

## Form 13

### **Submission on 4 Campbell Road and 3500 South Road - Application for Land Use Consent to relocate a historic building**

To: South Taranaki District Council

Submission on: Application for Land Use Consent to relocate St. John the Divine historic (former) church Otakeho

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This is a submission on behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) on the land use consent application to relocate St. John the Divine historic (former) church in Otakeho, as notified by South Taranaki District Council.

The Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 (FENZ Act) established FENZ from 1 July 2017. FENZ is New Zealand's unified (i.e. urban and rural) fire and emergency service that has been reformed as a modern agency that is flexible, adaptable and efficient. The FENZ Act, among other matters, replaced the two previous governing Acts (the Fire Service Act 1975 and the Forest and Rural Fire Act 1977) to create a single, unified fire services organisation for New Zealand.

The FENZ Act establishes the governance, management and operational arrangements for protecting life and property from fire and other emergencies in New Zealand. As outlined in section 10 of the FENZ Act, the principal objectives of FENZ are to: reduce the incidence of unwanted fire and the associated risk to life and property, protect and preserve life, and prevent or limit injury, damage to property land, and the environment.

#### **Adequate water supply and access:**

Ensuring that there will be adequate firefighting water supply and access is critical. It is important to FENZ that any new dwellings or other forms of built development can be connected to a reticulated water supply or have access to adequate firefighting water supply of some kind. This emergency supply is essential in providing for the health, safety and wellbeing of people and the wider community, and therefore achieves the purpose of the RMA.

The New Zealand Firefighting Code of Practice SNZ/PAS 4509:2008 (Code of Practice) is a non-mandatory New Zealand Standard that sets out the requirements for firefighting water supply and access to that supply.

#### **FENZ's submission is:**

The application states that the former church building will be available for use by families with connections to it, and to hold community events as well as weddings and baptisms.

The applicant has not stated how the site will be serviced in regard to firefighting water supply. Therefore, FENZ seeks the provision of evidence that the site will be able to meet firefighting water supply requirements of SNZ PAS 4509:2008. FENZ requests that a condition be imposed requiring adequate onsite storage of water supply for firefighting purposes be provided to meet the required flow and pressure requirements under the Code of Practice.

This is to enable FENZ to carry out its firefighting duties in the case of an emergency.

**FENZ seeks the following outcome from the consent authority:**

FENZ is neutral on the land use application to relocate the St. John the Divine former church building. If the consent authority is of a mind to grant consent, FENZ seeks the following condition of consent:

Prior to occupation, the church shall be provided with an onsite firefighting water supply that complies with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008.

FENZ also seeks that an advice note be added after this condition, as follows:

Advice note: Fire and Emergency New Zealand recommends that the most appropriate way to comply with the New Zealand Firefighting Code of Practice SNZ/PAS 4509:2008 is through the installation of fire sprinkler systems, in accordance with NZS 4541:2013.

**FENZ could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.**

**FENZ wishes to be heard in support of this submission.**

**If others make a similar submission FENZ will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.**



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(Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of Fire and Emergency New Zealand)

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