

To The Development Planning Team:

Dear Team Members

We regret we have missed the deadline for official submissions on this alarming and misguided government edict that has been forced upon NZ, but hope our comments may still be read.

We are not sure if Council has formally adopted the government's requirements yet, but if not hope there is sufficient opposition for Council members to make a stand, as Christchurch has, and reject this wholesale over-ruling of local democratic process. The potential effect on the character of our towns and cities over time is mind-boggling and probably not really necessary given the current outlook for housing supply.

To give developers carte blanche to build up to three storeys a metre from anyone's boundary in NZ with zero recourse is unbelievable - it is a change of such magnitude we believe a national referendum was almost warranted.

We do have a question - in the unlikely event government allows Christchurch some leeway in application of the rules would that impact Waimakariri's adoption of them?

We appreciate there are climate change aspects to the rules, but do not believe they justify wholesale imposition across entire townships like Rangiora and Kaiapoi. Changes if any should be limited to city centres and transport hub environs - if the government wants to emulate battery hen living as seen in Asia let us at least try to contain it.

Again our apologies for being outside the deadline,

Kind regards

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