



15 March 2022

Hearing Commissioners Selwyn District Council PO Box 90 Rolleston 7643

## Ministry of Education Letter to be tabled at the Hearing of Private Plan Change 68 to the Selwyn District Plan

**Attention: Emma Robertson** 

The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) lodged a submission on Proposed Private Plan Change 68 (PPC68). The Ministry will not attend the Hearing on PPC68 scheduled to commence on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2022, and instead requests that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration.

The Ministry submitted in relation to inconsistencies with Section 6.3.3 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement which seeks to ensure land is provided for educational facilities in Operative District Plans, school roll capacity, and transport effects. A further submission was lodged and requested that the applicant of PPC68 included specific provisions for educational facilities within the plan change area to ensure the Ministry can meet the future demand.

Since our original submission, the Ministry have met with the applicant's consultant to address the submission points. The Ministry have reviewed the Section 42A report (dated 28 February 2022) and the evidence submitted on behalf of the applicant. The Ministry is satisfied with the educational facilities and safe transport routes indicated on the revised Outline Development Plan (ODP) in Annexure B of the Statement of Evidence by Patricia Harte.

If PPC68 is approved, the Ministry requests that the proposed enabling additions regarding educational facilities and pedestrian/cycle routes shown in the revised ODP are included. Subsequently, the Ministry would consider its submission points appropriately addressed.

Should you have any queries please contact the undersigned.

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