

Submission on Proposed Timaru District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea.

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Timaru District Council - Planning Unit

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Proposed Timaru District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea.

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I wish to be heard: Yes

I am willing to present a joint case: Yes

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- **No**

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

- **No**

Submission points

Point 39.1

Section: GRUZ – General Rural Zone

Sub-section: Rules

Provision:

GRUZ-R14 Use of airstrips and helicopter landing sites

General Rural Activity status: Permitted Zone

Activity status where compliance not achieved: Discretionary

Where:

PER-1

The flights are for emergency purposes such as medical evacuations, search and rescue, firefighting or civil defence; or

PER-2

The use is for primary production including spraying, stock management, fertiliser application or frost protection for:

1. a maximum of seven days within any three month period where the airstrip or helicopter landing site is setback between 500m-1,000m from:
 - a. any Residential zone; and
 - b. the notional boundary of a building containing a noise sensitive activity, not located on the site of the airstrip or helicopter land site; or
2. the airstrip or helicopter landing site is setback greater than 1,000m from:
 - a. any Residential zone; and
 - b. the notional boundary of a building containing a noise sensitive activity, not located on the site of the airstrip or helicopter land site; or

PER-3

Take offs or landings must not exceed 10 per month; and the airstrip or landing site is setback a minimum of 500m from:

1. any Residential zone; and
2. the notional boundary of a building containing a noise sensitive activity not located on the site of the airstrip or helicopter land site.

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

I would like an additional class of operations on private airstrips in the Rural Zone that allow aircraft movements as a permitted activity for

- recreational purposes
- gathering of pilots and aircraft for social reasons (fly-ins, personal transport and personal social visits)
- personal transport for personal business or pleasure

This class of operations should not be limited to a specific number of movements in a timeframe

Adding this permitted activity preserves the existing rights and freedoms that aircraft owners and operators enjoy under current rules and would preserve the character of rural communities.

In the rural zone there would be no adverse effect compared with other normal activities used in farming and associated operations

There is no existing issue with these activities

Relief sought

Allow operations in GRUZ-14 PER-3 to be unlimited movements

OR

Add PER-4 allowing unlimited movements as detailed above for Recreational and Private use