



Selwyn District Plan
PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 26
Rakaia Huts Wāhi Taonga Management Areas and Sites

Selwyn District Council
Clause 5 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

Plan Change 26 (PC26) is concerned with managing threats to cultural and archaeological values identified in the Rakaia Huts Conservation Management Plan (CMP). Plan Change 26 is concerned with the culture and heritage provisions of the District Plan which relate specifically to Wāhi Taonga Management Areas and Sites in and around Rakaia Huts Township. In accordance with section 86B(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the rules associated with the Plan Change shall have immediate legal effect.

In summary, Plan Change 26 will amend the District Plan in the following ways:

- Amendments to Section B3.3 – Culture and Heritage, including amended policies, to reflect that the protection of historic heritage is now a matter of national importance under section 6(f) of the Resource Management Act 1991;
- An amended rules framework, including the requirement that a resource consent be obtained prior to conducting any activity in the area which may affect the archaeological or cultural values present, and that activities which require consent in the Living 1 Zone of Rakaia Huts shall be assessed as a Controlled Activity;
- Notes clarifying which activities which **are** exempt from the Earthworks Rules in the area subject to PC26, along with advice notes advising of New Zealand Historic Places Trust requirements for obtaining an Archaeological Authority;
- An amended schedule of ‘Sites of Significance to Tāngata Whenua’ in Appendix 5 of both the Rural and Township Volumes of the District Plan, including changing Silent File Area C48 to Wāhi Taonga Management Area C48;
- Definitions for Silent File Area, Wāhi Taonga Management Area, Wāhi Taonga Management Site, Landscaping, and Maintenance of gardens lawns or public;
- An amended District Plan Map 133 showing the extent of the archaeological site, as identified in the CMP, as well as differentiating between Wāhi Taonga Management Areas C39(a) and C39(b);

The plan change and the assessment of why it is needed can be read at any of the Council’s service centres and public libraries in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston or online at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

Submissions

Any person or organisation may make a submission supporting or opposing any aspect of this plan change. Submissions must be written and in accordance with Form 5 of the Resource Management Regulations and is available from any Council Service Centre or on the website.

Submissions may be:

Posted to: Planning Department, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643
Delivered to: A Council service centre in Darfield, Lincoln, Leeston or Rolleston.
Faxed to: (03) 347 2799 (if you fax your submission please post or deliver a copy to the details above)
Emailed to: submissions@selwyn.govt.nz

The closing date for submissions is 5.00pm on Tuesday the 26th of July 2011.

At a later date, all submissions received will be summarised and published. Further Submissions will then be invited, allowing any person or organisation to support or oppose any of the initial submissions. A Council hearing will then be arranged to consider all submissions, after which the Council will decide whether to withdraw, retain or modify the plan change. Any submitter who is not satisfied with the Council's decision may then appeal to the Environment Court.

For further information regarding this plan change or the process outlined above, please contact Andrew Mactier, Policy Planner on (03) 3472 802.