

APPLICATION OF SECTION 15 OF THE DISTRICT PLAN FOR HERITAGE AND ECOLOGICAL SITES IN RELATION TO PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 13.

Section 15 and Appendix B of the District Plan relates to Heritage and Ecological sites within the South Waikato District.

Proposed Plan Change 13 to the South Waikato District Plan seeks the removal of the Heritage and Ecological Inventory from the District Plan (Appendix B) to allow for this inventory to be updated without the need for a plan change every time a site is proposed to be added to, amended or deleted from the inventory.

The proposed Plan Change also seeks the removal of the existing rules pertaining to heritage and ecological sites and promotes non-regulatory methods for the protection of heritage and ecological sites in the South Waikato District.

Various aspects of Proposed Plan Change 13 were submitted on and subsequently appealed during the plan change process. The following clarification is supplied to provide guidance on how activities in relation to heritage and ecological sites should currently be addressed.

Proposed Plan Change 13 as relating to heritage and ecological sites (excluding heritage buildings) has gone beyond challenge through the issuing of a Consent Notice (ENV W 0067/04) by the Environment Court.

The **yellow copy of Section 15** in the District Plan reflects the changes to the District Plan as a result of the Proposed Plan Change and the details of the Consent Order. This copy should be used where activities in relation to all heritage and ecological sites are being considered (including heritage buildings).

Proposed Plan Change 13 as relating to heritage buildings is proposed to be addressed by way of Variation 13A to Proposed Plan Change 13, however the planning process for this variation is yet to be completed.

The **blue copy of Section 15** reflects how this section was prior to Proposed Plan Change 13, and should additionally be considered where activities in relation to heritage buildings are being considered.

The **Planning Maps** have been updated to remove all heritage and ecological site symbols, except those symbols relating to heritage buildings.

If further clarification is required in relation to the applicability of Section 15 of the District Plan to any proposal or site, or if you have any questions relating to Proposed Plan Change 15, please contact the Sharon Robinson, Senior Planner at the South Waikato District Council.

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