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Submission on Council's Rural Residential Strategy – Consultation Draft and the associated Statement of Proposal

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This is a submission on the Draft Rural Residential Strategy by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

1. The specific provisions of the draft Rural Residential strategy that this submission relates to are:

Chapter 6 – Rural residential area assessment; specifically, the provisions relating to the selection process that has been used (and may be used in future) for identification rural-residential land, the process to be followed for eventual re-zoning of the land via the plan change process, and the rural residential location criteria relating to strategic infrastructure that is included as Appendix 1 and is intended for use in assessment of future applications for zoning changes by private landowners.

2. NZDF's submission is that NZDF:
 - a. **Supports** the approach described in Section 6.1 – 6.8 and 6.10 of the RRS13 to identify rural residential areas suitable for future rezoning to the Living Zone 3 provisions of the SDP, with that process still subject to specific consideration through a private plan change process under the RMA that will need to be initiated by land owners.
 - b. **Supports** the certainty that the final RRS gives to landowners by the exclusion of all land not identified as rural-residential land in the adopted RRS from further consideration for this purpose (this is indicated in Sections 1.16 and 6.9).
 - c. **Supports** the inclusion in Appendix 1 of the rural residential location criteria relating to strategic infrastructure generally and the Burnham Military Camp and West Melton Rifle Range in particular (on pages 3, 6 and 13 of Appendix 1). NZDF notes that these provisions appropriately recognise both the importance of strategic infrastructure such as the NZDF facilities at Burnham and West Melton and the need to protect them from reverse-sensitivity issues.
 - d. **Supports** the current selection of the five preliminary rural-residential areas, identified in Figure 25 of the RRS13, from the perspective that they appropriately reflect the requirements of the residential location criteria in Appendix 1, to avoid strategic infrastructure and protect it from reverse-sensitivity issues.

3. NZDF wishes to be heard in support of its submission.
4. If others make a similar submission, NZDF will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

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