

RLZ - R16 Rangiora A&P Showgrounds Activities:

You already have a submission I have made relating to RLZ - R16 Rangiora A&P Showgrounds Activities

I have asked to be heard today to ensure why I have made this submission is understood and why I think a change to the proposed District Plan is required

My concerns centre on the inclusion of a Permitted Activity defined as:

f. Motor vehicle display events

My submission already records that I have been in discussion with Council Officers at various times over the last 7 to 8 years over the conduct of running a *Motor Vehicle display event* called Muscle Car Madness. The noise, dust, fumes, traffic and parking disturbance this large-scale event creates, forces us to leave our property annually.

At all these meetings on the conduct of this Event council officers underlying stance has been to protect the continued recurrence of this event. All discussions have been predicated on the Event being an existing use under the RMA section 20A (1)(b).

On at least two occasions Council officers have refused to review this position.

They advised, officers (Council) relied on the "existing uses" exemption in the RMA (Section 20A(1)(b)) and MCM Event conditions were negotiated annually following a review meeting with interested parties.

They (officers/Council) did not want issue a RC for the event as it gave the organisers something to sell to interested parties, who they may not have a comfortable working relationship within the future.

They (officers/Council) had to protect the economic benefit the event brought to the Rangiora Township. Officers were unable to provide proof of the quantum of this economic benefit. The officers did not believe any specific consents or exemptions needed to be issued by Council, including exemption to the Camping Ground Regulations (stance changed 14/10/21)

Section 20 A (1)(b) of the RMA reads :

The effects of the activity are the same in character, intensity and scale to the effects that existed before the rule took legal effect. The date of Assent of the RMA was 22/7/91

The first Muscle Car Madness event was held February 1st 2nd and 3rd February 2001

According to the history of Muscle Car Madness 20 years published circa September 2001, Page 42 (attached) *The first event had about 52 cars from memory which entered for a weekend,*

Further on, on the same page we read

By No.6 the event was the largest in North Canterbury, larger than their own A&P Show!

And further

The show has always increased in size dramatically to finally break the 1000 car mark in 2006

My background is General Manager Administration Finance, Company Secretary Foodstuffs South Island. Every sitting commissioner here today knows very well if I had attempted to convert a 52 square metre FourSquare into a 1200 to 1500 square metre New World on an "existing use" basis you would not have let me do it without a publicly notified Resource Consent Application and hearing.

Throughout these seven years I and my wife, have always had the fallback position of applying to the Environment Court for ruling under RMA if conduct of Muscle Car Madness or another similar event on an "existing uses" basis is correct and applying for an injunction to stop the event (or similar events) until the issue is settled.

Maintaining the requirement of resource consent process allows for continued input through the RMA process for the surrounding community to have their requirements for enjoyment of their properties to be considered in the way any event of this sort is conducted.

The inclusion in the proposed plan of permitted activity **RLZ - R16 Rangiora A&P Showgrounds Activities, f. Motor vehicle display events** removes my and my neighbours current statutory right to the RMA process and right of appeal to the Environment Court.

So, I am left with the feeling Council (Officers) have been duplicitous, in effect hiding a change to the Proposed District Plan, to relieve them of their statutory duty to control an event like this by subjecting it to Resource Consent control and making it a Permitted Activity if held in the Showgrounds.

Further, I have to walk the delicate line of recognising the enjoyment this event brings to the participants, be they exhibitors or viewing public, the economic benefit to the district, although I doubt that it is anywhere near as great as claimed, and the loss of peaceful enjoyment of our homes together with the distress, unnecessary noise, dust, fumes traffic and parking disturbance an event conducted in the manner of Muscle Car Madness brings

It is for this reason I have suggested that three separate Permitted Activities should be included in the Proposed District plan

One Day Motor Vehicle Display Events conducted between the hours of 8.00am to 8.00pm.

An annual Muscle Car Madness motor vehicle display event lasting no longer than 4 days (96hours) subject to prescribed rules.[suggested later in this submission].

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Comment:

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This definition would cater for the Motor Vehicle Gymkhana type event where enthusiasts like say the Alpha Romeo Owners club use the Show grounds as a gathering place to meet, picnic, or use Showgrounds catering services whilst showing off driving skills around cones etc. These sort of one day events are commonplace and cause very little if any disturbance to the surrounding community.

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If it is worthy of protecting it should be specifically named as a permitted activity

By making a clear distinction in the proposed District Plan between one existing event which is subject to codified rules which include the opportunity for local resident's input into the nature and operation of the event, still leaves the opportunity for public scrutiny as to its effect on the surrounding community so essential in any democracy.

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The proposed permitted activity of; ***f. Motor vehicle display events***: is written in the plural, i.e **events** meaning more than one. The people in the local community know of one per year, Muscle Car Madness, many are enthusiastic, many indifferent, and a considerable number opposed to this event. However, it is with us. The proposed activity as defined would allow a Muscle Car Madness type event every second weekend without the right of any resident member in the Rangiora District let alone those in close proximity to the Showgrounds to object to it occurring. This totally unacceptable.

If we are to be subjected to Multi Day motor vehicle display events which could be as large or larger than Muscle Car Madness then they must be subject to Resource Consent

Suggested Rules:

I have already submitted a set of suggested rules which I would like to speak to now