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Subject: Submission on Plan Change 23
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Hi

Please find attached the submission from Maurice and Mary Fletcher on Plan change 23.

Regards

Lynley Fletcher

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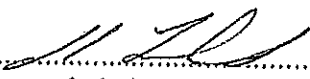
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Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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4. †I seek the following decision from Selwyn District Council:
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†Give precise details, including the nature of any change sought. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

5. I WISH / ~~DO NOT WISH~~ to be heard in support of my submission (delete as applicable)
6. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing
(delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case)
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Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on their behalf) Date
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**Submission of Maurice and Mary Fletcher, 35 Trents Road, Templeton,
Christchurch, 8042**

Our submission in Opposition is:

The revised location of the 50dBA Ldn Air Noise Contour fails to address the effects on existing dwellings in the Inner Plains zone.

We are concerned that this Air Noise Contour will result in a substantial increase in perceived noise at existing dwellings within the Contour boundaries. The emphasis in the Plan Change appears to be to protect the Airport Company's rights to operate without "unreasonable restrictions that could affect its activities". There is no consideration given to effects on existing dwellings.

We understand that the 50dBA Ldn contour provides for a substantial increase in the number of flights than are existing and therefore as time goes on the noise will be greater than that which exists at present. We would like to stress that we are not concerned at the existing noise and we do accept that the rural environment has some noise. However, we want to register that we do not wish to lose our rights to comment if there is a decrease in amenity due to increased flights and consequently night time noise in the future.

We seek the following decision from Selwyn District Council:

We understand that if this Plan Change is approved, a note will be placed on a LIM for our property recording that the noise contours affect our property and the associated restrictions on development. We also understand from discussions with Council staff that our submission is unlikely to change anything, as it is merely to be in accordance with the Regional Policy Statement. This is hardly a consultative process.

We are concerned that such a major change to future property rights, through the Regional Council process should have been imposed with only public notification through the newspapers and that individual property owners affected by the Regional Plan change were not notified. It is disappointing that Selwyn District Council did not see fit to assist its ratepayers as part of this process.

The review of the noise contours needs to acknowledge the existing dwellings within the Contour and their right to amenity of their properties. This may be by decreasing the noise limits, which are substantially higher than the existing noise. We would also seek deletion of the controls of further residential development of the land. It is considered that requirements for noise insulation of new dwellings would provide for the quiet night time noise standards that should apply in a rural area.

We would be happy to discuss with Council staff how they have balanced the wishes of the Airport Company with the amenity issues of their ratepayers. We have lived at our property at Trents Road for over 30 years and definitely cannot be considered in the category of people that have come to the nuisance.