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Decision by the Minister of Education on all designations in the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan

Thank you for your email confirming that the Waimakariri District Council (NPDC) has made its decisions on the provisions and matters raised in submissions on the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

The Ministry understand that Waimakariri District Council publicly notified on 14 July 2025 its decisions with respect to the Partially Operative Waimakariri District Plan (POWDP), which included decisions on Council's designations in the POWDP. At the same time, the Council also publicly notified its recommendations with respect to designations in the POWDP lodged by other requiring authorities and publicly notified the opportunity for these other requiring authorities to serve their decisions on Council's recommendations to the Council.

This includes recommendations in regard to the Minister of Education's designations in the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan, pursuant to Clause 9(1) of the First Schedule of the RMA and in accordance with s171 of the RMA.

As of part the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan review process, the Minister of Education requested 23 designations (MEDU-1 to MEDU-23) to be rolled over with minor modifications and served three new Notices of Requirement for St Joseph's School (Rangiora), St Patricks School (Rangiora) and Rangiora New Life School.

Under section 172(1) of the RMA the Minister is required to make a decision on the territorial authority's recommendation within 30 working days of its recommendation. The Minister of Education confirms it has reviewed the recommendations.

Particular reference is made to the specific recommendations of the decision report and summarised below:

- Rollover 23 designations with minor corrections to the schedule, including changes requested to the designation purpose, correction of school names, site identifiers and corrected spatial extents.
- Confirmation to include three new designations (MEDU-24, MEDU-25 and MEDU-26) in the District Plan.

The Minister of Education accepts WDC recommendations **in full** on designations MEDU-1 to MEDU-26 without modification. The reasons for this decision are outlined as follows:

- The designations have been demonstrated to be reasonably necessary for achieving the objectives of the Minister of Education. The designations will continue to provide education to many communities in the district.
- The designations are consistent with Part 2 of the RMA in that they will promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

The Minister confirms it accepts WDC recommendation in **full** and trust this information is sufficient to enable council, in accordance with section 173(1) of the RMA, to carry out service of the notice of this decision to all submitters, landowners or occupiers directly affected by the designation within 15 working days of receiving this letter.

The designations shall be included in the Waimakariri District Plan as they are set out in the MEDU-Minister of Education chapter of the Decision Version of the District Plan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on behalf of the Minister.



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