

Submission on Proposed Plan Change 64 Selwyn District Plan

Clause 21 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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Introduction

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 located within the District. These facilities are essential to Defence operations both in the South Island and nationally.

Selwyn District Council (SDC) has recently notified Private Plan Change 64 (PC64), which proposes to rezone two areas of land of approximately 42 ha and 35 ha to allow for more intensive residential development on the outskirts of Rolleston. The subject land is approximately 5 km to the southeast of NZDF's Burnham Military Camp (located on State Highway 1).

NZDF wishes to highlight the critical importance of Burnham Military Camp and the importance of avoiding reverse sensitivity effects on its ongoing operations and functioning. The Burnham Military Camp hosts a wide variety of activities, and reverse sensitivity can represent a major challenge to the continued operation of NZDF's facilities. NZDF seeks to ensure that the operation of Burnham Military Camp is not affected by this Plan Change and resulting increase in residential development in the surrounding area. In general, NZDF concerns include the potential traffic and transport effects on the Camp, along with reverse sensitivity effects.

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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, **we will consider** presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

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