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Selwyn District Council PO Box 90 ROLLESTON 7643

Attention: Planning Department



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NOTICE OF SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED PLAN CHANGE 7 UNDER CLAUSE 6 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

Applicant: SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Proposed Plan Change 7:

Growth of Townships, Urban Development and Rezoning of Land for Urban Purposes Including the Introduction of a New Living 2 Zone at Lincoln and Rolleston

To: Selwyn District Council

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STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION

Pursuant to Clause 6 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga (NZHPT) makes the following submission:

The NZHPT does not support or oppose Plan Change 7.

The reasons for the NZHPT position is as follows

The NZHPT is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Historic Places Act 1993 (HPA) for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of

New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. The Historic Places Act 1993 also confirms the NZHPT as New Zealand's lead historic heritage agency.

Details of our submission are as follows:

The reason for our submission is to ensure that under Section 6 of the Resource Management Act 1991, matters of national importance, Section 6(f)) "the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development", are recognised and provided for.

Archaeology

While there are no recorded archaeological sites in the vicinity, it is possible subsurface archaeological material may be affected by earthworks associated with subdivision. If the presence of an archaeological site is suspected, the destruction, damage or modification of archaeological sites should be avoided or minimized.

Integration with archaeological processes under the Historic Places Act 1993 (HPA) is essential. Under the HPA, archaeological sites are defined as:

"any place in New Zealand that -

- a) Either
 - i. Was associated with human activity that occurred before 1900; or
 - ii. Is the site of the wreck of any vessel where that wreck occurred before 1900; and
 - iii. Is or may be able through investigation by archaeological methods to provide evidence relating to the history of New Zealand."

Archaeological Authority

Under the HPA it is unlawful to alter, modify or destroy an archaeological site without an archaeological authority (consent) from NZHPT to do so.

Cultural Values

The NZHPT recommends that consultation with Te Runanga o Ngai Tuahuriri and Te Taumutu Runanga is undertaken to determine any cultural values within the areas.

The NZHPT seeks the following decision:

Should Plan Change 7 be approved, the following advice note is to be included in the decision:

It is possible that unrecorded archaeological sites may be affected by the proposed work. Evidence of archaeological sites may include burnt and fire cracked stones, charcoal, rubbish heaps including shell, bone and/or glass and crockery, ditches, banks, pits, old building foundations, artefacts of Maori and European origin or human burials. The New Zealand Historic Places Trust should be consulted if the presence of an archaeological site is suspected.

Work affecting archaeological sites is subject to a consent process under the Historic Places Act 1993. If any work associated with the development of these areas under Plan Change 7 around Lincoln and Rolleston, such as earthworks,

fencing or landscaping, may modify, damage or destroy any archaeological site(s), an authority (consent) from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust must be obtained for the work prior to commencement. It is an offence to damage or destroy a site for any purpose without an authority. The Historic Places Act 1993 contains penalties for unauthorised site damage.

The NZHPT does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

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