

**Before the New Plymouth District Council**

**Independent Hearings Commissioners**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** Resource consent application by the New Plymouth Pistol Club Inc for a land use resource consent for the use of a firearms range and associated facilities within the General Industrial Zone on the existing site at 228 De Havilland Drive & 1206 Devon Road (LUC24-48583)

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**ADDENDUM TO EVIDENCE OF MICHAEL PAUL O'SULLIVAN  
AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**FOR THE NEW PLYMOUTH PISTOL CLUB**

Dated: 18 May 2026

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. My name is Michael Paul O'Sullivan. I am President of the New Plymouth Pistol Club (**Club**). This is an Addendum to my evidence of 4 May 2026. I address the following matters in response to the evidence of Puketapu Hapū (Raukura Salisbury and Rowan Williams):

1.1.1. Recovery of projectiles (bullets) on ranges.

1.1.2. Timeframes for acoustic mitigations (related to the issue of further consents/measures that may be required for mitigation works).

1.2. I also provide an Executive Summary of my evidence.

## 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1. The New Plymouth Pistol Club is committed to continuous improvement. Continuous improvement can be seen in our history. We are a Club that is proud of our compliance record, never having any incidents (such as ricochets), in our long history.

2.2. The Club provides a supportive environment for the sport of shooting and an important facility for our members – ranging from members who compete in national competitions to those who come to the Club simply for the social element of the sport.

2.3. We do not want to cause sound offence to others. We have been working with Dr Trevathan over these past few years to understand what programme of works can be implemented at the Club, to mitigate noise.

2.4. Having gone through this exercise, the Club is committed to a large work programme that will lessen the noise experienced by neighbours. Estimated at a cost of approximately \$1.65 million,<sup>1</sup> this is a large commitment for a non-commercial Club like ours.

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<sup>1</sup> My primary evidence at [11.6].

2.5. Works will be staged, carried out on a range-by-range basis. Until it can be verified that noise levels at Mr Phillips' property are 'reasonable', the Club commits to restricting use of all ranges to 0.22 ('rimfire') firearms which are quieter firearms (other than range 8 where suppressed centrefire firearms will be used). This will enable our members to retain a B endorsement on their licenses while works are being undertaken.

2.6. We also commit to only using range 1 twice a month for firearms other than 0.22's, on an ongoing basis. The 'low noise' hours are as offered in my original evidence.<sup>2</sup>

2.7. I have the following corrections to make to my 4 May evidence:

2.7.1. Para [2.1] states the Club was established in May 1964 and [2.10] and states the Club was established in May 1966. The correct date is 1964.

2.7.2. Para [6.1] – I stated that '*no shooting occurs after dusk*' with the exception of Police 'low light (evening) shoots. Other shooting does occur after dusk.

2.7.3. Para [11.5] – I referred to members having to join the Whanganui Club should the New Plymouth Pistol Club close. There is also a Club in Stratford, but that Club has the same or similar limitations (they won't have the facilities to cater for the influx of 149 or so new members either).

### 3. PROJECTILE RECOVERY

3.1. In response to the concerns of Puketapu Hapū, I can confirm the Club's practices involve bullet catchers installed at the back of each berm - these can be in the form of sand bags, plastic drums or the berm (bank) itself. The majority of bullets are caught by this mechanism. Those that are not, are collected with rake and shovel and screened from the ground-substrate (which on different ranges may consist of either sand or grassed soil). The metal is recovered, and is removed from the site.

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<sup>2</sup> Between noon and 3pm Monday to Friday, 5-9pm Saturday and no shooting will occur after 5pm on Sundays (with an exception for Police and AOS training and up to four 2-day competitions per year) and general hours of operation to cease at 5pm on a Sunday.

#### 4. **ACOUSTIC MITIGATION WORKS & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

4.1. I have discussed with Mr Edwards and BTW the Stormwater infrastructure recommended to be installed (in Appendix B to Mr Edwards Addendum) and I can confirm the Club has sufficient resources to install that stormwater infrastructure.

4.2. I wish to respond to concerns about the timeframe for acoustic mitigation works.

4.3. On the grant of consent, I confirm the Club can manage noise to meet the CNR 90 control at Mr Phillips property, through:

4.3.1. limiting shooting activity across all ranges to 0.22 (rimfire)<sup>3</sup> and suppressed centrefire firearms on range 8 until completion of mitigation works:

4.3.2. other firearms will only be able to be used on each range following consideration of mitigation works/noise measurements for gun types. On a range-by-range basis, before allowing a wider range of guns on a range, it will need to be shown compliance with the CNR 90 and reasonable noise levels, can be achieved.

4.4. (As set out at paragraph [12.3] of my primary evidence, we intend to internally certify for sound, all firearms on each range for this purpose.)

**MICHAEL PAUL O’SULLIVAN**

**18 May 2026**

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<sup>3</sup> Use of these firearms will still enable our members to retain a ‘B’ endorsement on their licences, while mitigation works are staged.