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Appendix 1.2 – Officers Recommended Amendments to the Interpretation chapter

Note the below provisions represent the Section 42A Report Writing Officer's recommended amendments to the provisions of the Proposed District Plan, in response to submissions (with <u>underline</u> used for new text and strikethrough for deleted text).

Insert new definitions relating to the Rural topic as follows:

Crop support structure ¹	means an open structure on which plants are grown.
Forestry activities ²	means all types of commercial and non-commercial forestry, including:
	 a. Commercial forestry (as defined under the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry) Regulations 2017); b. Permanent indigenous forestry; and c. The harvesting of timber approved under the Forest Act 1949.
Greenhouse ³	means a structure enclosed by glass or other transparent material and used for the
	cultivation or protection of plants in a controlled environment but excludes artificial
	<u>crop protection structures.</u>
Intensive outdoor primary	means primary production activities involving the keeping or rearing of livestock, or
production ⁴	commercial aquaculture, where the regular feed source for the production of goods is
	substantially provided other than from the site concerned. The activity may be
	undertaken entirely outdoors or in a combination of indoors and outdoors, including
	within an outdoor enclosure. It includes free-range poultry or game bird farming and aquaculture. It excludes the following:
	aquaculture. It excludes the following.
	 a. woolsheds; b. dairy sheds; c. calf pens or wintering accommodation for stock; d. pig production for domestic use which involves no more than 25 weaned pigs or six sows; and e. extensive pig farming where permanent vegetation cover is maintained.
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Rural airstrip ⁵	means any defined area of land intended or designed to be used, whether wholly or partly, for the landing, departure, movement, or servicing of aircraft in the rural area.
Seasonal worker	means the use of land and buildings for the sole purpose of accommodating the
accommodation ⁶	short-term labour requirement of a farming activity, rural industry or post-harvest
	facility.
Waste management facility ⁷	means a facility where waste and recyclable materials are temporarily stored, handled and processed, prior to being transported to another facility for disposal or an alternative use. These include, but are not limited to, refuse and recycling transfer stations, and materials recovery facilities.

¹ Horticulture NZ (S159.004)

² PF Olsen (S91.001)

³ Horticulture NZ (S159.005)

⁴ NZ Pork (S55.008)

⁵ NZ Agricultural Aviation Association (S182.010)

⁶ Horticulture New Zealand (S159.002)

⁷ Waste Management NZ (S360.010)

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Amend definitions relating to the Rural topic as follows:

Artificial crop protection structures ⁸	means structures with cloth material used to protect crops and plants <u>and/or enhance</u> growth (excluding greenhouses).
Farm quarry ⁹	means the extraction of aggregates which are:
	 a. taken for use ancillary to farming and horticulture, including for farm and forestry tracks, access ways and hardstand areas; and b. only used within the same production unit, where the extraction was undertaken; and c. not sold, exported or removed from the production unit of origin.
Farming	means the use of land for the purpose of agricultural, pastoral, horticultural or apiculture activities, including accessory buildings, but excludes mining, quarrying, plantation forestry activities, intensive indoor primary production, intensive outdoor primary production ¹⁰ and processing activities.
	Note: this definition is a subset of primary production
Highly productive land ¹¹	means land that is, or has the potential to be, highly productive for farming activities. It includes versatile soils and Land Use Capability Class 4 land and other Land Use Capability classes Land Use Capability, or has the potential to be, highly productive having regard to: a. Soil type; b. Physical characteristics; c. Climate conditions; and d. Water availability.
	a. If there are no highly productive land maps included in the operative Northland Regional Policy Statement, land that is treated as highly productive land under clause 3.5(7) of the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land; or b. If highly productive land maps have been included in the operative Northland Regional Policy Statement, land shown as highly productive land on those maps, or any consistent maps in this plan, excluding land that has ceased to be highly productive land under clause 3.5(6) of the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land.
Rural produce retail ¹²	means the sale of rural produce grown or produced on site by the rural production operation, including products manufactured from that produce.
Rural tourism activity	means the use of land or buildings for people to visit and experience tourism activities within 13 the rural environment. It does not include:
	a. Rural produce tion retail ¹⁴ b. Rural produce tion manufacturing

⁸ Horticulture NZ (S159.008)

⁹ Manulife Forest (S160.003)

¹⁰ Consequential relief resulting from NZ Pork (S55.006)

¹¹ Braedon & Cook Limited (S401.002) and others

Horticulture NZ (S159.019)
 Northland Planning and Development 2020 Limited (S502.010) and others

¹⁴ Horticulture NZ (S159.020)

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	c. Visitor accommodation
	d. Home business
Versatile soils ¹⁵	means soils that are Land Use Capability Classes 1c1, 2e1, 2w1, 2w2, 2s1, 3e1, 3e5,
	3s1,3s2, 3s4

¹⁵ FNDC (S368.116)