Resource Management Act 1991

# **Mackenzie District Council**

#### **Mackenzie District Plan**

#### Proposed Plan Change 13 – Publicly Notified 19 December 2007

#### RURAL ZONE - MACKENZIE BASIN

#### Background

The Council is aware that the Mackenzie Basin contains values found nowhere else in New Zealand and that retaining those values is important to the long term economy of the region as well as being a responsibility under the Resource Management Act 1991. There has been considerable subdivision and development pressure for the past five or so years, particularly for residential purposes and particularly within the Mackenzie Basin. Currently the District Plan provides little or no control over such development, creating considerable potential for adverse effects of sporadic subdivision to occur.

Subdivision and re-subdivision of Rural zone land along Manuka Terrace between the Ohau Canal and Lake Ohau has created over 120 lots in a short space of time. Due to the liberal provisions within the District Plan this subdivision and development has largely occurred without control over, or coordination of, servicing, including water supply, roading and sewage treatment and disposal. In addition the impacts on landscape values and character of the immediate and wider area have not been able to be managed.

Additionally, in administering the District Plan since it became operative in 2004 the Council has become aware of a number of errors and omissions in the subdivision and transportation rules.

#### Purpose

The primary purpose of this Plan Change is to provide greater protection of the landscape values of the Mackenzie Basin from inappropriate subdivision, development and use. To achieve this, greater acknowledgement of outstanding natural landscapes and features within the District is provided through the objectives, policies and rules, particularly as they apply to the Mackenzie Basin. The landscape assessment of the Mackenzie Basin recently undertaken, which also draws on previous assessments, acknowledges the outstanding natural landscape values of the Basin. It also assesses the characteristics of the landscape that have resulted from its use for pastoral farming including the placement of homestead and farm buildings within that landscape. The assessment concludes that the homestead clusters or nodes of farm buildings are generally well located and fit into the landscape, being relatively inconspicuous due to topography, setback or screening. They are also limited in number within the general landscape areas of the Basin, such that they do not adversely affect the overall character of those areas.

The Plan Change is therefore based on the general principle that residential use and subdivision should follow the current land use patterns of the Basin, namely being limited to either existing towns or existing clusters of building usually associated with homesteads. Provision is also made

for the establishment of new clusters where they meet stringent standards and have the ability to replicate existing clusters or nodes. The Plan Change also addresses the visual impact of irrigation structures and covered feed in the vicinity of roads by proposing guidelines for landowners.

A new rural residential zone is created for the Manuka Terrace area that lies between the Ohau Canal and Lake Ohau. This zone recognises the recent subdivision of land along Manuka Terrace into large residential lots that has occurred under the current liberal provisions of the District Plan and sets a minimum lot size and site density of 4ha. Some provision is made for houses on existing sub-4ha lots. The zone rules contain controls over earthworks, servicing and the external appearance and location of buildings.

The Plan Change also addresses a number of minor matters and errors and omissions in the subdivision and transportation rules including a limitation on the number of lots that can be served by private rights-of -way and the method of calculating reserve contribution credits.

# Changes to the District Plan

The following changes to the District Plan are included in this Plan Change

# MACKENZIE BASIN PROVISIONS

# Section 7 - Rural Issues

• Additional statement in Rural Issue 7 Landscape.

# Section 7 – Rural Objectives

• Split existing Objective 3 Landscape Values into Objective 3A, which focuses on outstanding natural landscapes, and Objective 3B, which deals with general landscape values across the District.

# **Section 7 – Rural Policies**

- New policies to support Objective 3A, which manage growth and development within outstanding natural landscapes and in the Mackenzie Basin in particular. These policies establish the general principle that residential use and subdivision should follow the current land use patterns of the Basin, namely being limited to either existing towns or existing clusters of building usually associated with homesteads. Provision is also made for the establishment of new clusters where they meet stringent standards and have the ability to replicate existing clusters or nodes.
- Revised landscape policies removing the policy relating to lakeside landscapes (Lakeside Protection Areas).
- Provide for large lot subdivision outside nodes as a discretionary activity.
- Create a new Rural Residential Zone over Manuka Terrace, Lake Ohau to manage adverse effects of further subdivision and development.

# **Section 7 - Rural Zone Rules**

- Establishing a new Mackenzie Basin Subzone within the existing Rural Zone.
- Identify existing building nodes and provide for the establishment of new building nodes and extension of existing building nodes as a discretionary activity within the Mackenzie Basin Subzone.

- Generally limit buildings and subdivision to within existing or approved building nodes, with all non-farming buildings within nodes being restricted discretionary activities.
- Provide for remote non-farming buildings outside nodes as a Controlled Activity.
- Encouraging the appropriate location of irrigation structures and wrapped feed in proximity to roads through guidelines for landowners.
- Controlling larger scale earthworks whether or not the earthworks are part of building node development or subdivision.
- Create a new Rural Residential –Manuka Terrace Zone with a maximum building density of one residential unit and minor unit per 4ha, and with control over earthworks, servicing and the external appearance of buildings.

# Section 12 - Subdivision rules

- Provide as a discretionary activity subdivision with a minimum allotment area of 200ha within the Mackenzie Basin Subzone (but with no provision for building within such a lot).
- Add wind as a natural hazard for consideration of Controlled Activity subdivisions.
- Add earthworks as a matter for consideration of Controlled Activity subdivisions.
- Provide for a minimum lot size of 4ha in the Rural Residential Manuka Terrace Zone.
- Require subdivisions within the Rural Residential Manuka Terrace Zone to have a reticulated water supply and connections for electricity and phone.

#### **Planning Maps**

- Amend Twizel Water Supply Protection Zone Area.
- Amend Planning maps to incorporate the Mackenzie Basin Subzone.

# **Miscellaneous Amendments**

- Insert references to Rural Residential zone into Section 9 Hazardous Substances, Section 11 Signs, Section 14 Transportation, and Section 15 Utilities.
- Amend the allotment size provisions to clarify that the boundary adjustment and utility lot standards apply for all zones, not just Residential zones.
- Requiring access to subdivisions of more than 6 lots to be by way of road and not private way or access lot.
- Clarify the requirements for Private Vehicular Access in various zones and for various lengths.
- Amend the calculation method for contributions towards open space and recreation to clarify that the credit for underlying lots is determined by deducting the number of underlying lots from the total number of new lots created.

### PLAN AMENDMENTS

For the purpose of this Proposed Plan Change text to be added is either referred to as added or shown as <u>double underlined</u> and any text shown as <u>strike through</u> is to be deleted.

The Plan Amendments are listed in the following order:

- 1. Section 7 Rural issues Add to Issue 7
- 2. Section 7 Rural Objectives and Policies Amend Objective 3 and supporting policies
- 3. Section 3 Definitions add new definitions
- 4. Section 7 Rural Rules Amend existing rules and add new rules
- 5. Section 7A Rural Residential Manuka Terrace Zone new zone provision
- 6. Section 12 Subdivision, Development and Financial Contributions Rules
- 7. Planning Map Amendments
- 8. Miscellaneous Amendments

# 1. SECTION 7 – RURAL ISSUES

#### 1.1 Add the following to Rural Issue 7 –Landscape Values

Rural lifestyle developments and rural residential development around existing towns if too extensive or in the wrong location have the potential to alter the extensive open character that much of the Mackenzie Basin still offers. Where subdivision and housing occurs, the Basin becomes more strongly an "occupied rural place" as in the lowlands of South Canterbury. This potentially reduces the Basin's unspoiled openness and vastness, which are its main attributes. The breaking up of land through subdivision could result in the loss of the former high country ethos and landscape pattern. It may also result in more intensive use of the remaining farmed areas. This process has the potential to increase with the freeholding of former pastoral lease land, much of it at the lower altitudes and with other pressures for lifestyle housing. Particular landscape values, which could be degraded by inappropriate redevelopment, include visual openness, a sense of naturalness, sense of landform continuity, small well-separated towns and spectacular views such as the iconic tourist highways could also occur. Another issue associated with retaining values of the Basin is the extent to which additional irrigation will "green" the Basin and change land use patterns.

# 2. SECTION 7 – RURAL OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

2.1 Delete Objective 3 – Landscape Values and add the following Objective 3A Outstanding Landscapes and Rural Policies 3A to 3O (note that existing Rural Objective 3 has been replaced by two new Rural Objectives 3A Outstanding Landscapes and 3B Landscape Values and that existing Rural Policies 3B to 3F have been moved and now follow new Objective 3B. These policies have been renumbered Policies 3P to 3T)

#### **Objective 3A – Outstanding Landscapes**

To protect and sustain the outstanding natural landscapes and features of the District for present and future generations.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- Section 6 of the Resource Management Act requires the Council to recognise and provide for the protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes within its District from inappropriate subdivision, use and development as a matter of national importance.
- It is appropriate that development, particularly in the high country and Mackenzie Basin, has an overriding regard to the wider visual and landscape considerations that are important to the well-being of the District, its residents and visitors.

#### Policy 3A – Recognition of Mackenzie Basin

To recognise the Mackenzie Basin as an outstanding natural landscape and through the Mackenzie Basin Subzone within the Rural Zone, to protect the Basin from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- As for Objective 3A
- A distinctive 'Mackenzie Country' character has developed, based on the visual and physical qualities of the Basin, combined with the land use practice and the social pattern of run holders, workers and extensive stations. Despite its modified and managed land surface as a working landscape, virtually the entire Basin remains, in 2007, "outstanding" in terms of landscape values. This is because of the uniqueness, natural and visual qualities of the high-mountain basin environment, lakes, landforms, land use, community and Mackenzie identity. The landscape values of the Mackenzie Basin thus result from cultural factors such as land use, social pattern and identity as well as from natural factors such as the ecology, climate and topography.
- The assessment report acknowledges that not all areas within the Mackenzie Basin are outstanding. However for the purposes of the District Plan objectives and policies relating to outstanding natural landscapes, reference to the Mackenzie Basin is used to refer to those parts of the Basin that are outstanding.
- Sustainable management of natural and physical resources will not be sustained unless the protection of the District's natural resources, including the visual and landscape qualities of these resources can be assured.
- The uniqueness of the Mackenzie Basin, with its natural appearance, extensive and dramatic vistas, and lack of apparent "clutter" is to be protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

#### Policy 3B – Economy, Environment and Community

To encourage a healthy productive economy, environment, and community within, and maintain the identity of, the Mackenzie Country.

- To sustain the valued landscapes of the Mackenzie Basin it is considered necessary to also foster its economic, social and environmental viability. In this way the communities, infrastructure and economic health can be sustained over time providing a situation where continued pastoral use and extensive runs can be maintained and developed. Along with this, it is intended that environmental values of the Basin will also be protected and enhanced.
- It is not considered reasonable or appropriate in achieving the Resource Management Act's purpose to prevent all further development in the Basin or regard the current environment as

a museum piece. Sustainable management requires a balance to be found that provides for the social, economic and cultural well-being of the community, while sustaining natural and physical resources and safeguarding the environment from adverse effects.

#### Policy 3C - Adverse Effects of Sporadic Development

To avoid the adverse effects on the environment of sporadic development and subdivision

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- Subdivision creates separate legal entities each having a bundle of rights and set of landowner expectations about what can be done within each legal entity, e.g. building a house. Subdivision is therefore the first step in a process that can ultimately result in changes to, and adverse effects on landscape, rural character and sustainable resource use. Although individual subdivisions and resulting activities may only have a limited adverse effect on their own if sensitively sited, the incremental and cumulative effect of further subdivisions may be significant. Adverse effects which are of concern within the Mackenzie Basin include:
  - a Cumulative impacts on rural character and in particular the unique character of the Mackenzie Country
  - b Impacts on rural amenity values including a sense of isolation and naturalness
  - c Impacts on rural productivity resulting from incompatibility of rural and non-rural activities
  - d Impacts on native plant and animal biodiversity and ecological patterns
  - e Impacts on landscape values from earthworks, including additional access roads and tracks, structures and built development
  - f Loss of versatility of rural land from fragmentation of existing land holdings
  - g Impacts on water quality from overland runoff with increased hard surface, land modification and earthworks, and sewage treatment and disposal
  - h Impacts on waahi tapu, archaeological sites and historic heritage.

#### Policy 3D – Adverse impacts of Buildings and Earthworks

To avoid adverse impacts on the outstanding natural landscape and features of the Mackenzie Basin, in particular from buildings, domestication, structures, earthworks, tracks and roads.

- Domestication of the Mackenzie Basin landscape can reduce or remove those qualities for which it is valued. These effects include the imposition of buildings, structures, plantings and other patterns associated with development (earthworks, lighting, reflective surfaces etc.) that detract from the open and uncluttered landscape of the Basin.
- If poorly sited, the traditional landscape values of the Basin could be significantly changed and diminished by infilling empty rural areas with random rural lifestyle and other housing and tourism developments.
- Rural lifestyle subdivisions, as found throughout lowland rural areas of New Zealand, and other Southern Lakes districts, have the potential to lessen the sense of extensive wilderness and long views to distant points by dispersing developments over wide areas of the Basin.
- Some structures associated with more intensive farming such as large irrigators or industrial style buildings, when placed in the foreground of views can reduce the scenic values and sense of openness valued within the Basin.
- Poorly sited and constructed tracks and roading can result in scars on the landscape, reducing its value and intactness.

# Policy 3E - Limitations on Residential Subdivision and Housing

To only provide for residential subdivision and housing development within identified urban areas of the Basin (Twizel and Lake Tekapo) and within identified or approved building nodes.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- As for Objective 3A
- It is desirable that the majority of housing and accommodation growth within the Mackenzie Basin occurs within the towns of Twizel and Lake Tekapo to:
  - a Reinforce and enhance these towns as commercial and service centres both for residents and rural residents and as sources of employment
  - b Reinforce and build on the social and community cohesion of these towns
  - c Maintain the character of these towns
  - d Provide support for and utilise existing and planned community, recreational, social and educational facilities.
  - e Achieve efficient utilisation of existing and planned infrastructure services of these towns.
- Traditional occupation of the Mackenzie Basin comprises periodic nodes of shelter and development (shelter trees, home paddocks and yards, farm sheds, houses, seasonal accommodation) within an otherwise vast, open and highly undeveloped landscape. In this pattern, the developed 'nodes' are small points of civilization, far outweighed in area by the natural 'landscape'. Thus the sense of extensive areas of highly natural landscape is maintained in the traditional Mackenzie land use pattern. Retaining much of this traditional pattern is possible by requiring buildings to either be located within existing building nodes or new nodes which to a large extent replicate the existing nodes in terms of placement and character.

# Policy 3F – Landscape Carrying Capacity

To recognise the diversity of physical settings and landscapes within the Mackenzie Basin and the varying capacity of these to absorb built development.

- The Basin has a diversity of conditions with a north to south altitude gradient and a west to east rainfall gradient. To this can be added the topographic and soil variability of outwash, moraine, valley, lake, hillside and high mountain environments and the variability of closeness to or remoteness from the state highways and other roads. Although the term Mackenzie Basin is frequently used (and is used throughout this District Plan) the area being referred to incorporates a number of land forms including the basin proper and areas of moraine valley, upland and range lands and mountains.
- The 2007 report "The Mackenzie Basin Landscape: character and capacity" by Graham Densem which assessed the Mackenzie Basin landscape identifies various landscape character areas and sub-areas and describes their characteristics and values. The report also contains descriptions of the types of landform and areas where nodes are likely to the most suitable and those where they are unsuitable. This is achieved through classification of areas as having high, medium of low vulnerability to absorb development. A threshold number of new nodes is specified for landscape character sub-areas within each of the landscape character areas. Beyond these thresholds, it is considered that the cumulative impact of nodes will adversely impact on the landscape character and values of these sub-areas and the wider landscape.

#### Policy 3G - Approved Building Nodes

New building nodes will only be granted as "approved building nodes" where the Council is satisfied that:

- 1. The buildings and structures and associated roading and boundary developments will be visually inconspicuous, fit into the landscape and not detract from the landscape characteristics and values of the Mackenzie Basin (refer report "The Mackenzie Basin Landscape: character and capacity").
- 2. The built development is to be located within an area of trees, planted or natural, that visually absorbs the buildings from outside view or the location is sufficiently hidden so as to achieve significant screening from outside the node. Development shall be inconspicuous by day and night from public places on land and from waters within a distance of 2 kilometres.
- 3. Nodes are to have a low-key rural character in terms of location, layout, and development, with particular regard to construction style, materials and detailing. No urban forms or detailing should occur.
- 4. The node is located away from main surfaces, ridgelines, and skylines of landforms. (Refer report *"The Mackenzie Basin Landscape: character and capacity"* for descriptions of areas to be avoided in terms of their vulnerability to change).
- 5. The node is adjacent to a change point of the topography, such as a slope, stream course or forest edge.
- 6. The node is located such that it is not significantly visible from roads and areas where there is public access
- 7. The node is located away from the shoreline of any lake such that it will not be conspicuous from the lake or from along the lake margins. Note all buildings are required to be a minimum of 100m from lakes under Rural zone rule 3.1.1.f
- 8. The node is separated from any existing or approved building node by several kilometres, both within properties and between neighbouring properties to retain a sense of isolation.
- 9. The location and use of the nodes will not adversely impact on the functioning of sites of environmental value including all water bodies and Sites of Natural Significance identified in the District Plan.
- 10. The node is not within a Scenic Viewing Area or Site of Natural Significance or above 900metres.
- 11. The location and use of the node, in particular any residential use of the node will not have the potential to create reverse sensitivity impacts on rural activities or activities such as airports, power generation or transmission infrastructure.
- 12. The location and use of the node will not adversely impact on wahi tapu and historic heritage.
- 13. The earthworks, hard surfaces and roads, other than the access road, are located within the node and are minimised, designed, constructed and rehabilitated to avoid adverse visual or environmental impacts.
- 14. All access roads are sited to follow landscape " changes" such as gullies and changes of slope, to avoid crossing landscape " surfaces" and designed to retain a "farm" character.
- 15. The node identifies and provides for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 building platforms in locations that ensure the buildings (if suitably designed and clad) will be inconspicuous.
- 16. The node will not be able to be seen from key views up Lake Tekapo and Lake Pukaki during the daytime and will not be obtrusive when viewed at night.
- 17. The night sky is protected through the management of light spill.
- 18. All planting is of local native plant species and/or non-wilding prone exotic plant species.

- 19. The node does not exceed the threshold for nodes specified for that property or property group in the report *"Mackenzie Basin: Character and Capacity"* 2007.
- 20. The node and its associated level of domestication will not result in an adverse incremental or cumulative impact on the features, landscape values and amenity values and character of the landscape character sub-area in which it is proposed to be located and does not exceed the maximum number of new nodes for the sub-area identified in Map 8 of the report "*The Mackenzie Basin Landscape: character and capacity*" contained in Appendix R of this Plan.
- 21. The establishment of the node and its use avoids, remedies or mitigates any adverse effects of natural hazards.
- 22. The water, sewage treatment and disposal and stormwater services are designed, operated and maintained:
  - Independently of Council services
  - o in a way which mitigates adverse effects on the environment
  - sustainably over time, given the extreme climatic conditions that may be experienced over the life of the development
  - through effective legal arrangements between the respective owners of houses or other facilities within the node.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- As for Objective 3A
- As for Policies 3C, 3D, 3E and 3F

#### Policy 3H – Extensions to Existing Identified Nodes

Extensions to existing identified building nodes will only be granted where the Council is satisfied that all the matters listed above in Policy 3G are satisfied other than items 8 and 13, and that there is no longer sufficient land available within the identified node for the operational requirements of the property.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- As for Objective 3A
- As for Policies 3C, 3D, 3E and 3F

# Policy 31 – Farm and Non-residential Buildings

Farm and other non-residential buildings, other than farm buildings that require a remote location, are required to locate within identified or approved building nodes.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- As for Objective 3A
- As for Policies 3C, 3D, 3E and 3F

#### **Policy 3J – Remote Farm Buildings**

To recognise that some farm buildings are required because of their function to locate away from building nodes and to provide for these buildings subject to location, design and external appearance controls.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

• A limited number of farm buildings are required to be located away from the main homestead areas because they are providing, for example, storage or shelter. It is considered that the anticipated small number of buildings can be appropriately located within the landscape, with Council having power to control the location, and external design and appearance of these buildings.

#### Policy 3K - Lakeside areas

To avoid adverse impacts of buildings, structures and uses on the landscape values and character of the Mackenzie Basin lakes and their margins.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- The Mackenzie Basin contains two of the South Island's significant 'Southern Lakes'; Tekapo and Pukaki. It also contains the smaller Lake Alexandrina in its entirety, parts of Lakes Benmore and Ruataniwha, and parts of the margin of Lake Ohau, although not the lake surface itself. Although modified and in two cases man-made, these lakes variously are jewels of the Basin, and of the most outstanding value. Pukaki and its setting is a tourist icon, both visually and as the approach to Mount Cook/Aoraki and the National Park. Tekapo similarly, without the specific Aoraki connection, but with a high mountain backdrop. Ohau is similar in importance among the Southern Lakes, and its margins within Mackenzie District should be considered in the same terms as those of Tekapo and Pukaki. Lake Alexandrina, while of smaller scale and differing character, is much valued for fishing and also of outstanding value. Lake Benmore, while man made, has a scale and ruggedness also of outstanding value. Although the shoreline of Lake Benmore within Mackenzie District is the gentlest and least rugged of that lake's surrounds, the totality of Lake Benmore dictates that this lake and its surrounds within Mackenzie District should also be considered outstanding. The landscape values of the Mackenzie lakes arise from the naturalness, vastness, glacial colouration, legibility and the pure visual unity of both the lakes and their settings.
- Built development, roads and earthworks in the vicinity of these lakes have the real potential to degrade not only their more local landscape character, but also the wider and more expansive views up, down and across them.

#### Policy 3L - Subdivision

- (a) To provide for subdivision of land for non-residential purposes only where this subdivision does not have the potential to impact on the landscape values and character of the immediate and wider area, and will not diminish the sustainability of existing and likely future productive use of farm holdings.
- (b) To only provide for subdivision for residential purposes within identified or approved building nodes.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

• As for Policy 3C

#### Policy 3M – Manuka Terrace Rural-Residential Zone

To manage the adverse effects of existing and further subdivision and development on Manuka Terrace, Lake Ohau through the Rural Residential –Manuka Terrace Zone.

- The Rural Residential zone for Manuka Terrace specifies how adverse effects of past and future subdivisions such as landscape impacts, servicing issues with water supply and sewage treatment and disposal, and winter shading and severe wind hazard are to be avoided or mitigated by:
  - a Setting a minimum lot size of 4ha,
  - b Setting servicing standards for water supply, sewage treatment and disposal, stormwater, power and telecommunications,
  - c Controlling the design and appearance of subdivisions and housing,

d In addition to recognition of the wind hazard in this District Plan, all Property Information Memoranda and Land information Memoranda for the area will advise of the wind hazard.

#### **Policy 3N – Design and Appearance of Buildings**

To control the design, appearance and location of all buildings within the Mackenzie Basin to avoid or mitigate adverse impacts on the landscape values of the Basin Subzone.

- As for Objective 3A.
- Refer also Policy 3D.
- Even buildings within identified and approved building nodes have the potential to impact on landscape values and character when viewed from afar and in particular from areas able to be accessed by the public and from roads.
- The Council will have regard to the extent to which applications for buildings and associated earthworks, tracks etc met the guidelines in Appendix K of the Plan.

### **Policy 3O – Views from Roads**

To manage landscape change so that the outstanding natural landscape values and features are protected and the screening of distinct views is avoided when viewed from public roads.

#### **Explanations and Reasons**

- As for Objective 3A.
- As for Policies 3A, 3B, 3D, 3K, 3P, 3Q, 3R, and 3S.
- Refer also Policy 3Q Scenic Viewing Areas, which applies within the Rural Zone and Mackenzie Basin Subzone.
- Structures such as large irrigators and storage of polythene-wrapped feed and long lengths of shelter planting aligned along roads can impact on the experience of road users. Given the emphasis on the unique natural character and landscapes of the Mackenzie Basin it is appropriate to encourage sensitive placement of structures, feed etc including setbacks from road frontages, particularly state highways.

#### Implementation Methods for all policies

To control residential subdivision and housing development in rural areas of the Mackenzie Basin through providing for a nodal form of development (based on the current homestead nodes) involving:

- Residential units only provided for within building nodes
- Buildings other than remote farm buildings being non-complying activities outside building nodes
- Minimum lot size of 200ha for subdivision outside of nodes
- Identify existing building nodes in the Plan, recognising that existing homestead areas and associated farm buildings generally fit within the landscape without adversely affecting values and character
- Approval of new building nodes and extensions to existing identified nodes through discretionary resource consent
- New non-farm buildings within existing building nodes and approved building nodes be provided as restricted discretionary activities with Council assessing their visual impact outside the node
- All new buildings requiring consent in relation to their design and appearance.

To encourage placement of various temporary farm structures such as irrigators and wrapped feed back from roads and state highways, through preparation and distribution of guidelines to landowners and managers.

Creation of a Rural-Residential - Manuka Terrace Zone with a minimum lot size and residential density of 4ha.

# 2.2 Add new Rural Objective 3B as follows:

#### **Objective 3B – Landscape Values**

Protection of the natural character of the landscape and margins of lakes, rivers and wetlands and of the natural processes and elements that contribute to the District's overall character and amenity.

#### Reasons

- Refer also to Objective 4, Policy 4B and Implementation, Objective 2, Policy 2A and 2C, and Objective 6
- It is appropriate that development, particularly in the high country and Mackenzie Basin has an overriding regard to the wider visual and landscape considerations which are important to the well-being of the District and its inhabitants.
- To sustainably manage the physical resource of the District, some priority is required to ensure the protection of the landscape and visual amenity and in particular the landscapes which have been identified as outstanding. The high country of the District and the Mackenzie Basin have an impressive array of landscapes
- Assessment of landscapes shall be based on the following characteristics: natural scenic values, aesthetic values, recognised values and takata whenua values. Refer Rural Issue 7 for more detail.
- 2.3 Delete existing Rural Policy 3A Lakeside Landscapes
- 2.4 Renumber Rural Policies 3B to 3F as Rural Policies 3P to 3T to follow and support new Objective 3B. (Refer 2.2 above)

#### 3. SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS

#### **3.1** Add the following definitions:

**Farm building or farm accessory building** means a building the use of which is incidental to the use of the site for a farming activity (refer definition).

**Remote farm accessory building** means a farm accessory building, which because of its function requires a location remote from the principal homestead and farm buildings.

**Homestead** means a residential unit providing the principal permanent residential accommodation for an owner and/or manager of a property.

**Identified Building Node** means an Identified Building Node contained in Appendix S of this District Plan and any extension to the node approved by resource consent under Rural Zone rule 15.1.2.

**Approved Building Node** means a building node approved by resource consent under Rural Zone rule 15.1.1

#### 4. SECTION 7 RURAL ZONE RULES

#### 4.1 Amend Rural Zone Rule 2- Status of Activities statement as follows:

2 District Wide Rules

The following General Provisions containing District Wide Rules apply in the Rural Zone.

•	Hazardous Substances	Section 9
•	Heritage Protection	Section 10
•	Signs and Outdoor Lighting	Section 11
•	Subdivision, Development and Financial Contributions	Section 12
•	Temporary Activities and Buildings and Environmental Noise	eSection 13
•	Transportation	Section 14
•	Utilities	Section 15

# **STATUS OF ACTIVITIES**

#### All rules in the Rural Zone shall apply to the Mackenzie Basin Subzone unless otherwise stated.

The following Clauses 3 to <u>14\_16</u> specify the status of activities under the District Plan i.e. Permitted, Controlled, Restricted Discretionary, Discretionary and Non-Complying Activities, for the following activities:

- 3 Buildings
- 4 Earthworks and Tracking
- 5 Factory Farming
- 6 Forestry
- 7 Recreational Activities
- 8 Visitor Accommodation
- 9 Retail Sales
- 10 Mining Activities
- 12 Vegetation Clearance
- 13 Scheduled Activities
- 14 Aviation Activities
- 15 Building Nodes Mackenzie Basin Subzone
- <u>16</u> Other Activities (Including farming, but not factory farming).

Any activity which is not provided for in these Rural Zone rules as either a Permitted, Controlled, Restricted Discretionary, Discretionary or Non-Complying Activity shall be a Discretionary Activity.

# 4.2 Amend Rural Zone Rule 3.1 Permitted Activities – Buildings 3.1.1 as follows:

#### 3.1 **Permitted Activities - Buildings**

3.1.1 Any Building <u>outside the Mackenzie Basin Subzone</u> which is not specified as a Controlled Activity, Discretionary Activity or Non-Complying Activity and which complies with all the following standards:

# 4.3 Delete Rural Zone Rule Permitted Activities – Buildings Standard 3.1.1.i Lakeside Protection Areas as follows:

# 3.1.1.iLakeside Protection Area

No building or extensions to buildings, other than stock fencing, shall be erected in Lakeside Protection Areas identified on the Planning Maps (refer Discretionary Activities Rule 3.3.1).

# 4.4 Renumber all the Permitted Activity – Buildings Standards from 3.1.1j-n to 3.1.1i-m

#### 4.5 Add the following Activity to 3.1 Permitted Activity - Buildings

3.1.2 Any farm accessory building within the Mackenzie Basin Subzone which is located within an Identified Building Node or Approved Building Node which complies with all the following standards:

#### 3.1.2.a Height of Buildings

Maximum height shall be 15m

#### 3.1.2.b Setback

- <u>i</u> Minimum setback of buildings from the inner boundary of the perimeter planting of building nodes shall be 20m
- ii Minimum setback of buildings from state highways shall be 50m
- iii Minimum setback of buildings from other roads shall be 20m

#### 3.1.2.c **Reflectivity**

The maximum reflectivity index of the exterior of any buildings shall be 40%

#### 3.1.2.d Building Separation

Farm buildings shall be a minimum of 100m from any non-farm buildings other than homesteads.

#### 3.1.2.e Riparian Areas

Refer Rule 3.1.1f

#### 3.1.2.f Flight Protection Areas

Refer Rule 3.1.1n

#### 4.6 Amend 3.2.1 Controlled Activities – Buildings as follows:

#### 3.2 **Controlled Activities - Buildings**

3.2.1 <u>Relocated Bbuildings</u>, other than accessory buildings, used for residential purposes within the Rural Zone (excluding the Mackenzie Basin Subzone):

#### Standards and Terms for Relocated Buildings

- i All the standards in 3.1.1 above shall be complied with.
- ii The Council may require a bond from the consent holder in respect of the performance of one or more conditions of any consent granted, including any conditions relating to the alteration or removal of structures on the expiry of the consent.

#### Matters Subject to Council's Control

• External appearance of the relocated building.

#### **Non-Notified Application**

Any application under clause 3.2.1 will not require the written approval of other persons and shall be non-notified.

#### 4.7 Add the following Activity to 3.2 Controlled Activities – Buildings

#### 3.2.2 Remote Farm Accessory Buildings in the Mackenzie Basin Subzone

#### **Standards and Terms**

- i <u>Height Maximum height of 15m</u>
- ii <u>Minimum setback of buildings from state highways shall be 50m</u>
- iii Minimum setback of buildings from other roads shall be 20m
- iv Minimum setback from internal boundaries shall be 20m
- v <u>Sites of Natural Significance Refer Rule 3.1.1.e</u>
- vi <u>Riparian Areas Refer Rule 3.1.1f</u>
- vii <u>Flood Mitigation Refer Rule 3.1.1</u>i

#### Matters Subject to Council's Control

• External appearance and location within the landscape

#### 4.8 Add the following new rule after 3.2 Controlled Activities:

#### 3.3. Restricted Discretionary Activities – Buildings

3.3.1 Non-farm buildings within Identified Building Nodes or Approved Building Nodes within the Mackenzie Basin Subzone which comply with the following standards:

#### 3.3.1.a Height of Buildings

Maximum height shall be 8m

#### 3.3.1.b Setback

- i <u>Minimum setback of buildings from the inner boundary of perimeter planting</u> of building nodes shall be 20m
- ii <u>Minimum setback of buildings from state highways shall be 50m</u>
- iii Minimum setback of buildings from other roads shall be 20m

#### <u>3.3.1.c</u> **Reflectivity**

The maximum reflectivity index of the exterior of any buildings shall be 40%

#### 3.3.1.d Building Separation

- i <u>Non-farm buildings shall be a minimum of 100m from any farm buildings</u> other than homesteads.
- ii Non-farm buildings shall be a minimum of 20m from any other non-farm building

#### <u>3.3.1.e</u> Number of non-farm buildings

<u>The maximum number of non-farm buildings (excluding accessory buildings) within</u> <u>any building node shall be 10</u>

#### 3.3.1.f Building Size

The maximum footprint (ground floor area) of any single non-farm building and associated accessory buildings shall be 400m<sup>2</sup>. This limitation does not apply to homesteads.

#### 3.3.1.g Riparian Areas

Refer Rule 3.1.1f

#### 3.3.1.h Flight Protection Areas

Refer Rule 3.1.1n

#### Matters Subject to Council's Discretion

- External design and appearance of buildings
- Visual impact of area attached to building (curtilage)
- Visual impact of associated earthworks, hard surfacing and access
- Landscaping and planting
- 3.3.2 Any Building that does not comply with any one or more of the following standards for Permitted Activity Buildings:
  - 3.1.1.a Height of Buildings
  - 3.1.1.b Setback from Roads
  - 3.1.1.c Setback from Neighbours
  - 3.1.1.d Access
  - 3.1.1.e Sites of Natural Significance, Scenic Viewing and High Altitude Areas
  - 3.1.1.f Riparian Areas
  - 3.1.1.g Ruataniwha Rowing Area
  - 3.1.1.h Airport Noise
  - 3.1.1.i Lakeside Protection Area
  - 3.1.1.j Flood Mitigation Floor Height/Location
  - 3.1.1.n Flight Protection Areas

In considering any such building the consent authority shall restrict the exercise of its discretion to those matters of non-compliance.

# 4.9 Delete 3.3.1 Discretionary Activities – Buildings, buildings in Lakeside Protection Areas as follows:

- 3.3<u>4</u> Discretionary Activities Buildings
- 3.3.1 Buildings or extensions and additions to buildings within the Lakeside Protection Area identified on the Planning Maps.

# 4.10 Renumber rule 3.3 Discretionary Activities - Buildings as 3.4 and add the following Activities to Rule 3.4

- <u>3.4.1 Within the Mackenzie Basin Subzone the following buildings shall be Discretionary</u> <u>Activities:</u>
  - a Farm accessory buildings within Identified Building Nodes or Approved Building Nodes which do not meet any of the standards in 3.1.2
  - b Non-farm buildings within Identified Building Nodes or Approved Building Nodes which do not meet any of the standards in 3.3.1
  - c Remote farm accessory buildings which do not meet the standards in 3.2.2
- 3.3.4 Any Building which does not comply with any one or more of the following standards for Permitted Activity Buildings:

<u> </u>	Height of Buildings
<u> </u>	<u>Setback from Roads</u>
<u></u>	<u>Setback from Neighbours</u>
<u> </u>	- Access
<u> </u>	Sites of Natural Significance, Scenic Viewing and High Altitude Areas
<u> </u>	- Riparian Areas
<u> </u>	Ruataniwha Rowing Area
<u> </u>	- Airport Noise
<u> </u>	Lakeside Protection Area
<u> </u>	Flood Mitigation Floor Height/Location
<u> 3.1.1.n</u>	-Flight Protection Areas

In considering any such Discretionary Activity the consent authority shall restrict the exercise of its discretion to those matters of non-compliance.

# 4.11 Renumber rule 3.4 Non-Complying Activities - Buildings as 3.5 and add the following Activities to Rule 3.5

- <u>3.5.5</u> Non-farm buildings in the Mackenzie Basin Subzone not within an Identified Building Node or Approved Building Node
- 3.5.6 Any farm accessory building in the Mackenzie Basin Subzone which is not a remote farm accessory building and which is not within an Identified Building Node or Approved Building Node

# 4.12 Add the following activity to 4.2 Controlled Activities – Earthworks and Tracking:

- 4.2.2 Other than in the areas listed below, any earthworks (both excavation and fill) greater than <u>300m<sup>3</sup> and less than 1000m<sup>3</sup> per site or bare soil exposed greater than 1000m<sup>2</sup> and less than 2500m<sup>2</sup> per site, will be a controlled activity:</u>
  - areas containing Geopreservation Sites identified on the Planning Maps and listed in Appendix I;
  - Sites of Natural Significance identified on the Planning Maps and listed in Appendix I;
  - areas above 900m in altitude;
  - areas within 10m of a river;
  - areas within 50m of a wetland or lake.

This rule shall not apply to earthworks:

- Approved as part as part of a subdivision or building node where that subdivision has a resource consent
- For routine repair of operational tracks
- Levelling of fence lines to a maximum depth of 200mm
- For utility services
- Approved as part of a resource consent for a building
- Approved as part of resource consent for a farming building except where the earthworks are for access

#### Matters Subject to Council's Control

- Siting, slope and camber of the track;
- Manner of forming the track;
- Terrain disturbance including vegetation clearance, volumes and materials to be removed;
- Rehabilitation of disturbed ground
- Visual impact of stockpiles.

### 4.12 Add new rural activity 15 BUILDING NODES as follows:

# 15 BUILDING NODES

#### 15.1 Discretionary Activities

- <u>15.1.1 An Approved Building Node shall be established by way of a Discretionary Activity</u> <u>application subject to compliance with the following standards:</u>
  - Except for nodes that are to be occupied by a homestead, all Approved Building Nodes shall identify at least five but no more than 10 building platforms within the proposed Node
    - All nodes shall have substantial perimeter planting unless they are sufficiently hidden so as to achieve significant screening from outside the node

<u>All applications for an Approved Building Node shall be accompanied by detailed information and assessment of all the requirements for these nodes contained in Rural Policy 3G.</u>

- <u>15.1.2</u> An extension to an Identified Building Node shall be established by way of a Discretionary Activity application subject to compliance with the following standard:
  - All extensions shall have substantial perimeter planting unless they are sufficiently hidden so as to achieve significant screening from outside the node
  - The totals area of the Identified Building Node shall not be extended by more than <u>10%.</u>

<u>All applications for an extension of an Identified Building Node shall be accompanied by detailed information and assessment of all the requirements for these nodes contained in Rural Policy 3H.</u>

#### 15.2 Non-Complying Activities

<u>15.2.1 Any Approved Building Node or extension to an Identified Building Node which does not</u> <u>meet the standards in 15.1.1 and 15.1.2 respectively, shall be a Non-Complying Activity.</u>

# 4.13 Renumber rules/clauses, references to rules/clauses and any other consequential changes required as a result of amendments to the Rural Zone Rules

### 5 SECTION 7A – RURAL-RESIDENTIAL ZONE

5.1 Add the following Rural Residential Manuka Terrace Zone rule after the Rural Zone Rules in Section 7:

# **RURAL RESIDENTIAL - MANUKA TERRACE ZONE**

# 1 ZONE STATEMENT

The Rural Residential Zone at Manuka Terrace near Lake Ohau provides an alternative lowdensity living environment within the District's rural areas.

The Manuka Terrace Rural Residential Zone recognises the recent subdivision of land into residential sized lots, and provides for the maintenance of the scale of subdivision to provide lower density living environments that are semi-rural in nature. The minimum lot size set for the zone protects its viability in respect of the balance between providing services and maintaining amenity and the outstanding landscape values of the area. The area is close to the Ben Ohau Range and is subject to strong winds.

# 2. DISTRICT WIDE RULES

The following General Provisions containing District Wide Rules apply in the:

•	Hazardous Substances	Section 9
•	Heritage Protection	Section 10
•	Signs and Outdoor Lighting	Section 11
•	Subdivision, Development and Financial Contributions	Section 12
•	Temporary Activities and Buildings and Environmental Noise	Section 13
•	Transportation	Section 14
•	Utilities	Section 15

# **STATUS OF ACTIVITIES**

# 3. **PERMITTED ACTIVITIES**

The following shall be Permitted Activities provided they comply with the Site Standards in, and are not otherwise listed as Controlled, Discretionary, Non-complying or Prohibited Activities.

#### 3.1 **Residential Activities**

**3.2.** Buildings –for or directly associated with farming activity.

- **3.3.** Amenity Tree Planting –. Planting of those species listed in Rule 8.1 shall be a Prohibited Activity
- **3.3.** Visitor Accommodation providing accommodation for a maximum of six guests on site at any one time.
- **3.4. Home Occupations** home occupations, other than those that involve noxious activities that comply with the site and zone standards.
- 3.5. Farming activities

# 4. CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES

- 4.1. **Buildings** Buildings for any purpose other than farming purposes. Control is reserved in respect of bulk and location including location to avoid natural hazard risk, access, earthworks, external appearance and condition and ability to withstand strong winds. All site standards must be complied with.
- 4.2. **Earthworks** Any earthworks (excavation and filling) greater than 300m<sup>3</sup> and less than 1000m<sup>3</sup> per site or bare soil exposed greater than 1000m<sup>2</sup> and less than 2500m<sup>2</sup> per site is a Controlled Activity.

This rule shall not apply to earthworks:

- Approved as part as part of a subdivision or building node where that subdivision has a resource consent
- For routine repair of operational tracks
- Levelling of fence lines to a maximum depth of 200mm
- For utility services
- Approved as part of a resource consent for a building
- Approved as part of resource consent of a farming building except where the earthworks are for access

#### Matters Subject to Council's Control

- Siting, slope and camber of the track;
- Manner of forming the track;
- Terrain disturbance including vegetation clearance, volumes and materials to be removed;
- Rehabilitation of disturbed ground.

# 5. **RESTRICTED DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES**

5.1. Any Permitted Activity or Controlled Activity that does not comply with the Site Standards in 9 shall be a Discretionary Activity, with Council's discretion limited to the matters of non-compliance.

# 6. DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES

- **6.1. Retail Sales** All retail sales.
- **6.2.** Visitor Accommodation providing accommodation for more than six guests on site at any one time.
- **6.3. Commercial Activities** commercial activities other than complying visitor accommodation activities and complying farm activities
- **6.4.** Any activity which is not listed as a Permitted, Controlled, Restricted Discretionary, non-Complying or Prohibited Activity

# 7. NON-COMPLYING ACTIVITIES

- 7.1 Forestry Activities
- 7.2. Mining Activities
- 7.3. Industrial Activities
- **7.4.** Noxious Activities no activity shall involve the following:
  - Panel beating, spray painting, motor vehicle repairs or vehicle dismantling, fibre glassing, sheet metal work, bottle or scrap storage, rubbish collection or a recycling service, motor or marine body building, meat processing or require an Offensive Trade Licence under the Health Act 1956 or its amendments.

# 8. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- 8.1. **Amenity Tree Planting** It is a Prohibited Activity for which no resource consent will be granted to plant the following species:
  - Pinus contorta (Lodgepole)
  - Pinus Nigra (Corsican Pine)
  - Pinus muriata
  - Pinus Sylvistris

# 9. SITE STANDARDS

9.1 **Residential Density** – no more than one residential unit and one minor unit per site provided the minor unit can comply, in its own right with setback, height and parking requirements for a residential unit.

The minimum site area for each residential unit and minor unit shall be:

- i 2ha for lots created prior to 30 November 2007
- ii 4ha for all other lots
- 9.2 **Building Setbacks** Minimum setback from road and internal boundaries of 20m.

- 9.3 **Building and Hard Surface Coverage** the maximum coverage of all buildings and hard surfaces on each separate title shall not exceed 700m2. For the purposes of this rule hard surface shall not include any access whose formation and surfacing is permeable.
- 9.4 **Building Height -** The maximum height of any building shall not exceed 8m above existing ground level.
- 9.5 **Noise** All activities shall be conducted to comply with the following standards as measured at any point within the boundary of any other site:

Daytime	0700 – 2000 hours	50 dBA L10
Night-time	2000 – 0700 hours	40 dBA L <sub>10</sub>
At all times		70 dBA L <sub>max</sub>

Noise levels shall be measured and assessed in accordance with NZS6801:1991 and NZS 6802:1991 or their successors.

#### 9.6 **Nature and Scale of Home Occupations**

- i No more than one full-time equivalent person who permanently resides elsewhere than on the site may be employed in undertaking an activity on the site.
- ii All manufacturing, altering, repairing, dismantling or processing of any materials, goods or articles associated with an activity shall be carried out within a building.
- iii Hours of Operation the maximum total number of hours the site shall be open to visitors, clients or deliveries shall be 50 hours per week. All activities associated with the home occupation or non-residential use of the site shall be restricted to within the following hours:
  - 0700 2000 Monday to Friday; and
  - 0800 2000 Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays
  - except: where the activity is carried out entirely within a building; and where each person involved in the activity resides permanently on the site.
- 9.7 **Aircraft** No activity shall involve the take-off or landing of aircraft, other than for emergency services landing and rescues, or civil defence purposes.

# **10.** Assessment Matters

In considering whether or not to grant consent or impose conditions the Council shall have regard to, but not be limited by, the appropriate assessment matters in the Rural Zone or Residential Zone rules.

# 6. <u>SECTION 12 – SUBDIVISION, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL</u> <u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u>

# 6.1 Amend Rule 1e of Rule 1 General Provisions Applicable to all Subdivision and Development Activities as follows:

- 1.e Any reference to Residential Zones in these Subdivision Rules shall be a reference to the Residential 1, Residential 2 Zone, and Pukaki Village Zone.
  - Any reference to Business Zones in these Subdivision Rules shall be a reference to the Village Centre, Service, Industrial, Tourist, Tourist G, and Travellers Accommodation Zone.
  - <u>Unless otherwise stated A any</u> reference to Rural Zones in these Subdivision Rules shall be a reference to the Rural Zone, the Mackenzie Basin Subzone, any Rural <u>Residential Zone</u> and the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park.
  - Any reference to Special Purpose Zones in these Subdivision Rules shall be a reference to the Opuha Dam, Recreation A, Recreation P, Open Space H, Open Space G and Airport Zones.

# 6.2 Amend the first clause in Rule 3 Controlled Activities –Subdivision, add wind as a Natural hazard and add Earthworks as a new matter in respect of which subdivision is a Controlled activity, as follows:

# 3 **Controlled Activities - Subdivision**

Any subdivision <u>outside the Mackenzie Basin Subzone</u> which complies with all Primary and Secondary Subdivision Standards shall be a **Controlled Activity** in respect of the following matters:

# Natural and Other Hazards

- Provision of works, the location and type of services, building location, and location and quantity of filling and earthworks that could be affected by the following natural hazards or which could affect the impact of those natural hazards on the site or other land in the vicinity.
- Erosion
- Flooding and Inundation
- Landslip
- Rockfall
- Alluvion (affect of river wash)
- Avulsion (removal of land by flooding)
- Unconsolidated Fill
- Wind
- Soil Contamination
- Subsidence

# **Earthworks**

- The volume and area of earthworks
- The methods of excavation and filling
- The size and location of stockpiles
- Avoidance or mitigation of impacts on waterways, ecological and landscape values, heritage, cultural and archaeological values and neighbouring properties
- Methods of controlling stormwater runoff and erosion
- Rehabilitation of disturbed areas

# 6.3 Add the following new RESTRICTED DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES rule after rule 4 Controlled Activities as follows:

# 4A Restricted Discretionary Activities - Subdivision in Mackenzie Basin Subzone

- 4A.a Any subdivision, of or within
  - an Identified Building Node,
  - an approved extension to an Identified Building Node; or
  - an Approved Building Node

shall be a **Restricted Discretionary Activity** with the Council's discretion limited to the following matters:

- All the matters listed in rule 3 above
- The matters referred to in Rural Objective 3A and Policies 3A to 3T relating to the <u>Mackenzie Basin Subzone</u>

# 6.4 Amend Restricted Discretionary Activities– Subdivisions Rule 4a and add new rule 4e as follows:

- 4a Any subdivision <u>outside the Mackenzie Basin</u> which complies with all the Primary Subdivision Standards but does not comply with any one or more Secondary Subdivision Standards shall be a **Discretionary Activity**, in respect of the applicable matter.
- 4.e <u>Any subdivision in the Mackenzie Basin Subzone outside an Identified Building Node or</u> <u>Approved Building Node which creates new allotments with a minimum areas of 200ha.</u>

# 6.5 Amend Non-Complying Discretionary Activities– Subdivisions Rule 5a and add new rule 5b as follows:

# 5. Non-Complying Activities – Subdivision

- 5.a Any subdivision <u>outside the Mackenzie Basin Subzone</u> which does not comply with one or more Primary Subdivision Standards shall be a **Non-complying Activity.**
- 5.b Any subdivision within the Mackenzie Basin Subzone which is not listed as a Permitted, Controlled, Restricted Discretionary or Discretionary Activity.

#### 6.6 Amend Primary Subdivision Standards 6.a Allotment Size, 6.a.ii Unsewered Areas, 6b Water Supply and 6d Energy Supply and Telephone Systems as follows:

# 6 Primary Subdivision Standards

- 6.a Allotment Size Residential Zones
- 6.a.ii Unsewered Areas

- In Residential 1 Zones where public reticulation is not available, no allotments created by subdivision (including balance titles) shall have a net area less than 1500m<sup>2</sup>.
- <u>In Rural-Residential–Manuka Terrace Zone no lots created by subdivision (including balance titles) shall have a net area less than 4ha.</u>

#### 6.b Water Supply

All new allotments in the Residential, <u>Rural Residential</u> and Business Zones other than allotments for access, roads, utilities and reserves, shall be provided with a connection to a Council reticulated water supply laid to the boundary of the net area of the allotment, except where:

- 6.b.i there is no Council reticulation network and/or
- 6.b.ii there is no water available from a water scheme to supply the new allotments.

#### 6.d Energy Supply and Telephone Systems

All new allotments in the Residential, <u>Rural Residential</u> and Business Zones, other than allotments for access, roads, utilities and reserves, shall be provided with connections to electric supply and telephone systems to the boundary of the net area of the allotment. Refer to Part 15 Utilities Rules for standards relating to lines.

# 6.7 Renumber rules/clauses, references to these and any other consequential changes required as a result of amendments to the Subdivision and Development Rules

# 7. PLANNING MAP / APPENDIX AMENDMENTS

- 7.1 Insert Attachment 1 MACKENZIE BASIN SUBZONE into the Planning Maps.
- 7.2 Amend Planning Maps 51 and 33 by replacing the Twizel Water Supply Protection Zone area with the area identified Attachment 2.
- 7.3 Insert Attachment 3 as Appendix R *Capacity for New Nodes*
- 7.4 Insert Attachment 4 as Appendix S *Identified Building Nodes*
- 7.5 Amend Planning Maps 32, 33 and 37 by rezoning the area identified in Attachment 5 from Rural to "Rural-Residential Manuka Terrace Zone"

#### 8. MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

8.1 Amend Section 9 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES Table 1 as follows:

# Table 1: Quantity Limits For Hazardous Substances Identified In Schedule 1

Residential, <u>Rural Residential</u>, Recreation A & P, Open Space H & G, And Pukaki Village Zones

#### 8.2 Amend Section 11 SIGNS Rule7 as follows:

#### 7 Signs In Rural Zones, <u>Rural Residential Zones</u> and Opuha Dam Zone

In addition to signs permitted in Rule 2, signs in Rural zones, <u>Rural Residential zones</u> and the Opuha Dam Zone, other than those listed in Rule 14 below shall be **Permitted Activities**, provided they comply with all of the following standards:

# 8.3 Amend Section 12 SUBDIVISION, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS clauses 6.a.iii and 6.a.v as follows:

#### 6.a.iii Boundary Adjustments

Notwithstanding 6.a.<u>ii</u> and 6.a.<u>ii</u> above, where there are two separately saleable existing allotments, which have separate Certificates of Title, any adjustment of the boundaries shall be such that the resultant allotments are not less than the smallest that existed before the subdivision. In Residential <u>and Rural Residential</u> zones that allotments shall be contiguous or separated by a road.

#### 6.a.v Access, Utilities, Roads and Reserves

# 8.4 Amend Section 12 SUBDIVISION, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS Secondary Subdivision Standards clause 7.b Property Access by amending the Table 7.b.i and adding a new clause 7.b.x as follows:

Type of Road	Road Width(m) Min/max	Carriageway Width (m) Min/Max	Kerb & Channel	Footpath(s)
Rural Zone <u>and Rural</u> <u>Residential</u> Roads	15/20	6.2/6.5	-	-

<u>7.b.x</u> Access to allotments with the potential to accommodate more than 6 residential units shall be provided by way of a public road and not by private way or access lot.

# 8.5 Amend Section 12 SUBDIVISION, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS Secondary Subdivision Standards clauses 7.d Provision for Land for Open Space and Recreation as follows:

#### 7.d Provision of Land for Open Space and Recreation

#### **Rate of Contribution - Residential Purposes**

Where any subdivision creates separately saleable, additional allotments for residential or visitor accommodation purposes in Residential zones, Business zones, Special Purpose zones, <u>Rural Residential Zone</u> or the Rural zone, other than in the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park, a cash contribution shall be made to the Council towards the provision of land for open space in the locality, land for recreational facilities and maintenance of recreational facilities and open space <u>calculated as follows: based on the following rates:</u>

<u>5% x (a-b) x c</u>

#### Where:

 $\underline{a}$  = the number of allotments authorised by the subdivision consent and includes

- i Vacant allotments, including vacant parts of allotments for cross-leases and unit titles; and
- ii Allotments created after the erection of a household unit, or where the subdivision and building consent for the household unit are issued in conjunction with one another:

<u>b</u> = number of allotments in the land prior to the subdivision (which were held in separate Certificates of title or for which Certificates of title could be issued without consent of the Council) that when created (either pursuant to a resource consent or previous legislation) complied with the minimum subdivision standards for their respective zones or standards contained in the Plan

c = the average per allotment market value (\$) of all allotment's in the subdivision, determined at the date on which the subdivision is granted, as if the allotments had been subdivided in accordance with the subdivision consent. The value of land for the purposes of determining the average cash value of allotments shall reflect the value of the lots in the completed development

In the Rural Zone <u>and Rural Residential Zone</u> 5% of the average value of  $1500m^2$  of each lot assessed as a site for a residential unit.

In all other zones 5% of the average cash value of the allotments in the subdivision, excluding the area of allotments for roads, utilities, reserves, access and similar purposes.

All contributions shall be to the Council in cash, unless negotiated land purchases are made in conjunction with the subdivision.

iii — This rule shall not apply to any subdivision for the purposes of farm worker accommodation.

#### **Method of Calculation:**

d. All existing allotments, including those already created for cross lease or unit titles, which when created (either pursuant to a resource consent or consent pursuant to previous legislation) complied with the minimum standards for their respective zone or the standards contained in this Plan, at the date of

public notification of this Plan, shall be deemed to have a credit of 5% of the cash value of their allotment area.

- b. The credit for existing allotments, including those already created for crosslease or unit title, shall be deducted from the assessment made in accordance with the rates specified above.
- c. The value of land for the purposes of determining the average cash value of allotments shall reflect the value of the lots in the completed development.

#### Where, within the preceding 10 years:

- a subdivision of land creating the allotment(s) has made provision for land for open space and/or conservation in excess of a previous contribution assessment; or
- building(s) erected on the allotment(s) have paid a financial contribution towards the provision of land for land for open space and recreation

the excess contribution or the financial contribution from the building development shall be assessed as a credit and deducted from the value of the subdivision contribution.

# 8.6 Amend Section 12 SUBDIVISION, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS 9 Provision for Open Space and Recreation – Residential and Visitor Accommodation Developments, clauses 9.a Application of Rules to Zones and 9.c Discretionary Activity as follows:

#### 9.a Application of Rule to Zones

This rule applies to the following zones:

- i Residential zones
- ii Business zones
- iii Special Purpose zones
- iv The Rural Zone, other than in the Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park<u>and Rural</u> <u>Residential zones</u>

#### 9.c **Discretionary Activity**

Any development which does not meet the standard of contribution specified in Standard 10b <u>9b</u> above shall be a Discretionary Activity.

# 8.7 Amend Section 14 TRANSPORTATION RULES 2.q Private Vehicle Access as follows:

#### 2.q Private Vehicle Access

<u>i</u>\_\_\_\_\_All private vehicular access to fee simple title allotments, cross leases, unit titles or leased premises shall be in accordance with the standards set out in the table below.

Zone	Potential No of Lots	Length	<b>Legal</b> Width (m)	Carriage- way Width (m)	Turning Area	Passing Bay	Footpaths
Residential	0-2	<del>Over 50</del>	3.5	3.0	Required	Optional	Optional
		<u>All</u> <u>lengths</u>			<u>Optional</u>		
Residential	3-6	0-50	4	3.5	Required	Require d	Optional
Residential	3-6	Over 50	4.5	4.0	Required	Require d	Required
Rural <u>and</u>	Any No.	All	5.0	4.0	<b>Optional</b>	Optional	Optional
<u>Rural</u> <u>Residential</u>	<u>0-6</u>	Lengths			<u>Required</u>		
All Other Zones	<del>Any No</del> <u>0-6</u> -	All Lengths	6.0	4.0	Required	Optional	Optional

#### Table 6 - Private Vehicular Access

\_\_\_\_\_\_Minimum height clearance for private vehicular traffic access shall be 3.5m.

# 8.8 Amend Section 15 UTILITIES Standards for Permitted Activities Rules 1.2.b and 1.2c as follows:

- 1.2.b Any support structure for lines within Rural Zones <u>and Rural Residential zones</u> shall be setback a minimum distance of 15m from any intersection, measured parallel from the centreline of the carriageways, at the point where the roads intersect.
- 1.2.c No facility or support structure for telecommunication, radiocommunication and/or meteorological facilities shall exceed the following applicable maximum height (refer definition) above ground level:
  - 11m in Residential, and Pukaki Village Zone.
  - 20m in Rural, Rural Residential or Business Zones.

#### 8.9 Amend Section 15 UTILITIES Rule 1.5 Discretionary Activities as follows:

# **1.5 Discretionary Activities**

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The following activities shall be **Discretionary Activities** throughout the District:

a Any activity listed as a Permitted Activity which does not comply with any one or more Standards applying to that Activity shall be a Discretionary Activity, with the exercise of the Council's discretion being restricted to the matter(s) specified in that

iii Access to more than 6 allotments or residential units shall be provided by way of a road and not by a private way or access lot.

standard.

- b Any activity listed as a Permitted Activity which is located within the Lakeside Protection Area.
- c Weather Radar.
- d Lines and support structures for conveying electricity at a voltage exceeding 110KV and a capacity exceeding 100MVA.
- e Any other utility not specifically listed as a Permitted or Discretionary Activity.