

**BEFORE INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE
WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL**

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA** or
the Act)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Hearing of Submissions and Further
Submissions on the Proposed Waimakariri
District Plan (**PWDP** or **the Proposed Plan**)

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Hearing of Submissions and Further
Submissions on Variations 1 and 2 to the
Proposed Waimakariri District Plan

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Submissions and Further Submissions on the
Proposed Waimakariri District Plan by
Bellgrove Rangiora Limited

**SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE OF FRASER JAMES COLEGRAVE
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICER REPORT
ON BEHALF OF BELLGROVE RANGIORA LIMITED
REGARDING HEARING STREAM 12E**

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INTRODUCTION

- 1 My name is Fraser James Colegrave
- 2 I have prepared a statement of evidence regarding Hearing Stream 12E in support of the submissions of Bellgrove Rangiora Limited (**Bellgrove** or **BRL**). Bellgrove seeks to rezone approximately 63 ha of land north of Kippenberger Avenue located within the North East Rangiora Development Area (**NER DA**), known as Bellgrove North, and approximately 36 ha of Land south of Kippenberger located largely within the South East Rangiora Development Area (**SER DA**), known as Bellgrove South.
- 3 Bellgrove seek to rezone the land from Rural Lifestyle Zone (**RLZ**) to Medium Density Residential Zone (**MRZ**) subject to an Outline Development Plan (**ODP**) through the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan (**PWDP**) and Variation 1 to the PWDP.
- 4 My qualifications and experience are set out in that statement. I confirm that this supplementary statement of evidence is also prepared in accordance with the Environment Court's Code of Conduct.
- 5 On 22 July 2024 the Waimakariri District Council (**Council**) released an Officer Report for Hearing Stream 12E prepared under section 42A of the RMA containing an analysis of submissions seeking residential rezoning and recommendations in response to those submissions (**Officer Report**).
- 6 The Officer Report recommends that the Bellgrove rezoning submission be accepted. I acknowledge and support this so do not comment on the Office Report any further. Instead, this supplementary statement seeks to verify that the Bellgrove rezoning submission will provide significant development capacity, particularly for the purposes of the NPS-UD.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY

- 7 In my primary evidence, I noted the following at paragraphs 79
"In my view, and from both an economic and NPS-UD perspective, the proposal is a significant boost in capacity for the Waimakariri district."
- 8 While I am still firmly of this view, I acknowledge that it would be helpful to objectively clarify or confirm the likely significance of the proposal.

9 To that end, I was fortunate to recently receive data from a Tier 1 City Council in the North Island, which detailed the nature and scale of all residential subdivision consents granted there over the past six or seven years. The data covered 1,666 consents and enabled the creation of nearly 13,000 new residential lots.

10 Of those 1,666 consents:

- (a) The median number of new lots created was only 4;
- (b) Only the top 10% provided 10 lots or more;
- (c) Only the top 3% provided 30 lots or more; and
- (d) Only the top 1% provided 75 lots or more.

11 While these data apply to a different part of New Zealand – which is larger and much more urbanised than the Waimakariri District – I consider them to provide a reliable basis for assessing the likely significance of the proposal.

12 Based on these data, and drawing on my considerable experience with more than 80 residential subdivisions across New Zealand over the past 20 years, I have derived the following rules of thumb for assessing the significance of development proposals under the relevant parts of the NPS-UD:

- (a) 15 to 30 lots represent a significant increase in capacity;
- (b) 30 to 100 lots represent highly significant increases; and
- (c) More than 100 lots represent extremely significant increases.

13 Applying these rules of thumb to the Bellgrove rezoning submission, it follows that it is an extremely significant increase in development capacity for the purposes of the NPS-UD.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to present my evidence.

Fraser Colegrave

2 August 2024