

Submission on Selwyn 2031 Draft District Development Strategy

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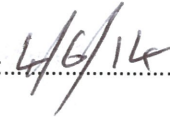
This is a submission on the Selwyn 2031 Draft District Development Strategy by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

1. NZDF maintains two significant facilities in the Selwyn District – Burnham Military Camp and West Melton Military Training Area. These facilities are recognised as strategic infrastructure in the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement and the Land Use Recovery Plan.
2. Both of these facilities are susceptible to the pressures of urban development and the potential for reverse sensitivity effects. NZDF has taken steps to ensure the issue of reverse sensitivity is adequately addressed in the RMA Plans that apply within the region and also in the Land Use Recovery Plan.
3. NZDF considers that reverse sensitivity effects on existing strategic infrastructure as a result of urban development are not adequately addressed in the Selwyn 2031 Draft District Development Strategy (2031 Strategy). This is a real and important issue that results from long-term development pressures and therefore needs to be addressed in the 2031 Strategy.
4. The Key Actions identified in the Executive Summary of the 2031 Strategy include “safeguarding the continued operation of strategic infrastructure”. However, the 2031 Strategy does not appear to discuss this action in any detail. NZDF seeks for this action to be identified within the text of the 2031 Strategy and supported with appropriate explanations and reasons.
5. Policy 1.3 of Strategic Direction 1: *A more sustainable urban growth pattern* addresses the integration of land use and infrastructure. The focus of the issues and actions associated with this policy is on ensuring appropriate infrastructure is available to support new urban development. The policy is silent on the integration of new land use with existing infrastructure. NZDF seeks for issues and actions to be added to this Policy, ensuring that urban development avoids reverse sensitivity effects on existing and new strategic infrastructure.
6. NZDF is happy to further discuss this submission or work with Council officers to develop specific provisions.
7. NZDF wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

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