

Extracts from the Proposed District Plan

Strategic Directions Chapter

Introduction

This chapter provides the overarching objectives to provide high level direction for the District Plan. The matters covered in the strategic directions are addressed in more detail by the district wide and area specific objectives and policies included in other chapters of the District Plan.

The Strategic Directions objectives within this chapter are informed by the WDDS, which is a document that addresses a range of matters related to growth and development. They also give effect to higher order documents as required by the RMA. Objectives and policies in relation to Urban Form and Development are addressed in a separate chapter.

Interpretation and application of this chapter

For the purpose of District Plan development, including plan changes, the strategic objectives in this chapter provide direction for the more detailed provisions contained in the District Plan. For the purpose of District Plan implementation, including the determination of resource consent applications:

- 1. the strategic objectives may provide guidance for related objectives and policies in other chapters; and*
- 2. the relevant objectives and policies of the District Plan, including strategic objectives in this chapter, are to be considered together and no hierarchy exists between them.*

SD-O4 Rural land

Outside of identified residential development areas and the Special Purpose Zone (Kāinga Nohoanga), rural land is managed to ensure that it remains available for productive rural activities by:

- 1. providing for rural production activities, activities that directly support rural production activities and activities reliant on the natural resources of Rural Zones and limit other activities; and*
- 2. ensuring that within rural areas the establishment and operation of rural production activities are not limited by new incompatible sensitive activities.*

Rural Lifestyle Zone Chapter

Objectives

RLZ-O1 Purpose of the Rural Lifestyle Zone

Primary production activities and activities reliant on the natural and physical resources of the rural environment occur while recognising that the predominant character is small

rural sites with a more intensive pattern of land use and buildings than the General Rural Zone.

Policies

RLZ-P1 Character of the Rural Lifestyle Zone

Maintain the character in the Rural Lifestyle Zone which comprises:

- 1. a highly modified landscape strongly influenced by fine grained patterns and processes of human induced activity, including a predominance of small rural lots with a resulting pattern of residential units, buildings, fencing, amenity and domestic planting mixed with smaller scale primary production activities;*
- 2. a dominance of human modified open space and vegetation, including paddocks and trees over buildings; and*
- 3. a zone supporting activities reliant on the natural and physical resources of the Rural Lifestyle Zone.*

RLZ-P2 Activities in the Rural Lifestyle Zone

Retain opportunities for land within the zone to be used for primary production activities while maintaining the predominant character of small rural lots by avoiding new sites being created, or residential units being erected on sites, that are less than 4ha, unless:

- 1. associated with the development of infrastructure which reduces the size of the balance lot or site to below 4ha;*
- 2. associated with the establishment of a bonus residential unit or creation of a bonus allotment;*
- 3. the erection of a residential unit is protected by a legacy provision in this Plan; and*
- 4. is the establishment of a minor residential unit, where the site containing a residential unit is 4ha or greater, or is protected by a legacy provision in this Plan.*