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Planning Department  
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**SUBMISSION OF NEW ZEALAND HISTORIC PLACES TRUST POUHERE  
TAONGA ON PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 9 UNDER THE RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

**This is a submission on the following proposed plan change:**

The Selwyn Plantation Board Limited request to rezone 72 hectares of existing Rural (Outer Plains) land to proposed Living 3 (Rural Residential) located on Dunns Crossing Road to the south-west of Rolleston township. Legal description Pt RS 31354, Pt RS 31356 and Pt Sec 4 Res 1342.

**Statement of Submission**

Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991, the NZ Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga (NZHPT) makes the following submission:

The NZHPT neither supports nor opposes the application by Selwyn Plantation Board Limited for Propose Plan Change 9, Skellerup Block.

**The NZHPT's submission is:**

To ensure that under Section 6 of the RMA, matters of national importance (RMA Section 6f) "the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development" are recognised and provided for.

**The reasons for the NZHPT's position are as follows:**

**Archaeology**

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

### **Cultural Values**

NZHPT recommends that consultation with Te Taumutu Runanga is undertaken to determine any cultural values within the area of Private Plan Change 9 and to ensure that any values, issues and policies identified in the (2003) *Te Taumutu Runanga Natural Resource Management Plan* are identified and taken into account.

### **The NZHPT seeks the following decision from the local authority:**

Should Plan Change 9 be approved, the following *advice note* is to be included in the decision notice:

*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 8 around 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.*

If you require further information about the HPA, please contact Frank van der Heijden, (Regional Archaeologist), on 03 365 2897.

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



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