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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

**NOTICE OF SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED CHANGE 6 TO REZONE 146ha OF
RURAL LAND FOR RURAL-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT BRADEY ROAD,
PAUATAHANUI - Application by EQM Farming Limited**

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Submission From: Vector Gas Limited

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We neither support nor oppose the application of EQM Farming Limited

Who seeks consent to rezone approximately 146ha of rural land.

The reasons we are submitting to this application are:

Vector Gas Limited is the owner and operator of a high pressure natural gas pipelines that runs through the Judgeford Hills Zone, particularly Lot 1 DP 312987 and Lots 5 & 6 DP 86077.

A high pressure pipeline for the transmission of natural gas is a structure and therefore falls within the definition of a physical resource under Section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The significance of this structure is founded on the important primary role the pipeline plays in delivering energy to essential industries and residential and commercial sectors throughout Porirua and Wellington Region.

High pressure pipelines are required to meet the safety and operational requirements of the *Health and Safety in Employment (Pipelines) Regulations 1999* and the operating code Standard *NZ/AS2885 Pipelines – Gas and Liquid Petroleum*. Vector is required to ensure the protection and integrity of the pipeline is maintained to ensure the safety of the public, property, and the environment.

Class Location

Standards for pipelines in different locations are called “Class Locations”. The location classes are more demanding for urban/residential environments than rural areas i.e. the greater the population the greater the likelihood of interference, and consequent damage.

The existing pipeline is protected by a 12m wide easement registered against the title’s of the land affected. The easement provides for a number of operational issues to ensure the integrity of the pipeline, and includes:

- Rights of access for operation, maintenance, repair and upgrade of the pipe
- Restriction of certain activities within the easement likely to affect the integrity of the pipe. This includes buildings, excavation, loss of cover, addition of fill, use of heavy vehicles and machinery etc
- Restriction of the planting of various species of trees and shrubs within the easement
- Installation of above ground structures such as pipeline markers (fence posts with signs attached), and cathodic protection test points.

Vector wishes to comment on the plan change and future subdivision development to ensure that our interests are protected with regard to the pipeline, and our ability to operate it under industry codes of practice and legislation. Vector wish to ensure that, with the intensification of use around the pipeline, that the proposed plan change and development is undertaken in such a way that it recognizes the requirements of Vector to maintain the pipeline and the easement corridor. Vector must retain the right to carry out works on the lines at any time.

The decision Vector seek from Council is:

1. Criteria for assessing activities in Judgeford Hills Zone

Vector wishes that the high pressure natural gas pipeline be included as a matter to be taken into account in considering any application for resource consent within the Judgeford Hills Zone.

2. Introduce protection measures

If the plan change is approved that the following conditions be imposed on subdivision development within the Judgeford Hills Zone to ensure protection of the pipeline and the safety of the public.

1. The final design shall ensure, as far as practicable, that potential activity on the land shall not compromise the safe and efficient operation of the high pressure natural gas pipelines. The design shall be referred to Vector Limited for their comments and recommendations.
2. Prior to undertaking any physical construction works in the vicinity of the pipelines, Vector must be contacted to locate the pipelines on-site and mark the easement boundaries.
3. All persons involved in working in the vicinity of the pipelines shall undergo pipeline safety awareness training, provided by Vector.
4. Crossings for heavy machinery including (but not limited to) excavators, scrapers, bulldozers, and laden truck and trailer units must be managed to ensure the pipelines are not subjected to excessive vehicle loading. Protection measures include:
 - a. Nominated crossing points
 - b. A minimum of 2m cover with a hardfill running surface OR
 - c. A minimum cover of 1m with a formed load bearing pavement of concrete or asphalt cement
 - d. The design of the all crossing points to be submitted to Vector for approval prior to commencing any physical works.
5. All activities within the easements must be approved by Vector, and a permit must be obtained from Vector for any works with the potential to impact on the pipeline. This can be arranged at no cost by calling 0800 734 567, providing at least 48 hours notice.

We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of our submission.

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