

## PC32- Living 3 Zone SUBMISSION FORM

To: Selwyn District Council

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**This is a submission on the Selwyn District Council Plan Change 32: Living 3 Zone**

**The specific parts of Plan Change 32: Living 3 Zone that the Commission's comments relate to are:**

Aspects of the Plan Change that may impact upon the operations of the Commission, specifically in regards to the;

- Inclusion of Living 3 Zone into Water Supplies Policy B1.2.3

The aspects of importance to the Commission are the provision of sufficient water supply and access for fire fighting purposes for the safety and wellbeing of the community.

**The Commission's comments are:**

The proposed Plan Change should take into account the operational requirements of the Commission to adequately provide for fire-fighting activities within the district in a safe, effective and efficient manner as required by the Fire Service Act 1975. It is important to the Commission that the Plan Change recognises the importance of essential services, such as emergency services, for the safety and well-being of the community. This means ensuring that adequate water supply and access is provided for fire fighting purposes as outlined in the NZFS Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008 ("the Code").

In this regard the Commission is pleased to note that the recommendation in the Rural Residential Background Report that the following has been incorporated into Plan Change 32 through Policy B1.2.3;

### Rural Residential Background Report

*4.29 The New Zealand Fire Service has identified a preference for a reticulated water supply being provided to rural residential activities in accordance with the New Zealand Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice (NZS PAS 4509:2008). This is to reduce the reliance on alternative water*

supply methods required for fire fighting purposes, where difficulties in gaining physical access, inadequate flow rates and defective connections to fire fighting appliances may undermine the ability of the Fire Service to attend to hazards and emergencies in a timely manner.

Plan Change 32:

**Amendment 8** Policy B1.2.3 (page B1-017): Require the water supply to any allotments or building in any township, and the Living 3 Zone, to comply with the current New Zealand Drinking Water Standards and to be reticulated in all townships and the Living 3 Zone, except for sites in the existing Living 1 Zone in Doyleston.

**Amendment 9** Policy B1.2.3 (page B1-017) Explanation and Reasons: Water supplies in all townships and the Living 3 Zone should be reticulated, to minimise the potential for groundwater to become contaminated as a result of land uses.

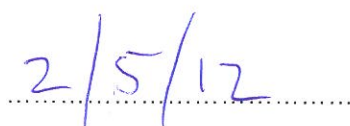
The incorporation of Living 3 Zone into this policy through Plan Change 32 ensures that water supply to any allotment or building in any township, including any new privately requested Living 3 Zone, is to be reticulated. According to the Selwyn District Plan any new water supply reticulation network is to be designed according to Council's Engineering Code of Practice which specifically references compliance with the New Zealand Fire Service Code of Practice for Fire Fighting Water Supplies (NZS PAS 4509:2008). The Commission would like to **support** the incorporation of Living 3 Zone into Policy B1.2.3 as it reduces the reliance on alternative water supplies required for fire fighting purposes, and is considered especially relevant to rural residential development in the District.

The NZFS provides these comments to ensure the NZFS is involved in the process of Plan Change 32 and to put forth its interest in having fire fighting provisions included in the Plan Change and is recognised as being an important issue for communities in the district. NZFS would also welcome any opportunity to assist and/or provide feedback on NZFS activities in the district and local Fire Service representatives (Mark Thomas) would welcome a meeting with Council to discuss NZFS activities and their incorporation into the Plan Change.

Yours Sincerely,



(Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of New Zealand Fire Service)



Date

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