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## NOTICE OF SUBMISSION ON CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 7

**Person making submission:** The Minister of Education

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**1. The Ministry of Education ("the Ministry") wishes to make a submission on Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Selwyn District Plan**

**2. The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan Change that the Ministry submission relates to are as follows:**

- The rezoning of land to residential to take into account the provision for education facilities.
- School site located in Outline Development Plan, Lincoln Area 3

**3. The Ministry's submission is:**

- 1.1. The Ministry supports in part Plan Change 7. The Ministry supports the concept of the Outline Development Plans that form part of Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Selwyn District Plan. However, the Ministry opposes in part the location of the school identified in Outline Development Plan, Lincoln Area 3. These matters are discussed further below.
- 1.2. The Ministry exercises its role in the education sector to facilitate achievement of the government's education goals. The Ministry's role is to enable people to gain knowledge, skills, and attitudes so they can participate fully, socially and economically, in the community. In order for people to gain knowledge and skills they need adequate access to educational facilities.
- 1.3. Rezoning of land to residential will result in an increase in the number of families who move to the area and these households need to access educational facilities. The Outline Development Plans indicate areas for growth and provide for educational facilities.
- 1.4. It is important that future school sites are identified in Outline Development Plans for Rolleston and Lincoln to ensure that future schools are reasonably convenient to the community. If school sites are not identified in conjunction with the Ministry at this stage in the planning process, the opportunity for school sites to be ideally located within the community could be lost.
- 1.5. The Ministry of Education must prioritise land purchases to acquire land where there is the greatest need for new education facilities. Typically land is not

purchased until there is a requirement for a new school as a result of population growth.


- 1.6. Based on the current projected population for Lincoln the Ministry cannot give priority to a land purchase at present. Current analysis undertaken by the Ministry suggests another primary school would not be required until after the year 2030.
- 1.7. Presently the Ministry see the best way forward is to identify the location for a possible future primary school in Outline Development Plans. While the Ministry of Education cannot prioritise land purchase in Lincoln at present, identifying a future site will ensure that the school network is future proofed and that this site is ideally located for the community of the future, should it be required.
- 1.8. The Ministry does not think the indicative location on the Outline Development Plan for Lincoln Area 3 is the most appropriate location for a future primary school. This location is in close proximity to Lincoln Primary school. A more appropriate location may be in Outline Development Plan, Lincoln Area 1. Further discussion with the Ministry is requested.

**4. The Ministry seek the following decision from the consent authority:**

- The Ministry acknowledge the opportunity to comment and wish to continue to be involved in determining future school sites.
- Further discussion with Selwyn District Council regarding effective methods for ensuring the security of proposed school sites.
- The School site identified in the Outline Development Lincoln Area 3 be removed from the Outline Development Plan and a more appropriate site identified with the Ministry.

**5. The Ministry do wish to be heard in support of their submission.**

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

  
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