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Hello David

Please find attached the submission of the Canterbury Regional Council in relation to Plan Change 12. I have had to produce it on my laptop so hopefully the format can be read by your systems. If not I'll have to think of an alternative way of getting it to you.

Thanks  
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### **Submission on a publicly notified proposal for policy statement or plan** *Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991*

#### **PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 12, SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN.**

**To:** Selwyn District Council.

**Name of Submitter:** Canterbury Regional Council (CRC).

**This is a submission on the following proposed change to the Selwyn District Plan:**

Proposed Plan Change 12, Integrated Transport Management, Selwyn District Plan

**The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan Change 12 that the Canterbury Regional Council's submission relates to are:**

All of the Plan Change provisions.

**The Canterbury Regional Council's submission is:**

The CRC supports the Proposed Plan Change. The reasons for this support are that the changes established through Proposed Plan Change 12 reflect a positive and strategic community leadership approach, which will improve the alignment of the District Plan with the provisions of the Urban Design Strategy, and give effect to the Objectives and Policies of Chapters 12 and 15 to the operative Canterbury Regional Policy Statement ("CRPS"), Change 1 to the CRPS and to the provisions of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

In particular, this submission supports the intention of the Proposed Plan Change to achieve the following:

- Integration of transport and land use.
- Urban form that promotes efficient transport and accessibility.
- Ensure the District Plan promotes good quality subdivision and development and complements the Council's Subdivision Design Guide.
- Updates parking standards.
- Continues to provide safe and efficient transport infrastructure.
- Make the District Plan easier to use.
- Ensure that new development provides a range of transport options.

Where the Proposed Plan Change improves provisions promoting integrated land use and transport planning, and making provision for public transport, some minor strengthening of these provisions is sought to provide more certainty in relation to integrating public transport and land use. For this reason, while the proposal is supported, three amendments are sought to further reinforce provisions supporting the strategic planning for public transport. By incorporating specific reference to public transport, this will provide a more comprehensive regime for managing transport and settlement patterns that result in the effective and efficient use of resources.

The reasons for the submission from CRC are that:

- (a) Proposed Plan Change 12 (subject to the relief set out below seeking to ensure explicit Policy recognition of the role of public transport) provides for better integration of land use and transport, and future transport networks, including sustainable modes of transport and improved connectivity and permeability within urban areas. The Proposed Change is supported because it provides a comprehensive and coherent package of amendments that achieves its purpose of securing a more sustainable transport system, better urban form, and the ability to cater for future transport networks. Consequently, Proposed Plan Change 12:
- (b) Will be consistent with the purpose and principles of the Resource Management Act ('RMA');
  - (i). Is appropriate in terms of section 32 of the RMA;
  - (ii). Will respond appropriately to the adverse effects on the environment that are currently being generated by activities that are being developed in accordance with the existing District Plan provisions;
  - (iii). Will further a higher level of amenity and improved urban design outcomes as consistent with Policy 7 of Change No.1 to the Regional Policy Statement;
  - (iv). Warrants being implemented in terms of the RMA and sound resource management principles and practice.
- (c) The relief sought below includes amendments to ensure appropriate Policy recognition is given to the role of public transport.

**The Canterbury Regional Council seeks the following decision from the local authority:**

Relief Sought

The relief sought by CRC is to:

- (a) Uphold PC12 in the form as notified, subject to the amendments listed below, to ensure that it:

Addresses the importance of higher standards of integrated transport and land use, including integration with the public transport network

- (b) Incorporates the following amendments, or by making alterations to a similar effect:

- Amend **Policy B2.1.7** (Township and Rural Volumes) to read as follows:

*Provide for pedestrian safety, security, circulation and access within parking areas by considering the interaction of vehicle access and manoeuvring, circulation, loading and parking, with likely pedestrian routes onto the site and for users of Public Transport, and between car and cycle parks, and building entrances.*

- Amend **Policy B3.4.18(b)** (Township Volume) to read as follows:

Ensure that the provision of adequate car parking is not achieved at the expense of amenity, nor at the expense of safety and accessibility, for pedestrians, **and** cyclists **and Public Transport**. In determining these matters the following factors shall be collectively considered:

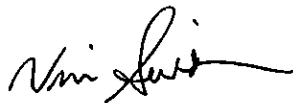
- The overall development and site layout;
- Building location and orientation;
- Landscaping;
- Vehicle access and circulation;
- Pedestrian access and circulation (including relative to building entrances, **to and from Public Transport routes** and pedestrian desire lines); and
- Safety and security of users.

- Reference should also be made to the Metro Strategy, which has now been adopted by Selwyn District Council. The most appropriate location would be the **Explanatory section for new Policy B2.1.5** (Township volume) which seeks to achieve high levels of connectivity within and through new developments to encourage use of public transport and active transport.

(Relief Requested has been **bolded and underlined**).

The Canterbury Regional Council **does wish to be heard** in support of this submission.

If others make a similar submission, the Canterbury Regional Council will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.



Vin Smith  
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