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## RE: Quiet Sky Waiheke submission to Transport and Infrastructure Committee on Civil Aviation Bill 61 -1 (2021)

Over the recent 12 months there has been a substantial increase of resource consent applications for private helipads on Aotea / Great Barrier Island. Some addresses have multiple helipads, are concentrated along the same roads, and sited close to the island's main airfield.

The increase in helipads has led to a number of concerns regarding aviation safety, noise pollution, social inequity and carbon emissions.

Current Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan rules are allowing for the unregulated and unmonitored growth of helicopter movements without consideration of the impacts.

We support Quiet Sky Waiheke's recommendations for improved aviation safety, environmental, and amenity considerations. It is essential that all helipad consents require CAA approval to ensure our airspace is monitored and safe.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Nāku iti noa, nā / Yours sincerely

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