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Council to notify removal of designations

Selwyn District Council will notify its intention to remove a number of Council designations from the Selwyn District Plan on 11 March. These are not currently operative in the Selwyn District Plan.

Designations are a planning tool used in a District Plan for a particular type of land use by public authorities such as the Council. They can include sites for reserves, schools and infrastructure like water and wastewater.

Planning Team Leader David Smith says that the removal of these sites will allow the Council to correct an administrative error that was made when the Proposed District Plan was notified in 2000 and 2001. Although the proposed schedule of designated sites was publicly notified for people to comment on, property owners living near to these sites should also have received a letter but did not at the time.

It is the Council's intention to remove these sites from the District Plan and to then notify adjoining property owners and to publicly notify the sites that the Council intends to designate.

Not all the sites currently listed in the District Plan will be required to be re-notified as some are no longer needed by the Council for their original purpose. This mainly includes gravel reserves, but also some sewerage and water infrastructure sites that are either no longer required or are classified as a permitted activity in the District Plan.

Mr Smith says that all of the recreation reserves listed in the District Plan will continue to be used as recreation reserves. Future reviews of the District Plan may result in these reserves being either zoned for that purpose or re-designated.

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