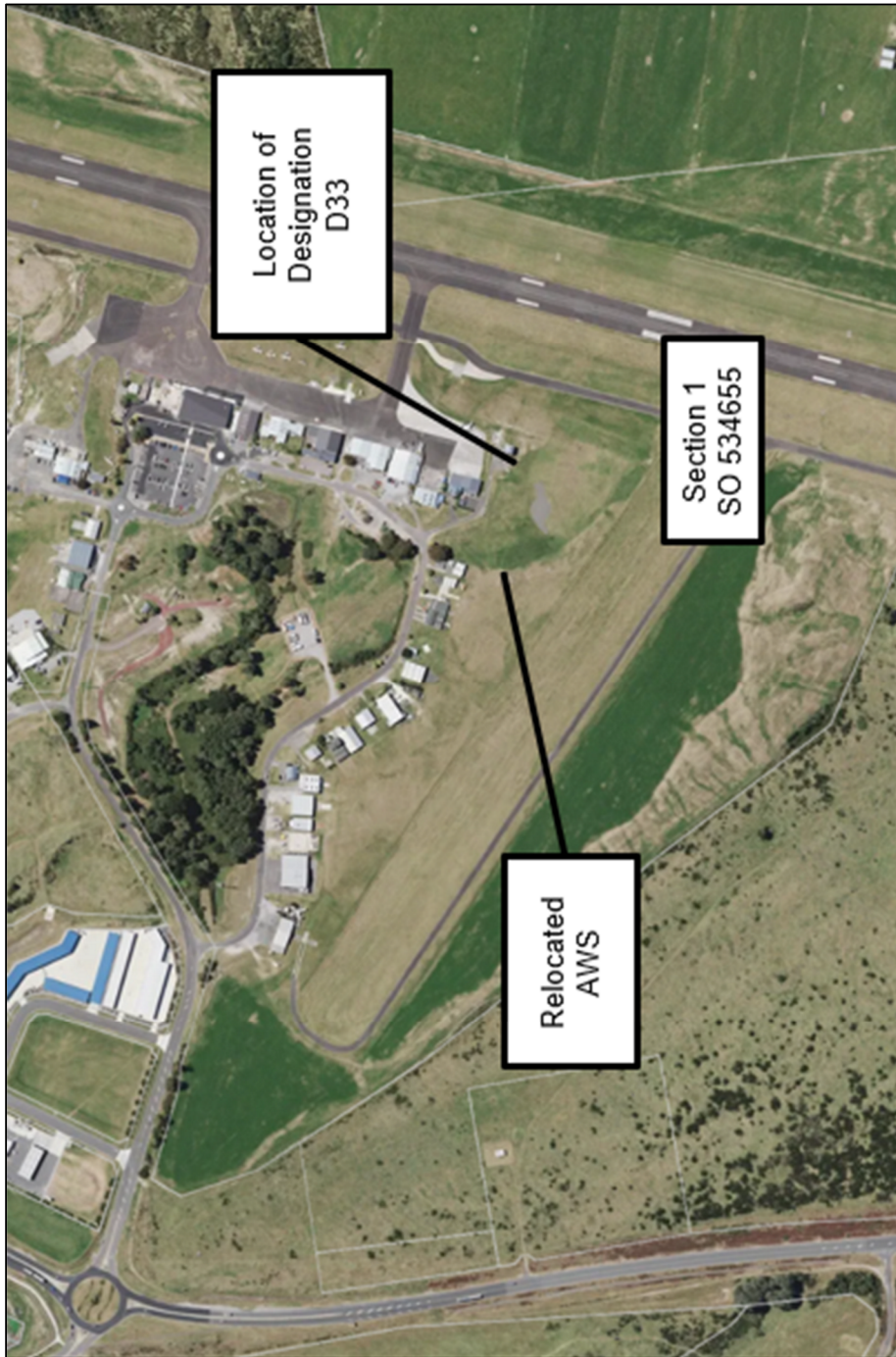
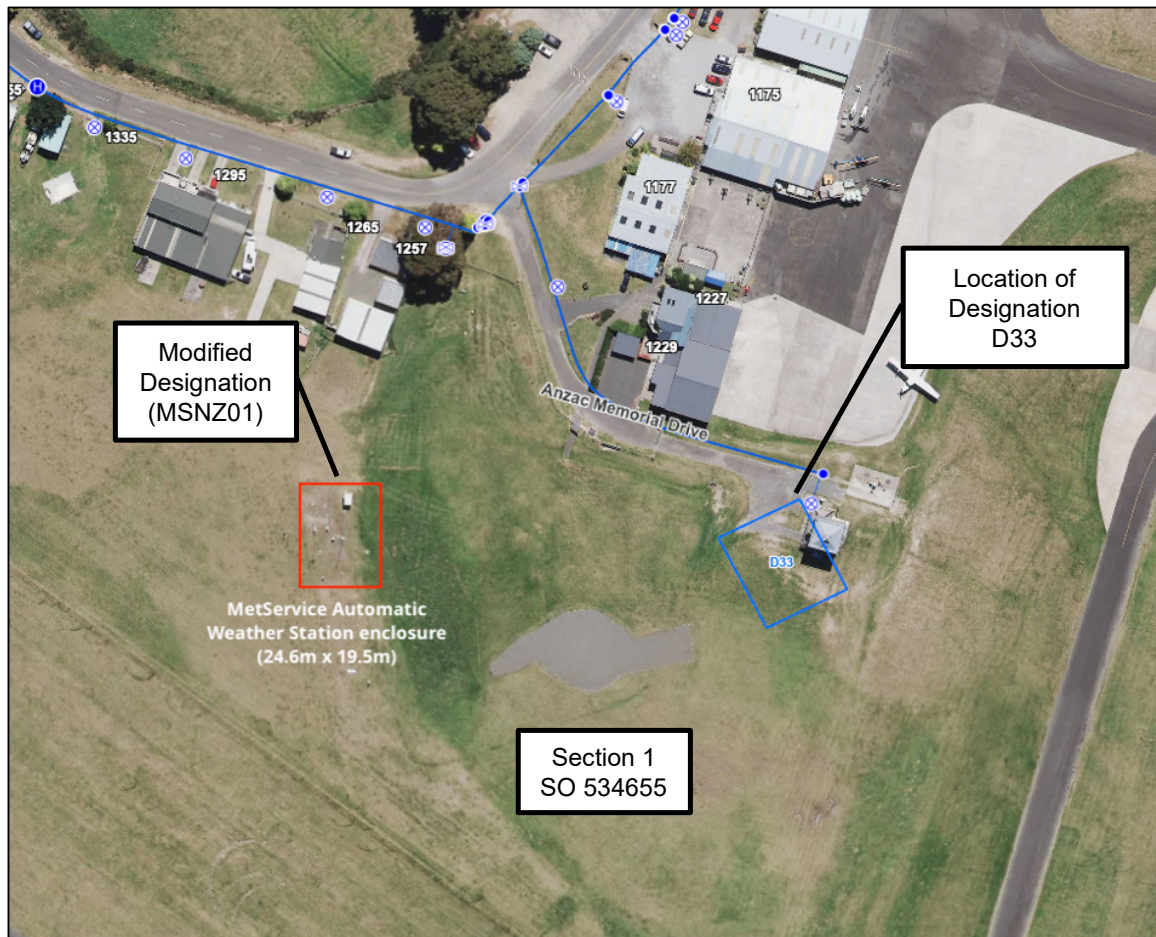


Figure 2: Location of AWS and Designation D33 – Wider Extent

Figure 3 below shows the location of the modified designation (in red) in relation to the location of Designation D33 (in blue). The boundary of the modified designation is to be coincident with the lease boundary of Site 14 shown on the attached Taupō Airport Lease Sites Plan, drawing number 130380 – 123, revision A produced by Plateau Consultants. The modified designation's boundary will be fenced with a low post and chain-link fence that will protect the sensitive equipment of the AWS from airport machinery.



**Figure 3: Location of the new AWS (boundary in red)**

The relocated AWS is within the same land parcel as the original AWS. However, the legal description has changed over time and now needs to be corrected to Section 1 SO 534655.

Access to the relocated AWS is provided via the airport's Anzac Memorial Drive entrance. Different address information is provided for the variety of buildings spread out across the airport. However, no clear address information can be associated with the relocated AWS and the modified designation due to its separation from airport buildings.

Table 2 below shows the modified designation information formatted in line with the National Planning Standards (November 2019).

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**Table 2: Modified Designation Information Formatted in terms of the National Planning Standards (November 2019)**

|                                                                        |                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Taupō Automatic Weather Station</b>                                 |                                    |
| <b>Designation Unique Identifier</b>                                   | MSNZ01                             |
| <b>Designation Purpose</b>                                             | Meteorological Purposes            |
| <b>Site Identifier</b>                                                 | Taupō Airport, Section 1 SO 534655 |
| <b>Lapse Date</b>                                                      | Given effect                       |
| <b>Designation hierarchy under s177 of the Resource Management Act</b> | Primary                            |
| <b>Conditions</b>                                                      | No                                 |
| <b>Additional Information</b>                                          | n/a                                |

The modifications required to relocate designation D33 to the new AWS location mean the designation remains within the same parcel of land. The modified designation's boundaries will not incorporate any land that is outside of the original parcel or title, are similar in scale and dimensions to designation D33, and are considered to constitute a minor amendment. Relocating the AWS and modifying the associated designation does not result in any change to the effects on the environment, including beyond the Taupō Airport boundary.

## Summary

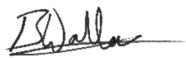
In accordance with clause 4, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), MetService requests that Taupō District Council includes Designation MSNZ01 (previously D33) in the updated Designation schedule in the Taupō District Plan, modified and formatted as indicated to correctly show the designation's location and to bring it in line with the National Planning Standards.

The new location of the AWS has been assessed as having no change in effect on people or the environment when compared to the purpose, extent and location of designation D33. MetService confirms that no conditions are proposed or required to manage the effects of the AWS activity or the designation of the AWS site.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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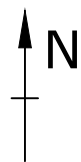
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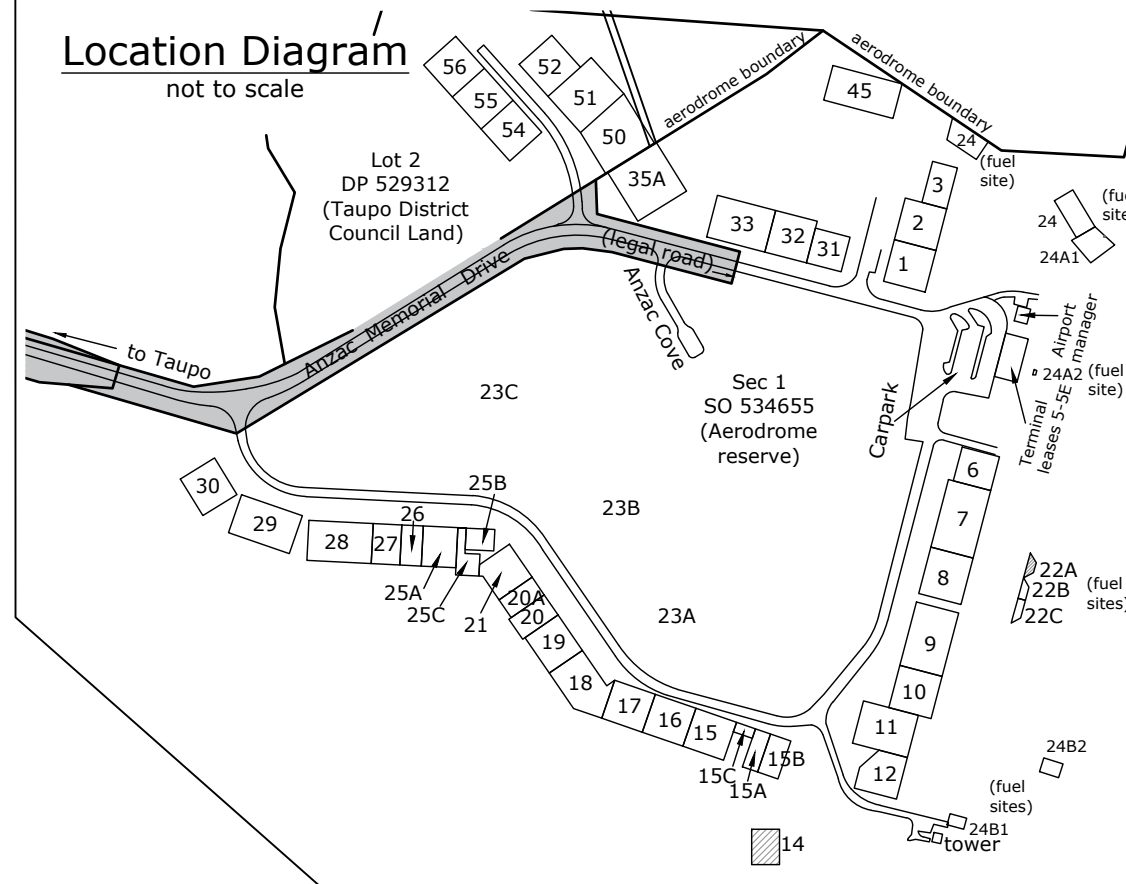
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Attached: Taupo Airport Lease Sites, Drawing 130380 – 123, Revision A



## Location Diagram

not to scale



### Notes:

1. Survey in terms of NZGD 2000  
Origin: BM TAUL SO 463742

Project

## Taupo Airport Lease Sites

Title

### Site 14

|          | DATE    | INITIAL |
|----------|---------|---------|
| SURVEYED | 19/7/20 | CSK     |
| DESIGN   |         |         |
| DRAWN    | 30/7/20 | CSK     |
| REVIEWED |         |         |



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**130380 - 123 A**

Scale **1:200** (A3)

