

Appendix B - A copy of the Appellants' submission

QLDC Proposed district plan 2015.

Dear Sir/Madam

Please accept the following late Submission Concerning QLDC proposed district plan unfortunately this is a very busy time of year in the farming community and the close off raced past before I put this in.

I wish to submit on parts 1 through 5 with particular regard to the following sections within the PDP:

- A. Chapter 21 Rural areas, I support in theory most of the proposed plan for this area but would like to see amendments to some sections and to be able to submit on other changes if they arise from the submission process.

- B. Proposed district plan Map 10.Skippers,Macetown,Cardrona.

- C. Chapter 33 indigenous vegetation and biodiversity. In general I support the intention of this chapter.

- D. Chapter 34 wilding trees.

Chapter 21 Rural areas Section 21.4 rules-activities:

1. Table 3 buildings –[all exterior surfaces shall be coloured in the range of browns, greens and grays. A lot of older houses and farm sheds are shades of reds, blues, and black and also unpainted corrugated iron these do not look out of place in the rural environment and so long as the reflective standards are met and/or the buildings are not highly visible to the general public the restriction should be removed. Our district is starting to resemble a factory town with everything the same colour.
2. Table 3 buildings- 21.5.15.3 [in the case of alterations.....does not increase by more than 30% in any 10 yr period] this is too restrictive and I submit it be changed to {30% in any 5 yr period}.

3. Table 4 standards for farm buildings [21.5.18.5 is less than 600masl;] We farm a 6500ha property in the Cardrona Valley from 600masl to the skyline.
This clause makes the entire property RD for maintenance work to buildings and building of new structures and needs to be revised to 900masl at a minimum and preferably removed from the plan.

District plan Map 10:

1. Ski Area Sub zone –Cardrona. Previously this was larger to the north/north east and covered the whole of the upper area of Boundry Creek I would submit that if skiing activities were to take place within that catchment then the whole catchment should be included and not only the north facing side. –see below insert 1. Note 1
2. That the significant natural areas F2A,F2B-1,F2B-2,F2C,and F2D noted on the map on Branch Creek Station be removed as they are still going through the process and I have objected to their inclusion at all stages of the process and find it insulting that they are slipped into the district plan at this stage. See below inert 1. Note 2

Chapter 33 Indigenous vegetation:

I support the intention of this chapter but feel that the consideration of already protected indigenous vegetation and biodiversity [by way of covenants and DoC lands] has been left out of the plan and reference should be made to this in the rules and reference to what is already protected within the QLDC area be a consideration when applying them.

I also wish to be able to submit on other changes if they arise from the submission process.

1. The moving from m2 to ha areas within each rule is distracting and misleading and should be consistent within each rule.
2. The size of areas permitted to be cleared within an area should be tied to a percentage of land holding [.05 of a hectare is big on a ¼ ha section but on a 6000 ha farm is not] this needs to be more relative to whole landholding.
3. The time span of {not more than..... within any 5 yr period} is too restrictive for a lot farming activities.

Chapter 34 wilding trees:

This is a very short chapter and is also very short sighted.

1. While the intention to minimize wilding trees is admirable making the possibility of managed and sustainable timber and firewood plantations in the QLDC a prohibited activity is plain stupid.

This section needs to be amended to controlled or noncomplying rather than prohibited for the species that have commercial value, (radiata and douglas fir)

I would like to be able to further submit on any submissions that significantly change the proposed district plan from its current form.

I would also like to be heard at any hearings covering the chapters I have submitted on.

Thank you regards

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Map 10.

Note 1

Note 2

