The following is a simplified table³⁰ comparing the rule approaches within the reviewed plans:

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| | Permitted | Controlled | Restricted Discretionary | Discretionary | Non-complying | Prohibited | |
| Ashburton District Plan Waimakariri | - Any land use within the Core Outstanding | - Within the Ashley Gorge | Any clearance of indigenous vegetation in the Hakatere, River Valley, and Front Range Outstanding Natural Landscapes that exceed specified areas. Any clearance of indigenous vegetation in the Inland Mountain Outstanding Natural Landscape. Any building in the Inland Mountain Outstanding Natural Landscape. Within the Buffer Outstanding Landscape Area any | Forestry Activities in the Rural C Zone. Mineral Extraction or Quarrying. Subdivision in the Core | The planting of any exotic tree | - | |
| Walmakariri District Plan | Landscape Area, Ashley Gorge Outstanding Landscape Area, or the Buffer Outstanding Landscape Area, as outlined on the District Plan Maps, is a permitted activity if it: i. is not otherwise listed as a controlled or discretionary (restricted), discretionary or non-complying activity under this chapter; ii. complies with the conditions; and iii. complies with all the conditions and provisions for permitted activities in all chapters. | Outstanding Landscape Area, tree planting or structures that block the view of the landscape from the two selected viewpoints. | earthworks that do not comply with conditions. Earthworks, other than those resulting from the maintenance of any electricity utility and associated telecommunication facility, within 20m of the highest adjacent point of any ridgeline mapped as a Prominent Ridge. Any structure, other than a fence or a structure less than 5m2 floor area and less than 2m in height, within 20m of the highest adjacent point of any ridgeline mapped as a Prominent Ridge. Within the Ashley Gorge Outstanding Landscape Area and the Buffer Outstanding Landscape Area, except the Buffer Outstanding Landscape Area on the plains side of the foothills north of the Ashley River/Rakahuri, the planting of any specified tree species. Within the Buffer Outstanding Landscape Area on the plains side of the foothills north of the Ashley River/Rakahuri, the planting of any specified tree species. Except as otherwise provided for, the planting of any tree species in areas greater than 50ha on any site in any 12 month period. Vegetation clearance in the Core Outstanding Landscape Area, other than the clearance of plantation forestry planted prior to 20 June 1998, | Outstanding Landscape Area, Buffer Outstanding Landscape Area and Ashley Gorge Outstanding Landscape Area is a discretionary activity. Earthworks within the Core Outstanding Landscape Area and Ashley Gorge Outstanding Landscape Area. Buildings within the Core Outstanding Landscape Area and the Ashley Gorge Outstanding Landscape Area and the Buffer Outstanding Landscape Area. | within the Core Outstanding Landscape Area. | | |
| Hurunui District Plan | The following are permitted, subject to standards: 1. Earthworks for the purpose of maintenance, repair or replacement of existing fence lines, vehicle tracks, roads, firebreaks, drains, | Buildings (excluding utility buildings and structures) on any site of less than 20 ha, subject to the standards for permitted activity buildings. | Buildings and structures, (excluding utility buildings and structures) which do not meet the standards as a permitted or controlled activity, unless specified as a non-complying activity; Earthworks, which are not identified as a permitted or controlled activity; | - | An additional dwelling which does not meet the minimum area requirement of 1 dwelling and minor dwelling unit on a site per 20 ha; | - | |

³⁰ The rules that apply across the plans are complex and this table has been simplified to show the key rules which apply. It is not comprehensive and does not cover all details within the applicable rules / chapters.

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| waterlines, ponds, dams, waterway crossings, or utilities, of the same or similar scale. | | Viticulture in the Weka Pass Outstanding Natural Landscape that it not otherwise specified; | | Forestry that is not identified as a permitted activity; and | |
| The establishment of a post and wire fences, troughs and water tanks (including | | Utility buildings and structures which do not meet the standards for a permitted activity; | | Mineral extraction activities. | |
| associated earthworks) within an area of improved pasture; | | Above ground utility lines and support structures. | | | |
| 3. Buildings (excluding utility buildings and structures) on any site of 20 ha or greater; | | | | | |
| 4. The establishment of new forestry of up to 1 ha in area, or no more than 2.5% of site area, whichever is the greater, in any 10 year period; | | | | | |
| 5. Existing forestry. | | | | | |
| 6. Underground utilities and associated earthworks within formed road reserve; | | | | | |
| 7. Customer service connections either underground or overhead utilising existing support poles including associated earthworks; | | | | | |
| 8. Utility buildings and structures (not otherwise provided for as a permitted activity); | | | | | |
| 9. The maintenance, repair, or replacement of utilities; | | | | | |
| 10. Upgrading of utilities which complies with Utilities rules; | | | | | |
| 11. The establishment of new viticulture within the Weka Pass Outstanding Natural Landscape of up to 1 ha in area, or no more than 2.5% of site area, whichever is the | | | | | |
| greater, in any 10 year period; and | | | | | |
| 12. The establishment of new shelterbelts and erosion control plantings. | | | | | |
| Standards for permitted activities: | | | | | |
| Buildings (excluding utility buildings and structures): | | | | | |
| (a) One dwelling and one minor dwelling unit per 20 ha of site area, or one dwelling per site where the site has been created as part of a subdivision consent; | | | | | |
| (b) The maximum footprint of any building shall be 200 m2, except that for any farm building, the maximum footprint shall be 250 m2; | | | | | |
| (c) The maximum height of any building shall be 5 m; | | | | | |

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| | (d) The maximum area of the site that can be covered by buildings or structures is 500 m2 for every 20 ha of site area, or a maximum of 1,000 m2 per property; | | | | | |
| | (e) All buildings must be set back a minimum of 20 m from all site boundaries; | | | | | |
| | (f) All buildings must be finished in materials with a maximum reflectance value of 40%; | | | | | |
| | (g) The highest point of any building will not be located within 20 m vertical or 100 m horizontal of any ridgeline; and | | | | | |
| | (h) Earthworks associated with any building or access shall not exceed 600 m2 or 300 m3, whichever is the lesser. | | | | | |
| | 2. Utility buildings and structures: | | | | | |
| | (a) The maximum height of any utility building/structure shall be 4 m; | | | | | |
| | (b) All utility buildings / structures must be finished in materials with a maximum reflectance value of 40%; | | | | | |
| | (c) No utility building/structure will be located within 20 m vertical or 100 m horizontal of any ridgeline; and | | | | | |
| | (d) Earthworks associated with the utility building / structure and access shall not exceed 600 m2 or 300 m3, whichever is the lesser. | | | | | |
| Christchurch | Farm buildings and public amenities buildings | - | Recreation facilities <100m ² in some ONF and ONL. | Buildings in some ONF and ONL. | Buildings in some ONF. | - |
| Replacement | <100m ² in ONF, ONL, SF and RAL. | | New access tracks. | Residential units in some ONF. | Residential units in some ONF | |
| District Plan | Recreation facilities <100m² in some ONF, | | | New roads. | and ONL. | |
| | ONL, SF and RAL. | | | Quarrying in one ONF. | Quarrying. | |
| | | | | Buildings in SF and RAL. | | |
| | | | | Residential units in SF and RAL. | | |
| | | | | Recreation facilities in one SF. | | |
| Queenstown Lakes District | Farm Buildings subject to standards. | Farm buildings in an ONF and larger farm buildings in an ONL. | Buildings generally. | Forestry in Rural Landscapes. | | |
| Plan | | larger farm buildings in all ONL. | Farm buildings exceeding standards. | Mining. | | |
| | | | | Subdivision (which must specify a building platform). | | |
| Dunedin District Plan | New building or structure less than or equal to 60m ² an ONL or SNL. | New buildings over 60m ² on a landscape building platform in | Activities not meeting separation or reflectivity requirements. | Landfills in an ONL or SNL. Mining in an ONL or SNL. | Domestic animal boarding and breeding in an ONF. | |
| | Indigenous vegetation clearance subject to | an ONL or SNL. | Forestry in an ONL or SNL. | | Forestry in an ONF. | |
| | standards in an ONF, ONL or SNL. | | New building or structure over 60m ² an ONL or SNL. | | Landfills in an ONF. | |
| | | | All other buildings and structures activities. | | Mining in an ONF. | |
| | | | Large scale earthworks. | | Rural research in an ONF. | |
| | | | Tree planting in an ONF. | | Residential activities in an ONF. | |

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| | | Subdivision. | | Veterinary services in an ONF. | |
| | | | | Visitor accommodation in an ONF. | |
| | | | | Rural industry in an ONF. | |
| | | | | Cemeteries and crematoriums in an ONF. | |
| | | | | New buildings in an ONF. | |