

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: No

I am willing to present a joint case: No

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

- **N/A**

Submission points

Point 64.1

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: Oppose

Submission:

Regarding GRUZ-R14, PER-3

The proposal to limit takeoffs and landings to ten per month would be incredibly restrictive and would excessively limit the use, and the right to use private airstrips for recreation, business, primary production requirements and emergency purposes.

General aviation and the associated privately owned airstrips have a part of this district since aviation began, literally. Imposing restrictions should only be a response to the activity being a significant issue, rather than a blanket approach. Comparing the minimal and short noise impact on takeoff, and virtually nil noise on landing, to other permitted rural, business and recreational activities, it would appear insignificant.

Generally neighbours are not even aware that a takeoff or landing has occurred, or adjoining properties have no issue with the number of movements, so what issue is the plan trying to resolve by limiting the movements as per PER-3?

Most private airstrips have had significant infrastructure additions (hangers, fencing, power) and the associated costs. The proposal in it's current form would limit the viability of many airstrips and provide no avenue to cover these costs.

Private airstrips are a valuable community asset, for emergency purposes, primary production and recreational purposes, as well as the fact that some people use their aircraft as most people would use a car. To limit discretionary use of a rural airstrip would be quite the step in the wrong direction.

Amend PER-3

The District Plan should preserve existing rights of private landholders and aviators by removing the proposed limitations in PER-3.

Relief sought

Amend PER-3

The District Plan should preserve the existing rights of private landowners and the aviation community by removing the proposed limitations in PER-3.

Michelle Reeves

From: Simon Pemberton <simonpemberton757@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 15 December 2022 5:29 pm
To: Megan Geng
Subject: Re: Incomplete Submission on Proposed Timaru District Plan - Simon Pemberton

Hi Megan,
I thought I had answered both of those questions. A rather complicated way of putting a submission in.
I'll answer the questions in this email as I am not sure if I can edit my submission once it's been submitted. If I can ,
could you please explain how to do it.

Question 1, Could I gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

No.

Question 2, Not Applicable due to answer to previous question.

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On 15 Dec 2022, at 17:18, Megan Geng <megan.geng@timdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Simon,

Thank you for submitting on the Proposed District Plan. I noticed the below question is not answered in your submission. Please note they are mandatory and must be answered:

1. Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission? (Yes or No)

2. If you answered Yes to the above question, are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that
 1. Adversely affects the environment; and
 2. Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Please answer the above questions to complete your submission.

Regards



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