

Memorandum

To: Ministry of Housing and Urban
Development

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Subject: Memorandum - Emerald Spa Motor Inn Resource Consent Application

We have received documentation for a resource consent application for the use of Emerald Spa Motor Inn to operate as a Contracted Emergency Housing (CEH) facility. I have reviewed this application and discussed with Amelia Linzey (the other author of the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the other CEH applications). From this review, I make the following comments.

- I have not specifically visited this site (Emerald Spa Motor Inn 284-286 Fenton Street) though I have visited this area and reviewed this site in the context of wider motel provision of emergency accommodation (at the time of preparing the SIA report).
- The site is part of the existing environment and was providing emergency accommodation at the time of assessment and we provided some commentary regarding the social outcomes of such facilities generally (not in a site specific context).
- The original SIA engaged with stakeholders and community members from Fenton Park – the local community within which this motel is located. Information was not specifically sought per motel but did specifically cover this locality and as such, can be considered applicable to this site.
- Due to its location on Fenton Street, the site will contribute to the concentration of other CEH sites in this area. Therefore, we consider the proposed activity may contribute to the potential impacts identified in the SIA report, specifically in relation to where sites are clustered together along Fenton Street. The specific mitigation proposed on some sites may be applicable to this site, though we observe that the property is already fenced (e.g. limited privacy concerns, albeit it is 2-storey) and my recall is that it is a well maintained / presented site.
- In conclusion we consider that a separate assessment is not required and the SIA report prepared for the Contracted Emergency Housing facilities can be considered in relation to this application, particularly in respect of assessment and commentary relating to the Fenton Street area.



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