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Hearings Commissioners
Mackenzie District Council
Greymouth, 7805,
PO Box 66

Ministry of Education – Mackenzie District Plan – Decision by the Minister of Education on all designations

Thank you for your letter outlining the Mackenzie District Council's ('the Council') recommendations on the modifications to designations under clause 9 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 ('RMA'), in relation to the Minister of Education's ('Minister') designations in the Mackenzie District Plan ('DP').

The Ministry understand that Mackenzie District Council publicly notified on 24 July 2025 its decisions with respect to the Mackenzie District Plan (POWDP), which included decisions on Council's designations. At the same time, the Council also publicly notified its recommendations with respect to designations in the Mackenzie District Plan lodged by other requiring authorities and publicly notified the opportunity for these other requiring authorities to serve their decisions on Council's recommendations to the Council.

This includes recommendations in regard to the Minister of Education's designations in the Proposed Mackenzie District Plan, pursuant to Clause 9(1) of the First Schedule of the RMA and in accordance with s171 of the RMA. Particular reference is made to the specific recommendations of the decision report for the rollover of seven (7) designations, as outlined below:

1. MEDU-1 Fairlie School.
2. MEDU-2 Mackenzie College.
3. MEDU-3 Albury School.
4. MEDU-4 Lake Tekapo School.
5. MEDU-5 Twizel Area School.
6. MEDU-6 Cannington School.
7. MEDU-7 Aoraki Mount Cook School.

The Minister of Education accepts MDC recommendations **in full** on designations MEDU-1 to MEDU-7 without modification. The reasons for this decision are outlined as follows:

- The designations have been demonstrated to be reasonably necessary for achieving the objectives of the Minister of Education. The designations will continue to provide education to many communities in the district.

- The designations are consistent with Part 2 of the RMA in that they will promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
- The purpose of the designations, 'Education Purposes', is consistent for Minister of Education designations across New Zealand.



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