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Attention: District Plan Hearings Panel

### HEARING ON PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN MILITARY TRAINING (16 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2014)

New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) made a submission (Submission No 400) on the Proposed Thames-Coromandel District Plan (the District Plan), relating to the provisions addressing military training activities.

In response to NZDF's submission the s42A Report recommends retaining the military training rules in the District Plan as notified; with one amendment to the wording of the permitted activity rule in each zone to simply make the rules' intent clear and unambiguous that the noise from military training is a permitted activity with no standards. The Report's author does not see military training as a resource management issue for the district, given how irregularly it occurs in the district.

Additionally, the s42A Report's author does not see the need for a definition of military training.

While NZDF are seeking a nationally consistent approach to military training, including the imposition of a set of noise standards, **NZDF endorses the recommendations in the s42A report and seeks that the Hearings Panel accept them. On that basis, NZDF will not be attending the hearing on this matter.**

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Owen'.

**Rob Owen**  
Environmental Manager