



## FORM 5

### Submission on publicly notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation under Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Selwyn District Council

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**This is a submission on the Proposed Private Plan Change 64: Hughes Development Limited to rezone approximately 83 ha of land at Rolleston from Rural (Inner Plains) Zone to Living Z Zone ('the Proposed Plan Change').**

#### The specific parts of the proposal that the Ministry of Education's submission relates to are:

Hughes Development Limited have lodged a private plan change request with Selwyn District Council pursuant to Clause 21 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act (1991). The Proposed Plan Change seeks to rezone approximately 83 ha of land at Rolleston from Rural (Inner Plains) to Living Z Zone to facilitate the future development of approximately 997 residential sites<sup>1</sup>. Proposed Plan Change proposes amendments to the Selwyn District Plan that includes;

- Amending the District Planning Maps to rezone the subject land
- Incorporating outline development plans to coordinate and guide the future development of the areas.

The land proposed to be rezoned is in two blocks, each containing multiple properties. The first block occupies 48 ha in the triangular block bounded by Goulds Road, East Maddisons Road and Selwyn Road. The second block has an area of approximately 35 ha and is bounded by Selwyn Road and Springston Rolleston Road, and existing residential development to the west (see Figure 1 below).

In respect of the Ministry's facilities in the area, Lemonwood Grove School is located opposite the Faringdon South West Outline Development Plan area on East Maddisons Road (see Figure 1). The school caters Years 1-8 and has capacity for up to 750 students.

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<sup>1</sup> It is noted that the notification from Selwyn District Council refers to 930 sites, but the application states 997 sites.



**Figure 1: Proposed Plan Change 64 site and Lemonwood Grove School location.**

The Ministry has identified potential traffic effects, which may impact on the safety of students walking and cycling to and from Lemonwood Grove School.

It is noted that the Proposed Plan Change will potentially result in a relatively significant increase in the population of Rolleston. This is likely to result in an increase of school age children that may attend Lemonwood Grove School and other schools in the area. The Proposed Plan Change is included as part of the basis of the Ministry's planning for Lemonwood Grove School and the wider network and the scale of growth is able to be accommodated by the local school network.

### Background:

The Ministry is the Government's lead advisor on the New Zealand education system, shaping direction for education agencies and providers and contributing to the Government's goals for education. The Ministry's overall purpose is "Lifting aspiration and raising education achievement for every New Zealander". Amongst other matters, the Ministry has responsibility for managing all education property owned by the Crown. This involves managing the existing property portfolio, upgrading and improving the portfolio, purchasing and constructing new property to meet increased demand, identifying and disposing of surplus State school sector property and managing teacher and caretaker housing. The Ministry is therefore a key stakeholder in terms of activities that may impact on educational facilities and assets in the Selwyn District.

### The Ministry of Education's submission is:

Under the Resource Management Act 1991, decision makers must have regard to health and safety of people and communities. Furthermore, there is a duty to avoid, remedy or mitigate actual and potential

adverse effects on the environment. In respect of this Proposed Plan Change the Ministry has identified the following traffic related issues;

#### *Transport capacity/efficiency*

The transportation assessment provided as part of the Proposed Plan Change shows that each of the Outline Development Plan areas will have a number of linkages onto the adjacent roading network. Access to Lemonwood Grove School does not front the roads bordering the development areas. The transport assessment concludes that overall, the traffic generated by the development areas can be accommodated on the adjacent roading network without capacity or efficiency issues arising. Generally, the Ministry concurs with this.

#### *Pedestrian Crossing Facilities*

Lemonwood Grove School is located at the edge of current urban development and opposite the Faringdon South West Outline Development Plan area. There are existing footpaths along the eastern side of East Maddisons Road but no pedestrian crossing facilities on East Maddisons Road adjacent to the school.

The application states that footpath provision will be included along the western side of East Maddisons Road, and which will assist those walking and cycling to and from school. The Ministry agrees with this but there is no reference in the application to the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities across East Maddisons Road to the school.

Given the residential development on the Faringdon South West Outline Development Plan area the Ministry requests safe crossing facilities are provided across East Maddisons Road to the school.

#### *Speed Limits*

Currently, East Maddisons Road has a 60km/h speed limit. The transportation assessment notes that it is expected that the opportunity will be taken to reduce the speed limits of Gould Road and Selwyn Road, and potentially also Springston-Rolleston Road, which are currently 80km/h. The transportation assessment states that in each case it would be appropriate for the 80km/h speed limit to be lowered to 60km/h to be consistent with East Maddisons Road and the existing section of Selwyn Road adjacent to the Faringdon area.

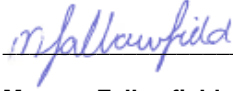
The Ministry believes that the increase in urbanisation of the immediate area creates the opportunity for Council to review the current speed limits to provide an overall safer roading environment. The Ministry request a speed limit review for the area to determine the safe and appropriate speed for when the area is developed. It is considered that a speed limit of 50km/h may be more appropriate, particularly for East Maddisons Road given the projected residential development on both sides and the movement of pedestrians, including students across East Maddisons Road to access Lemonwood Grove School.

#### **The Ministry of Education seeks the following decision from the consent authority:**

The Ministry is neutral on the Proposed Plan Change at this stage and requests the following matters to be addressed;

- Safe crossing facilities are provided across East Maddisons Road;
- A speed limit review for the area to determine the safe and appropriate speed for when the area is developed, particularly for East Maddisons Road.

The Ministry wishes to be heard in support of their submission.



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