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Selwyn District Council
Attn: Robert Love
Head of Strategy and Policy
By email: hearings@selwyn.govt.nz

Dear Robert

**REQUEST FOR SECTION 37 TIME LIMIT EXTENSION FOR MINISTER OF DEFENCE'S DECISION ON
DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER PROPOSED SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN (DECISIONS VERSION)**

Selwyn District Council (SDC) notified its decisions on the Proposed District Plan on 19 August 2023 (Proposed Selwyn District Plan (Decisions Version)). The decisions include recommendations on Minister of Defence designations within the Selwyn District.

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) directs that the requiring authority shall, within 30 working days of notification of the territorial authority's recommendation, notify the territorial authority whether the requiring authority accepts or rejects the recommendation in whole or in part. This requires the Minister of Defence (as requiring authority) to provide his decision on the recommendations by 29 September 2023.

The Minister of Defence's availability is impacted by the dissolution of Parliament which occurred on 8 September 2023, and the general election taking place on 14 October 2023. Accordingly, the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) requests that SDC exercises its power under section 37(1)(a) RMA to extend the time limit for notification of the Minister's decision on SDC's recommendations to 24 November 2023 (being 6 weeks following the election). NZDF has considered the matters set out in section 37A RMA (including section 37A (2)(b)) that SDC will take into account when deciding whether to grant an extension.

Please contact Rebecca Davies on 021 445482 or rebecca.davies@nzdf.mil.nz should you wish to discuss.

Ngā mihi o te rā ki a koe



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