



11 October 2021

Hearings Commissioners
Selwyn District Council
PO Box 90
Rolleston 7643

Ministry of Education letter to be tabled at the hearing of Plan Change 76 to the Selwyn District Plan

Attention: Emma Robertson

The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) lodged a submission in relation to Proposed Plan Change 76 (PPC76) to the Selwyn District Plan. The Ministry will not attend the hearing for PPC76 scheduled to commence on 01 November 2021 and instead requests that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration in lieu of attendance.

The plan change request by Dunweavin 2020 Limited (the Applicant) seeks to rezone approximately 13ha of Inner Plains zoned land in Rolleston to Living Z zone. The proposed rezoning is sought to allow for residential development (approximately 155 residential sites).

The Ministry's submission related to the impacts on school capacity, and traffic effects.

We have reviewed the Section 42A report prepared by Council Officer Mr Craig Friedel, dated 7 October and the evidence submitted on behalf of the applicants. We note the following:

- In respect of school capacity, we are now satisfied that Waitaha School and Lemonwood Grove have the capacity to accommodate future growth in their rolls. Despite this, it is acknowledged that the cumulative effects of the numerous plan changes within the surrounding area may adversely impact the capacity of schools.
- In respect of the second matter raised in the Ministry's submission, the Ministry has undertaken a review of the Novo Group traffic assessment provided with the Plan change request and has considered the peer review undertaken by Mr Mat Collins from Flow Transportation Specialists. Mr Collins' assessment and recommendations concluded if the development in PPC76 is integrated with wider network improvements, it is considered that the potential traffic effects from PPC76 will be adequately managed. Mr Friedel has considered that providing the applicant takes heed of the recommendations Mr Collins has made, the proposed transport network will support the safe and efficient movement of children and families travelling and from Lemonwood Grove and Waitaha Schools.

Overall, the Ministry supports the findings of the Section 42A report and if these recommendations are adopted, the Ministry's submission points are adequately addressed. For clarity purposes, the Ministry is not currently investigating new school sites within the vicinity of PPC76 area; however, it is acknowledged that new school sites are being considered in the wider Rolleston area. The Ministry notes that they have a continued interest in the developments in the Selwyn District regarding school capacity.

Should you have any queries please contact myself as the Planning consultant to the Ministry in this matter in the first instance.



Kate Graham



Beca Ltd (Planning Consultant to the Ministry of Education)

P: +64 3 966 9136

E: kate.graham@beca.com