

## DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

# Proposed Waimakariri District Plan - Submission

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

### Submitter details

(Our preferred methods of corresponding with you are by **email** and **phone**).

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## Submission details

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are as follows: *(please give details)*

My submission is that: *(state in summary the Proposed Plan chapter subject and provision of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons) (please include additional pages as necessary)*

I/we have included: \_\_\_\_\_ additional pages

I/we seek the following decision from the Waimakariri District Council: *(give precise details, use additional pages if required)*

## Submission at the Hearing

I/we wish to speak in support of my/our submission

I/we do not wish to speak in support of my/our submission

If others make a similar further submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

## Signature

*Of submitters or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter(s)*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(If you are making your submission electronically, a signature is not required)*

## Important Information

1. The Council must receive this submission before the closing date and time for submissions.
2. Please note that submissions are public. Your name and submission will be included in papers that are available to the media and public. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the District Plan review process.
3. Only those submitters who indicate they wish to speak at the hearing will be emailed a copy of the planning officers report (please ensure you include an email address on this submission form).

If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- It is frivolous or vexatious
- It discloses no reasonable or relevant case
- It would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further
- It contains offensive language
- It is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

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**Rangiora Service Centre:** 215 High Street, Rangiora

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**Submissions close 5pm, Friday 26 November 2021**

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## My Submission

- (a) I am opposed to one General Rural Zone encompassing all small rural lifestyle living pockets and corridors.
- (b) I support the Rural Lifestyle Zone corridor west of Rangiora through to the east of Cust Reflecting the high density of existing lifestyle living.
- (c) I am opposed to the Rural Lifestyle Zone corridor finishing on the east side of Cust.
- (d) I am opposed to the absence of Rural Lifestyle Zones west of Oxford.

## Rational for Opposition

- (a). The Rural Lifestyle living corridor west of Oxford township along Depot Road between Eyre River bridge and Waimakariri Gorge bridge has a community of high density.
- (b) This corridor has one of the busiest roads in the district with 2700 vehicle movements recorded daily. The Council is the Road Controlling Authority along this corridor and as the RCA is responsible for ensuring the safe and efficient operation of the road network under their authority.
- (c) If a zone change to Rural Lifestyle Zone in the Proposed District Plan was not undertaken any consideration to a speed limit reduction during a review to the speed limit by-laws of 2009 could be difficult.

## Arguments.

1. There is a significant Rural Lifestyle living community embedded in this corridor going west along Depot Road from the west of Eyre River bridge to the Waimakariri Gorge bridge. This corridor realises 214 lifestyle properties alone.

Boffa Miskel in its Rural Character Assessment identified this area as one of the more rapidly growing areas and wrote:

*The more recent and rapidly growing rural residential settlement, taking place on parcels such as...Depot Road between Oxford and the Gorge Bridge, conveys a different pattern of modern homes typically set further back.*

This confirms this corridor is busy. The Council, in allowing significant subdivision along this corridor in the past have a duty to those in this community to support, strengthen their amenity value by considering speed limit adjustments along this corridor in the future therefore a re-zone would be a start point on meeting this obligation.

2. Documented in the Waimakariri District Council WDC-traffic-data-April 20, on the west side of Eyre River bridge the daily average of vehicle movement are 2700 with 80% light vehicles and 14% heavy commercial vehicles. This number is constant along this corridor and data taken from the Selwyn District Council Traffic count April 21 has the same 2700 number entering the Waimakariri Gorge bridge from the west.

There is currently 14% of the total daily vehicle movements heavy commercial vehicles 3.5-4%, 100 per day, are farm machinery. The farm machinery vehicles are regulated to a speed limit of 50km max under certain conditions therefore for a significant period of the day all traffic is slowed to this speed due to farm machinery vehicles being on the road. A speed limit reduction in the future would not see a significant adverse effect on the efficient operation of Depot Road.

In the past 10 years I am aware of 1 fatality crash just over a year ago. 1 car through my paddock and upside down with police attending. 1 ute through my fence on its side police called but too busy to attend and two other instances where vehicles have gone through my fence and the vehicle just drove off. Additionally, a group of horse riders submitting to council that riding along Depot road had become dangerous and Council acknowledging their concern erected a warning sign alerting traffic of horse riders.

Due to the number of Lifestyle living along this corridor there is a large number of road sides kept by regular mowing, equally there are a number who leave them rough. While mowing my front I have had at least one hair raising experience per year, one vehicle passing another while I have been driving the margin on the road side of the swale. Any stone that fell off a vehicle or was flicked up by a vehicle and was to hit a person in the head, at the current speeds the stone would kill them. A reason why speed limits are reduced for road works staff working on verges.

I am of the opinion that it is only time and the ducks will line up and someone mowing their road side will get taken out by a wayward vehicle.

3. As the Waikakariri District Council Speed Limit By-law 2009 is the current bylaw available of the WDC web site I assume there has not been a review completed and a replacement by-law put in place. Can I assume that this will run concurrent with the District Plan Review if so I would ask Council to consider the need to have a safer corridor west of Oxford for the safety of the community embedded there.

What do I want and need from Council?

Rezone a corridor between Eyre River bridge and Waimakariri Gorge bridge 'Rural Lifestyle Zone' under to Proposed District Plan to allow future speed limit adjustments that will enhance the existing rural lifestyle living community already domiciled there.