

Appendix 2 – Email correspondence

From: Bruce Pepperell [<mailto:Bruce.Pepperell@gw.govt.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 October 2015 12:52 PM
To: Rebecca <rebecca@rlconsulting.co.nz>
Subject: RE: KCDC radio mast question

Thanx. Concur, believe large masts should go through the process. Have no opinion on where the threshold in height should be

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From: Rebecca [<mailto:rebecca@rlconsulting.co.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 October 2015 12:29 p.m.
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Subject: FW: KCDC radio mast question

Hi Bruce

Thanks so much for the email response. I know that you have put a lot of effort into the response. You are correct that the aerials would be HF.

What we are considering is what the permitted (no resource consent required) height for masts and antenna should be. Therefore I would assume that you would agree that it is appropriate for large masts to go through a resource consent application process? And that a permitted height for a mast of 18m is not warranted? Let me know if you would like me to explain anything further.

We are currently having a landscape study carried out to assess what height of permitted mast would be appropriate as well as other parameters such as support structures etc.

Thank you again for your response. Please note that this is the right email address for me. I somehow seems that I managed to send the last email from my personal email address not my work one.

Regards
Rebecca

From: Bruce Pepperell <Bruce.Pepperell@gw.govt.nz>
Date: 6 October 2015 at 10:57:44 AM NZDT
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Subject: FW: KCDC radio mast question

Dear Rebecca

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management has considered your request below and have asked me to respond on their behalf

Your question was that the Kapiti Coast District Council is currently determining amateur radio configurations that should be permitted in Kapiti as of right, and when a resource consent should be required. As part of your research you wished to know if the Ministry could give you any information on emergency communications and how much reliance there actually is on amateur configurations to provide backup communications.

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM) is aware that in many areas of New Zealand, district plans when being reviewed are including specific clauses relating to amateur radio group activity and installations. Previously only general provisions were included.

The Ministry recognises that in many parts of the country the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC) group do contribute to emergency and CDEM communications. It should be noted however that the CDEM sector has recently moved away from using HF communications locally and nationally – It is assumed that when referring to an antenna of 18 metres it would primarily be for HF communications?? HF communications has been superseded by other communication systems such as satellite communications which is increasingly being used by CDEM organisations.

Accordingly, the Ministry's opinion is that the submission for an 18 metre antenna or like structures should still be required to meet normal building consent and structural requirements.

Regards

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From: Rebecca [<mailto:scannellbean@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Amateur radio and its role in Emergency Management in New Zealand

Hi

I am a consultant planner/policy analyst and I am currently engaged by Kapiti Coast District Council to work on their Proposed District Plan under the Resource Management Act. We are working on the issue of amateur radio at the moment and were wanting to obtain some information from the Ministry about how important amateur radio is in emergency situations.

The amateur radio groups (both local and national) have submitted on the plan and are advocating that they should be allowed to erect masts and aerials in the Kapiti Coast District up to 18m in height as of right. One of the major reasons why they believe this should be allowed is because of the vital role amateur configurations can play in emergency communications.

The council is currently working out what kind of amateur radio configurations should be allowed in Kapiti as of right and when a resource consent should be required. As part of our research we would like to know if the Ministry could give us any information on emergency communications and how much reliance there actually is on amateur configurations. We understand that other groups such as the defence force etc maintain their own communications and would like to know what the relative importance may be.

Thanks in anticipation