

Before the Hearing Panel
Appointed by the Waimakariri
District Council

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of a hearing on submissions on the proposed Waimakariri District
Plan

Hearing Stream 12E: Residential Rezoning – Rangiora

Rachel Hobson and Bernard Whimp

Submission number: 179

Further Submission number: 90

Summary of Evidence of Andrew Francis Leckie

20 August 2024

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Introduction

- 1 My full name is Andrew Francis Leckie.
- 2 My qualifications and experience are set out in in my primary evidence.
- 3 I have prepared a statement of evidence dated 5 March 2024 and supplementary evidence dated 2 August 2024, in respect of the submission of Rachel Claire Hobson and Bernard Whimp on the proposed Waimakariri District Plan, relating to land located at 518 Rangiora Woodend Road and 4 Golf Links Road (**the Site**).
- 4 I provide a brief summary of my evidence below.
- 5 I confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct for expert witnesses contained in the Environment Court of New Zealand Practice Note 2023 and that I have complied with it when preparing my evidence.

Summary

- 6 From a transportation perspective, I have assessed the proposed rezoning is an appropriate outcome for the Site for the below reasons:
 - (a) Residential development will be able to be well connected to surrounding land uses by all travel modes.
 - (b) The proposed Outline Development Plan appropriately includes transport connections to the northern and eastern boundaries of the Site as well as Rangiora Woodend Road and Golf Links Road.
 - (c) The Kippenberger Avenue / Rangiora Woodend Road route is an arterial route which accommodates a bus service as well as walking and cycling infrastructure. A safe crossing point over Golf Links Road and a connection to the existing shared path on the northern side of Kippenberger Avenue will be necessary so that the Site is well connected for active mode travel towards Rangiora.
 - (d) The Site is located closer to the town centre and key activities to the east of the town centre than existing and planned residential areas elsewhere in Rangiora. In my view development of the Site will support a consolidated development pattern.
 - (e) Residential development is anticipated west of Golf Links Road and south of Rangiora Woodend Road. Local travel to and from the land west of Golf Links Road will be possible via the Golf Links Road connection, while a safe crossing point to the land south of Rangiora Woodend Road will be able to be designed in conjunction with a new intersection on that road.

- (f) A new intersection on Rangiora Woodend Road will be able to operate safely and efficiently, and without impacting the function of Rangiora Woodend Road. I recommend that a co-ordinated approach be taken to providing vehicle access to the proposed Development Areas on both sides of Rangiora Woodend Road.

Andrew Francis Leckie

20 August 2024