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Designations and Notices of Requirements

Recommendation and Decision Report

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List of submitters addressed in this report:

Submitter Ref	Further Submitter Ref	Submitter Name	Abbreviation
D.01		Mackenzie District Council	MDC
D.02		Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	HNZPT
D.03		Transpower New Zealand	TPR
D.04		New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	NZTA
D.05		Canterbury Regional Council	CRC
D.06		Nova Energy Ltd (Withdrawn)	Nova
D.07		New Zealand Defence Force	NZDF

Abbreviations used in this report:

Abbreviation	Full Text
CNZ	Chorus New Zealand Limited
KL	Kordia Limited
Council	Mackenzie District Council
MDC	Mackenzie District Council
MDP	Mackenzie District Plan
MDEF	Minister of Defence
MEDU	Minister of Education
MPOL	Minister of Police/New Zealand Police
NOR	Notice of Requirement
RMA	Resource Management Act 1991
SPK	Spark New Zealand Trading Limited
TDC	Timaru District Council

1. Purpose of Report

1. Pursuant to section 43(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Mackenzie District Council (MDC) has appointed a combined Hearings Panel of three independent commissioners¹ to hear and make recommendations on the submissions on the Designations Chapter of the Mackenzie District Plan which forms part of the Mackenzie District Plan Review (MDPR).
2. This Recommendation and Decision Report sets out the Hearings Panel's recommendations to the Requiring Authorities and its decisions on the MDC designations and NORs.
3. The Section 42A Report was:
 - Section 42A Report: Designations; Report on Designations Chapter and submissions on Designations and Notices of Requirements; Author: Suzanne Blyth; Date: 24 April 2025.
4. We had two questions of clarification for Ms Blyth which she answered for us
5. The designations to be included in the MDP were set out in Appendix 1 of Ms Blyth's Section 42A Report, including modifications arising from the submissions.
6. Modifications recommended by Ms Blyth that have been adopted by the Hearing Panel are shown in ~~strike~~ and underlining in Appendix 1 of this Recommendation and Decision Report.

2. Hearing and Submitters Heard

7. There were initially seven submissions on the Designations chapter, however Nova Energy Ltd withdrew its submission on the Designations Chapter in its entirety, resulting in there being six submissions in total:

Submitter Ref	Submitter Name
D.01	Mackenzie District Council
D.02	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
D.03	Transpower New Zealand
D.04	New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
D.05	Canterbury Regional Council
D.07	New Zealand Defence Force

8. No further submissions were received.
9. The submissions were mainly from Requiring Authorities seeking minor amendments to the notified designations. HNZPT submitted on Condition 10 and the Advice Note attached to MDC-26 Fairlie Water Treatment Plant.
10. Importantly, no submissions were received from landowners directly affected by the designations, noting that those landowners were directly notified by the MDC when the Designations Chapter was publicly notified.
11. The Hearing for the Designations Chapter PC23 was held in Fairlie and Twizel over the period Tuesday 27 May 2025 to Thursday 29 May 2025. We heard from the following submitters on the Designations chapter:
 - Canterbury Regional Council
 - Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
12. We discuss CRC's evidence in subsequent sections of this Recommendation and Decision Report.
13. For HNZPT Mitzie Bisnar² acknowledged Ms Blyth's assessments and recommendations³ and advised that she accepted them.
14. Evidence from the following submitters was tabled, but the submitters did not attend the Hearing:

¹ Megen McKay, Ros Day-Cleavin and Rob van Voorthuysen.

² HNZPT planner.

³ See paragraphs 146 to 148 of the Section 42A Report.

- NZDF
- Transpower New Zealand
- New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

15. For TPR Rebecca Eng⁴ advised that Transpower agreed with Ms Blyth's recommendations on the Designations chapter that were relevant to Transpower's submissions.

16. For NZTA Jeremy Talbot⁵ advised that NZTA agreed⁶ with Ms Blyth's recommendations that NZTA-1, NZTA2, and NZTA-3 be confirmed and amended as set out in her Section 42A Report.

17. The individuals we heard from or who tabled evidence are listed in Appendix 3.

18. Copies of all the submissions and evidence (either pre-circulated or tabled at the Hearing) are held by the MDC. We record that we considered all submissions, regardless of whether the submitter appeared at the Hearing.

3. Our Approach

19. We have decided to structure this Recommendation and Decision Report in the following manner.

20. Ms Blyth's Section 42A Report addressed the designations and notices of requirement in the following manner:

- General Submissions on the Designation Chapter
- Designations Proposed to be Modified and Without Submission
- Rollover designations with/without modification where Mackenzie District Council is not the Requiring Authority and where there were submissions received
- Mackenzie District Council Designations

21. For the ease of readers of this Recommendation and Decision Report, we have adopted the same approach here and mimic the headings used in the Section 42A Report.

22. The submissions received were summarised in the Section 42A Report. We adopt those summaries, but do not repeat them here for the sake of brevity.

23. Where, having considered the submissions and the submitters' evidence we accept Ms Blyth's recommendations, we state that we adopt her analysis and recommendations as our reasons and recommendations or decisions.

24. We record that we did not disagree with any of Ms Blyth's recommendations.

25. The consequence of our approach is that readers of this Recommendation and Decision Report should also avail themselves of the Section 42A Report listed in paragraph 3 above.

3.1 Statutory Framework

26. We adopt the statutory framework assessment set out in section 3 of the Section 42A Report.

3.2 Out of Scope Submissions

27. There were no out of scope submissions.

⁴ TPR Technical Lead – Environmental Policy

⁵ Principal Planner at Poutiaki Taiao on behalf of NZTA.

⁶ Appendix 1 of his tabled Statement

3.3 Rolled Over Designations

28. We note that in accordance with Clause 9(3) of Schedule 1 of the RMA, the following unmodified and rolled over designations on which no submissions were received have been included in the MDP without further formality:

- MDC-1, MDC-3, MDC-12, MDC-59
- MPOL-2
- TDC-1, TDC-2, TDC-3

4. General Submissions on the Designation Chapter

4.1 Assessment

29. One submission point from CRC was received on the Introduction to the chapter. In her evidence CRC Principal Planner Rachael Tutty advised⁷ that she supported Ms Blyth's recommended amendment to the Introduction text.

30. Having considered CRC's submission, we adopt Ms Blyth's analysis and recommendation as our reason and recommendation.

4.2 Recommendations

- a) That the submission of the CRC (05.01) is accepted; and
- b) The Introduction to the Designations chapter is amended as set out in Appendix 1 of this Report.

5. Designations Proposed to be Modified and Without Submission

5.1 Assessment

31. We adopt Ms Blyth's analysis and recommendations as our reasons and recommendations.

5.2 Recommendations

32. Pursuant to section 171(2)(a) of the RMA we recommend to Chorus New Zealand Ltd that the following designations be confirmed as notified:

- CNZ-1 Takapō / Lake Tekapo Exchange.
- CNZ-2 Mt Rollesby.
- CNZ-3 Albury Exchange.
- CNZ-4 Ashwick Flat Exchange.
- CNZ-5 Fairlie Exchange.
- CNZ-6 Tasman Airport Radio.
- CNZ-7 Twizel Exchange.
- CNZ-8 Takapō / Lake Tekapo Radio Station.

33. Pursuant to section 171(2)(a) of the RMA we recommend to Kordia Ltd that the following designation be confirmed as notified:

- KL-1 Ōtūpaka / Mt Mary Transmission Site

34. Pursuant to section 171(2)(a) of the RMA we recommend to the Minister of Education (previously Ministry of Education) that the following designations be confirmed as notified:

- MEDU-1 Fairlie School.
- MEDU-2 Mackenzie College.

⁷ Paragraph 88.

- MEDU-3 Albury School.
- MEDU-4 Lake Tekapo School.
- MEDU-5 Twizel Area School.
- MEDU-6 Cannington School.
- MEDU-7 Aoraki Mount Cook School.

35. Pursuant to section 171(2)(a) of the RMA we recommend to the Minister of Police / New Zealand Police that the following designations be confirmed as notified:

- MPOL-1 Takapō / Lake Tekapo Police Station.
- MPOL-3 Fairlie Police Station.

36. Pursuant to section 171(2)(a) of the RMA we recommend to Spark New Zealand Trading Limited that the following designations be confirmed as notified:

- SPK-1 Tasman Airport Radio.
- SPK-2 Mt Mary.

6. Rollover designations with/without modification where Mackenzie District Council is not the Requiring Authority and where there were submissions received

6.1 Assessment

37. CRC (05.02) submitted on CRC-1 Soil Conservation Reserve and sought to include Section 1 SO 17373 in the site identifier information.

38. NZDF (07.01) submitted on MDEF-1 Tekapo Military Training Area and Eastern and Western Training Zones and sought to modify the designation boundaries to resolve some mapping discrepancies.

39. NZTA supported the inclusion of the State Highway designations on the planning maps (NZTA (04.01)), but sought modifications to the mapping of NZTA-1 (04.02).

40. TPR submitted in support on all five of the TPR designations (03.01), but sought the legal description for TPR-4 to be modified to Lot 2 DP 341333 (03.02).

41. In her evidence CRC Principal Planner Rachael Tutty advised⁸ that she supported Ms Blyth's recommendation to amend CRC-1 to incorporate Section 1 SO 17373 in the site identifier information in the Designations Chapter.

42. We received a letter from NZDF authored by Rebecca Davis. She advised NZDF has discussed mapping the boundaries of designation MDEF-1 with Mackenzie District Council staff and understands that matters have been resolved.

43. We discussed NZTA and TPR's tabled statement in section 2 of this Recommendation and Decision Report.

44. Having considered the above submissions, we adopt Ms Blyth's analysis and recommendations as our reasons and recommendations.

6.2 Recommendations

45. Pursuant sections 171(2)(a) and s171(2)(b) of the RMA we recommend to the Canterbury Regional Council that CRC-1 be confirmed and:

- a) the site identifier is modified to include Section 1 SO 17373 as set out in Appendix 1 of this Report; and
- b) the submission of the CRC (05.02) is accepted.

46. Pursuant to sections 171(2)(a) and s171(2)(b) of the RMA we recommend to the Minister of Defence that MDEF-1 be confirmed and:

⁸ Paragraph 91.

- a) the mapping of MDEF-1 to match the sites identified in the site identifier for MDEF-1 is modified as set out in Appendix 2 of this Report; and
- b) the submission of NZDF (07.01) is accepted.

47. Pursuant to sections 171(2)(a) and s171(2)(b) of the RMA we recommend to the New Zealand Transport Agency that NZTA-1, NZTA-2 and NZTA-3 be confirmed and:

- a) the mapping of NZTA-1 is modified to reinstate the designation over the two areas that were omitted from the notified map located at Parcel ID 6910959 (Pukaki Spillway) and Parcel ID 7370525 (Lake Tekapo Spillway) as set out in Appendix 2 of this Report;
- b) the mapping of NZTA-1 is modified to reduce the extent of NZTA-1 at Parcel ID 3402902 and Parcel ID 3309272 as set out in Appendix 2 of this Report; and
- c) the submission of NZTA (04.01 and 04.02) is accepted.

48. Pursuant to sections 171(2)(a) and s171(2)(b) of the RMA we recommend to Transpower New Zealand Ltd that TPR-1, TPR-2, TPR-3, TPR-4 and TPR-5 be confirmed and:

- a) text of the legal description for TPR-4 is modified as set out in Appendix 1 of this Report; and
- b) the submission of TPR (03.01 and 03.02) is accepted.

7. Mackenzie District Council Designations

7.1 Assessment

49. We adopt Ms Blyth's analysis and recommendations as our reasons and decisions.

7.2 Decisions

50. Pursuant to sections 168A(4)(a) and 168A(4)(b) of the RMA the following existing designations are confirmed and are included in the MDP as set out in Appendix 1 of this Report:

- MDC-2 Fairlie Cemetery
- MDC-4 Twizel Cemetery
- MDC-5 Albury Closed Landfill
- MDC-6 Fairlie Landfill
- MDC-7 Te Kopi-o-Ōpihi / Burkes Pass Closed Landfill
- MDC-8 Twizel Landfill
- MDC-9 Takapō / Tekapo Wastewater Treatment Plant and Solid Waste Management Centre
- MDC-10 Fairlie Wastewater Treatment Plant
- MDC-11 Te Kopi-o-Ōpihi / Burkes Pass Oxidation Pond
- MDC-13 Twizel Water Supply Plant
- MDC-14 Fairlie Water Supply Intake
- MDC-15 Takapō / Tekapo Water Supply Intake
- MDC-16 Twizel Water Supply Intake 1
- MDC-17 Twizel Water Supply Intake 2
- MDC-18 Twizel Water Supply Intake 3
- MDC-19 Albury Water Supply Intake 1
- MDC-20 Albury Water Supply Intake 2
- MDC-21 Te Kopi-o-Ōpihi / Burkes Pass Water Supply

- MDC-22 Ashwick – Ōpihi Water Supply Intake 1
- MDC-23 Ashwick – Ōpihi Water Supply Intake 2
- MDC-24 School Road Water Supply Intake
- MDC-25 Takapō / Tekapo Water Supply Intake and Protection Area
- MDC-27 Takapō / Tekapo Sewer Pump – Sealy Street
- MDC-28 Takapō / Tekapo Sewer Pump – Domain
- MDC-29 Takapō / Tekapo Sewer Pump – Lakeside
- MDC-30 Takapō / Tekapo Water Pump Station
- MDC-31 Pūkaki Airport

51. Pursuant to sections 168A(4)(a) and 168A(4)(b) of the RMA:

- a) the existing designation MDC-26 Fairlie Water Treatment Plant is confirmed and included in the MDP and Condition 10 of that designation is modified as set out in Appendix 1 of this Report; and
- b) the submission of the HNZPT (02.01) is accepted in part.

52. Pursuant to section 168A(4)(a) of the RMA the following notices of requirement lodged by the MDC are confirmed and the following designations are included in the MDP:

53. MDC-32 Fairlie Recovery Park

54. MDC-33 Takapō / Tekapo Cemetery

55. MDC-34 Water Supply – Albury Reservoir

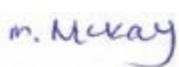
- MDC-35 Water Supply Allandale Water Treatment
- MDC-36 Water Supply Allandale Spur Road – Pump House
- MDC-37 Water Supply Allandale Spur Road – Reservoirs
- MDC-38 Water Supply Te Kopi-o-Ōpihi / Burkes Pass Treatment Plant and Reservoir
- MDC-39 Water Supply Fairlie Break Pressure Tanks
- MDC-40 Water Supply School Road Pump and Reservoir
- MDC-41 Water Supply Nixons Road Pump and Reservoir
- MDC-42 Water Supply Siegerts Pump House
- MDC-43 Water Supply Siegerts Reservoir
- MDC-44 Water Supply Takapō / Tekapo Chlorination
- MDC-45 Water Supply Takapō / Tekapo Lochinvar Pump
- MDC-46 Water Supply Takapō / Tekapo Reservoir
- MDC-47 Twizel The Drive Booster
- MDC-48 Water Supply and Wastewater Pump Station Pūkaki Airport
- MDC-49 Wastewater Pump Station Fairlie Camping Ground
- MDC-50 Wastewater Pump Station Te Waipounamu / South Island Rowing
- MDC-51 Stormwater Treatment and Disposal Station Bay
- MDC-52 Stormwater Treatment and Detention Basin Fairlie Regent Street
- MDC-53 Stormwater Treatment and Disposal Takapō / Tekapo Lakeside
- MDC-54 Stormwater Treatment and Disposal Takapō / Tekapo Domain

- MDC-55 Stormwater Treatment and Disposal Takapō / Tekapo Murray Park
- MDC-56 Stormwater Treatment and Disposal Takapō / Tekapo Lochinvar
- MDC-57 Stormwater Treatment and Disposal Takapō / Tekapo Mistake Drive
- MDC-58 Stormwater Treatment and Disposal Takapō / Tekapo Aorangi Crescent

56. The submission of MDC (01.01) to amend the location of MDC-35 is accepted and the location of MDC-35 on the planning map is modified as set out in Appendix 2 of this Report.



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Appendix 1: Designations Chapter text

Appendix 2: Modified Planning Maps

Appendix 3: Appearances

Sub. Ref	Submitter Name	Name	Role
D.02	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	Mitzie Bisnar	Planner
D.05	Canterbury Regional Council	Rachael Tutty	Planner

Tabled Evidence

	Submitter	Name	Role
D.03	Transpower New Zealand	Rebecca Eng	Policy
D.04	New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	Jeremy Talbot	Planner
D.07	New Zealand Defence Force	Rebecca Davies	Planner