RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 SELWYN PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 26 – HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Variation No.26 – Hazardous Substances changes the issues, objectives, policies, rules and appendices in the District Plan relating to the control of hazardous substances. These changes include –

- Clarifying that the provisions apply to the *storage* rather than the *use* of hazardous substances.
- Amending the wording of the Plan to address inconsistencies between the Rural and Township Volumes.
- Correcting and clarifying references to the relevant sections of the Resource Management Act (1991), the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act (1996), and introducing recognition of the HSNO codes of practice in assessing resource consent applications.
- Making the classes of hazardous substances used in the Plan appendices consistent with the classes used in the Hazardous Substances (Classification) Regulations 2001. This has resulted in some changes to the quantities of hazardous substances which can be stored as a permitted activity, and quantity limits being introduced for some substances which were previously not controlled by the Plan.

The variation and assessment may be inspected during normal working hours at any of the Council's Service Centres and Public Libraries at Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston, and on the Selwyn District Council website at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

Submissions

The closing date for making a submission on this variation is Tuesday 14 November and any person can make a submission. Submissions must be in writing in the prescribed form (Form 5) of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees & Procedure) Regulations 2003 or similar. Forms are available from any Council Service Centre or on the Council's website.

At a later date, all submissions will be published for public inspection and any organisation or individual will be entitled to support or oppose any submission. A Council hearing will then be arranged to consider all submissions and decisions will be made.

Note: From the day of public notification of the variation the Proposed Plan shall have effect as if it had been so varied.

The closing date for submissions is 5pm Tuesday 14 November 2006 at any Council Office or addressed to J Forsyth, Private Bag 1, Leeston 7656.

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