

INFORMATION FOR PLAN USERS

The Township Volume of the Proposed Selwyn District Plan was publicly notified in accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 on the 2nd of November 2000. In the order of 550 submissions on both the Township and Rural Volumes of the Plan were received from a variety of organisations and individuals, resulting in 4800 separate submission points. In excess of 250 persons lodged further submissions in support or opposition to these submissions.

Hearings

Hearings on submissions began in February 2003 and were completed in July 2004. The Council issued its decisions on the submissions and further submissions to the Proposed District Plan's provisions on the 6th of November 2004.

Appeals

Some 46 appeals covering 140 separate appeal points were made to the Environment Court. The last of the appeals was finally resolved in December 2007.

Variations

Thirty separate variations to the Proposed District Plan were notified between September 2001 and December 2007. Decisions on Variations 1 to 22 were issued on 6th November 2004, along with the decisions on submissions to the notified Plan. Variations 23 to 30 were notified after the release of decisions in November 2004. Variations 23, 24, 25 and 27 are complete. Variations 26 and 28 are subject to appeal. Variations 29 and 30 are awaiting hearing.

Rules Format

In response to a number of submissions about the format of the rules in the Proposed District Plan (as notified) Council made a decision to completely reformat the rules section of the Plan (Decision 1.5). This has substantially altered the form and layout of the rules. A cross reference table to assist those familiar with the original Plan rules to find the rules in the new format is available on request from the Council, or from the Council's Website.

Non Operative Parts of the Plan

Identification of Plan Provisions which are Not Operative

Some Plan provisions are still to be resolved, either by Council decision on submissions, Environment Court proceedings, or through agreement with requiring authorities. These provisions are not yet operative.

All parts of the Plan which are not operative have been clearly identified **by the shading of the text**. Where a Plan provision is subject to a variation, the shaded text is annotated with the variation number. Where a designation in Appendix 2 is not operative, the text is shaded and the words "Not Operative" added to the entry in the table of designations. The provisions which are not yet operative are summarised below. A schedule detailing the parts of the Plan affected is included in the Certificate of Approval.

Variations to the District Plan

- Variation 26: All provisions relating to hazardous substances (Both Volumes).
- Variation 28: Policies, rules and definitions relating industrial activities in the Rural Zone (Both Volumes).
- Variation 29: Rules and definitions relating non-residential and non-rural activities in the Rural Zone (Rural Volume only).
- Variation 30: All provisions relating to financial contributions and development contributions (Both Volumes).

Please note that Variation 30 removed many references and all rules relating to financial contributions from the Plan, as the Council now relies on development contributions taken under the Long Term Council Community Plan. The removed text is not shown in the Plan. A copy of the Plan showing these deletions is available from the Council.

Designations

A number of issues have arisen from the way in which designations were included in the Proposed District Plan. In addition, some designations still have outstanding submissions on them. For these reasons, almost all of the Selwyn District Council designations, and a smaller number of other requiring authority designations are not operative. Please note that for many of the designations which are not yet operative in this Plan, an operative designation still exists in the Transitional Plan.

Updating of The Plan

The Plan and Certificate of Approval will be updated as these provisions become operative.

Further Information on the Selwyn District Plan is available at:

<http://www.selwyn.govt.nz>

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Darfield Clock Tower with spring blossom

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