



Media Release

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Last week for feedback on medium density rules

Next week is the last opportunity for residents to have their say on new medium density rules and how they will apply in Selwyn District.

New legislation requires five of the largest urban environments in New Zealand – including parts of Selwyn – to enable an increase in housing supply, through a new Medium Density Residential Zone in relevant areas.

“While changes set out by the Government to encourage housing supply are not optional, people have the chance to shape the details of what is affected,” Council Group Manager Development and Growth Tim Harris says.

“People can make a submission about the new land that is proposed to be rezoned from rural to residential. There are also places that the Council can deem inappropriate to have the new medium density standards applied to. This includes protecting significant infrastructure or the history, cultural or ecological value of a place,” he says.

The new medium density rules will allow for more housing and at greater heights in current residential areas in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton. Within these areas, landowners will be able to build up to three buildings at a maximum of three storeys high without requiring a resource consent.

A free Friend of Submitter service is available, provided by the Ministry for the Environment, to support people in the process of making a submission.

More information on the Friend of Submitter service, along with the variations to Proposed Selwyn District Plan and certain Private Plan Changes to the Operative Selwyn District Plan, supporting information, and submission forms is available at selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay, and at Council service centres and public libraries in Darfield, Leeston and Rolleston.

Submissions can be made until 5pm, Friday 16 September 2022.

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Note to editors

In Selwyn, the Council is proposing to rezone the following land to Medium Density Residential Zone:

- * The existing General Residential Zones in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton.
- * Land covered by the following private plan changes (PC): PC68 and PC72 in Prebbleton, PC69 in Lincoln and PC71, PC75, PC76 and PC78 in Rolleston. These are private plan changes that have already gone through public consultation and the Council has decided on. (Note: the land covered by PC73 in Rolleston will not be included in the variation to the Proposed District Plan but will be subject to a variation to the private plan change.)
- * The Housing Accords and Special Housing Area and COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) areas in Rolleston.
- * Land on six different sites within the Future Development Area that are in between existing residential and private plan change areas in Rolleston.

As required by the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021, the new standards came into immediate legal effect for existing residential areas from the date of notification on 20 August 2022.