

SUBMISSION ON VARIATION 1 TO THE PROPOSED WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT PLAN
(Clause 6 First Schedule Resource Management Act 1991)

To: Proposed District Plan Submissions
Waimakariri District Council
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*Submission lodged via email –
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Submission on: Variation 1: Housing Intensification to the Proposed
Waimakariri District Plan

Submission by: MainPower New Zealand Limited

Trade competition statement: MainPower New Zealand Limited could not gain an
advantage in trade competition through this submission

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Introduction

1. These submissions are made by MainPower New Zealand Limited (“MainPower”).
2. MainPower makes submissions in relation to elements of Variation 1 to the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan.
3. MainPower is an active submitter to the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan and this submission to Variation 1 should be read alongside the original submission.

Statement of Interest and Background

4. MainPower own and operate the electricity distribution network in North Canterbury and Kaikoura regions. The network covers an area of some 11,180 square kilometres (covering

Waimakariri, Hurunui and Kaikoura districts) and supplies line services to approximately 40,000 customers.

5. The distribution network is used to convey electricity from the national grid (owned and operated by Transpower New Zealand Limited) property boundaries, from which electricity retailers provide electricity to individual properties. Their distribution assets include:
 - a. 66kV sub-transmission overhead lines and cables
 - b. 33kV sub-transmission overhead lines and cables
 - c. 22kV sub-transmission overhead lines and cables
 - d. 11kV sub-transmission overhead lines and cables
 - e. Substations/transformers/switching stations/kiosks
 - f. Electricity structures (poles/pylons, earth rods and associated buildings)
 - g. Access tracks
6. The electricity distribution network is identified as critical infrastructure, regionally significant infrastructure and is an essential lifeline service. Its significance is recognised in various planning documents, including the Regional Policy Statement (2013).

Submission Summary

7. MainPower's overarching goal through the District Plan process is the development of a District Plan which ensures it can build, operate, maintain and upgrade its critical network infrastructure in a safe, efficient and effective manner. MainPower wishes to assist in the facilitation of the transition to a decarbonized economy, and therefore, it is essential that it is able to build and maintain its network.
8. MainPower's submission is founded on a desire to protect its network and keep the community safe by seeking additions to the proposed Medium Density Residential zone provisions to ensure the proposed corridor protection rules are effective, and provide greater clarity and certainty around the application and interpretation of the proposed provisions. The submission, including the specific relief sought, are included in the table attached as **Appendix One**.

9. As part of MainPower's main submission on the Waimakariri District Plan filed back on 21 November 2021 MainPower outlined its strongly held view that corridor protection rules currently only located in the Energy and Infrastructure chapter ought to be located in the relevant zone chapters, as this will ensure they are accessible, recognisable and will reduce the likelihood of the provisions being missed when development proposals are considered. Therefore, MainPower seeks similar relief by inserting corridor protection rules into the Medium Density Residential zone, or as alternate relief to be clearly cross referenced by rule requirements within the relevant zone chapters.

Relief

10. MainPower seeks the following decision from the Council:
- a. grant the relief as set out above and in Appendix One below; and or
 - b. grant any other consequential or similar relief that is necessary to deal with MainPower's concerns and the issues raised in this submission.

Reason for Submission

11. Variation 1 to the introduces Medium Density Residential Standards to a number of areas including Rangiora where MainPower have Major Electricity Distribution Lines located. This submission is required as a result of the proposed 'up zoning' of existing residential areas.

Hearing

12. MainPower wishes to be heard in support of its submission.
13. If others make a similar submission, MainPower will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Submission signed for and on behalf of MainPower New Zealand Limited



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Appendix One: Submission Table

