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LizM just submitted the survey Submission Form - Plan Change 25: Rural Lifestyle Zone with the responses below.

**Full Name**

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**Phone number**

**Do you believe you could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission?**

No

**Are you directly affected by an effect or the subject matter that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition of the effects of trade competition?**

No

**The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are as follows:**

Rezoning from Rural to rural residential

**I support/oppose these provisions:  
(include whether you support or oppose in full or in part)**

We support in part , and apply for lot 4 DP 81160 to also be included in the rezoning•

**The reason(s) for my submission are:  
(state in summary your reasons, and whether you seek any amendments)**

Allowing and promoting different sizes of subdivision is beneficial to the aesthetic tone of the area. Peri-urban zones enhance the transition from the urban area to the rural area and naturally offering a range of different allotment sizes is socially beneficial, allowing for variety of purpose and diversity of demographic. One size does not fit all.

**I seek the following decision from the Mackenzie District Council: (give precise details)**

To include lot 4 DP 81160 in the rezoning on Nixons Road to large Lot residential , to enable us to build a second dwelling on the lot.

**Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?**

I do

**If others make a similar submission would you be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing?**

I would

**If you have any additional supporting information as part of this submission please attach it here.**

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## Covering letter of explanation to support submission from Peter Alwyn and Elizabeth Joy Mills

25-01-24

Firstly, despite a reasonable level of computer literacy and articulateness, and attempting to remain calm, I have found the submission process to be inequitable, off putting, and wonder is this intentional? I have printed off page after page in order to be able to read and decipher, but hell might freeze over before that happens.

I/we, have also found our attempts to apply for a building consent, to build at 94 Nixons Road, fraught with uncertainty, and peppered with the need to enlist advice from services outside the Mackenzie District Council. Financially this will eventually lead to us having to decide do we continue down this path or do we sell both properties in the Fairlie area and move elsewhere. We (and many in this community who will sadly remain silent or grumble behind closed doors and over the fence) are continually asking the questions: why is it so difficult, why do we feel we have to jump through hoops, who makes these rules and do they have any practical experience. Some council employees have been as helpful as they are able to be, I keep reminding myself "don't shoot the messenger", lots of this comes from 'above', and is central government red tape. But I also ask- do the managers and councillors actually want the district to grow and flourish? We have been good custodians of every property we have owned. Respect for the environment, tree planting, native and exotic, to provide stock shelter and food for insects along with pleasing aesthetics, have always been high on our agenda and will remain so.

We started this journey early last year; see email from Rachel Hickling March 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 to our architect, Jess Paterson. I had contacted the council by phone prior to Jess confirming by email, the density ruling, and was told that yes we could build a second dwelling on lot 4 DP 81160, 94 Nixons Road as the current building is only 54 sq m.

Due to delays at being able to source an acceptable means of waste water disposal, we are now faced with a rule change re density.

6.a.ii.(e) In defined Farm Base Areas in the Mackenzie Basin Subzone (Appendix R), excluding the Ostler Fault Area, no lots created by subdivision shall have a net area less than 4ha, except as provided for by rule 6.a.11.(d) above.

Before meeting with Suzanne Blythe, early December 2023, who was very approachable and helpful, in early October we phoned Ecan, despite being told we would have confirmation of a pre app meeting date in 10 working days, no formal scheduled meeting has been notified. We did however stroll in to the Ecan offices one day, and spoke with Kelly Walker who was considerate but could also offer no solution. So the circle of frustration and discontent continues- without some surety around acquiring a consent to discharge waste water, it is in our opinion, pointless applying for a building consent unless we know of an acceptable method. Money down the drain, excuse the pun.

So yes, we are disgruntled, as it seems that these delays mean that the reviewed plan will be implemented and we will face a new set of restrictions to adversely impact on our wish to build at 94 Nixons Road.