

Recommendation of Statutory Management Committee to Council

5 May 2014

WANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Subject: Plan Change 30 – Designations Decision on Submissions

Meeting Date: 18th March 2014

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) requires each part of the District Plan to be reviewed not later than 10 years after the Plan becomes operative. The Plan was made operative on 27 February 2004. In accordance with Section 73(3) of the RMA, Council is presently reviewing the District Plan in Phases. This Plan Change is part of a series of changes proposed in Phase 4.
- 1.2 This report records the public notification and hearing process in relation to Plan Change 30. It records the Statutory Management Committee's recommendations and Council's decisions on submissions.

2.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 2.1 The Committee was convened to hear submissions on 18th March 2014. No submitters wished to be heard. The Committee then closed the meeting at 12 noon, and deliberated on relevant submissions.
- 2.2 The Committee members were: Councillors Hamish McDouall (Chair), Rob Vinsen, Jenny Duncan, Helen Craig, Martin Visser, and Charlie Anderson.
- 2.3 There were no submitters wishing to be heard, although letters of support were received from four Requiring Authorities in place of verbal submissions (Powerco Limited, Chorus, New Zealand Defence Force and Transpower).
- 2.4 Proposed Plan Change 30 was publicly notified in accordance with Clause 5 of the 1st Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 on Thursday 12 September 2013, with the period for submissions closing on Friday 11 October 2013.
- 2.5 A total of 5 submissions, from 3 submitters, were received in relation to Plan Change 30.
- 2.6 The further submission period closed on Friday 29 November 2013. No further submissions were received.

3.0 SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE

- 3.1 Plan Change 30 is the result of a review of the existing Plan's list of designations and the associated Chapter.
- 3.2 The Wanganui District Council undertook a full review of designations, as required under Schedule 1, RMA. In addition the Council took the opportunity to confirm information held by Council in relation to each designation was correct. This would enable the Council to assess designations in the future from a more comprehensive knowledge base.

4.0 RELEVANT STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There are no issues, objectives, policies or rules included in the District Plan relating to designations. This is because requirements for Designations are provided for in the Resource Management Act. A summary of these requirements as they relate to the Wanganui District Council's practices is included in the District Plan as Chapter 12 – Designations. As the result of Submission 2.3 the text of Chapter 12 was altered in order to be in line with the RMA.

5.0 RELEVANT POLICY STATEMENTS AND PLAN PROVISIONS

- 5.1 There are no Regional Policy Statements or Plan provisions to consider as part of this Plan Change.

6.0 SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

- 6.1 Refer to Appendix 1 to this report for a summary of each submission.

7.0 PRINCIPAL ISSUES IN CONTENTION

- 7.1 There were no issues in contention for Plan Change 30.

8.0 SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE HEARD

8.1 Key evidence presented by Submitters:

No submitters wished to be heard. Letters of support from Transpower NZ Ltd, PowerCo Ltd, The New Zealand Defence Force and Chorus were presented at the Hearing .

8.2 Key evidence presented in the Officer's report:

No evidence needed to be presented.

Main findings on Principal Issues:

- 8.3 The Committee considered all proposed new, altered or rolled over designations and accepted the Officers recommendations.

9.0 SECTION 32 REPORT EVALUATION

- 9.1 The new wording at the front of the Designation chapter is advice only, and while it has been modified through the submission process, it is not an objective, policy or rule.

As Plan Change 30 does not propose or introduce any new objectives, policies or rules, this means an assessment of the Plan change is not required against Section 32 of the RMA.

10.0 STATEMENT OF DECISIONS AND REASONS

10.1 Refer to Appendix 1 to this report for the Council's decision and reasons relating to each submission. Refer to Appendices 2 and 3 for the complete version of the Plan change text and maps.

11.0 APPENDICES

- 1: Decisions on Submissions and Reasons for Decisions**
- 2: Marked- Up Version of Plan Change 30 following Decisions on Submissions**
- 3: Planning Maps affected by Decisions on Submissions**

Signature of Chairman

Councillor Hamish McDouall