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SUBMISSION ON A PUBLICLY NOTIFIED RESOURCE PROPOSAL FOR POLICY STATEMENT OR PLAN UNDER CLAUS 6E OF FIRST SCHEDULE, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

To: Selwyn District Council
Submission on: Plan Change 7
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This is a submission on Plan Change 7 to the Selwyn District Plan (Township Volume) which proposes to rezone land identified in Plan Change 1 to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement and the Lincoln and Rolleston Structure Plans to provide for the future growth of both townships in accordance with the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy.

This submission specifically relates to:

The provision of water supplies suitable for fire fighting purposes.

The NZFS's submission is:

It is essential that the NZFS is able to meet its responsibility of ensuring the efficient, effective and economic management of the functions and activities of the NZFS through the provision of an effective emergency service to all New Zealanders so as to reduce the occurrence and impact of fire and other emergencies (Fire Service Act 1975). The proposed development must take into account the operational requirements of the NZFS to adequately enable fire-fighting activities. This means ensuring that appropriate firefighting water supplies and access are made available.

The Plan Change involves rezoning an area of approximately 585ha on the outskirts of Lincoln and Rolleston to either Living Z or Living Z Deferred. The Plan Change also requires the development of Outline Development Plans (ODP) for the rezoned areas, prior to any development. The plan change documents state that development within these ODP areas will connect to Council's reticulated water supply. Specific ODPs state that the water supply will meet the New Zealand Fire Service Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice NZS

PAS 4509:2008, however, others do not refer directly to the Code of Practice or fire fighting water supplies in general.

Given the large area involved in this plan change, the impacts on the NZFS are significant in terms of increased need for NZFS's activities, response times, staffing and operational requirements, access for fire appliances to new developments, and the provision of adequate and accessible water supply for fire fighting purposes.

Therefore, the NZFS seeks assurances that development within any of the ODP areas will be serviced by a reticulated supply which meets the Code of Practice.

The NZFS does wish to be heard in support of their submission.

If others make a similar submission the NZFS does not wish to present a joint case with them at a hearing.

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(Authorised to sign on behalf of
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