

Submission on Private Plan Change 59 to the Selwyn District Plan

Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) is a significant stakeholder in the Selwyn District, with the Burnham Camp, West Melton Rifle Range, Weedons Depot and Communications Site and the Glentunnel Ammunitions Depot all within this District. These facilities are essential to defence operations both in the South Island and nationally.

Selwyn District Council (SDC) notified Private Plan Change 59 (PC59), which proposes to rezone approximately 73.5 ha of land to allow for more intensive residential development. The subject land is about 2.5 km to the south of NZDF's West Melton Rifle Range (located on Old West Coast Road).

NZDF wishes to highlight the critical importance of the Range to NZDF, and the significance of adverse reverse sensitivity effects to its ongoing operations and functioning.

A detailed submission is attached.

NZDF **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

NZDF **wishes to be heard** in support of this submission.

If others make a similar submission, **NZDF will consider** presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

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Person authorised to sign
on behalf of New Zealand Defence Force

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Point	Provision	Support/ Oppose	Reasons	Relief Sought
1	The entire plan change, including planning maps	Support in part	<p>The West Melton Rifle Range is a nationally important training facility for NZDF, and it is critical that this facility can operate in accordance with NZDF's obligations under the Defence Act 1990. As the Range is a noise-generating activity, it is particularly susceptible to reverse sensitivity effects. With the significant pressure for more intensive residential subdivision and development in Greater Christchurch, NZDF has identified the potential for reverse sensitivity effects on the operations and functioning of the Range as an issue of strategic importance.</p> <p>To this end, NZDF is currently engaged with SDC as part of its District Plan review process to ensure that District Plan provisions provide adequate protection for the Range from the adverse effects of reverse sensitivity. This includes the development of a West Melton Rifle Range Buffer Area, within which specific provisions would apply. The land subject to PC59 is outside of the area affected by the proposed West Melton Rifle Range Buffer Area, and NZDF therefore does not oppose PC59. However, NZDF wishes to highlight the critical importance of the Range to NZDF, and the significance of adverse reverse sensitivity effects to its ongoing operations and functioning.</p>	As below.
2	Section B4.3, Policy B4.3.101	Support in part	For the reasons outlined under submission point 1, NZDF would like to see provisions included in the District Plan that recognise the Rifle Range and provide adequate protection for the Range from the adverse effects of reverse sensitivity.	Amend Part B Section B4.3.101 or insert a new policy to recognise the proximity of the proposed development to the West Melton Rifle Range and the need to recognise and manage the potential for reverse sensitivity effects on the Rifle Range.