

Public Notice

Workers' Temporary Accommodation; Amendments to Banks Peninsula District Plan, Christchurch City Plan, Selwyn District Plan, and Waimakariri District Plan

The District Plans in the greater Christchurch area are amended from the publication of this notice by adding a new objective, new policies and new rules for workers' temporary accommodation.

The new provisions will apply to temporary uses and temporary buildings for workers' accommodation and will override other district plan provisions for this activity.

The new provisions will provide certainty for accommodation providers, councils and communities and provide an RMA regulatory environment that facilitates suitable accommodation being available to meet the needs of workers supporting the rebuild of greater Christchurch.

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Related information

- **Info sheet:** [Regulatory requirements for workers' temporary accommodation](#) [PDF 650KB]
- **Building & Housing:** [Guidance to assist the development of temporary accommodation to house workers in greater Christchurch](#)
- **Christchurch City Council:** [Worker's Temporary Accommodation](#)
- **Selwyn District Council:** [Workers' Temporary Accommodation](#)
- **Waimakariri District Council:** [District Plan changes](#)
- **Media release:** [More beds for workers made easier](#) (26 September 2012)

The Notice

Pursuant to section 27(1)(a) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery gives the following notice:

The **Banks Peninsula District Plan**, Chapter 41, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery is amended from the publication of this notice by adding:

- Section 2: Workers' temporary accommodation for the greater Christchurch rebuild. Objective, Policies, Rules and Appendix - Guideline.

The **Christchurch City Plan**, Volume 3, Part 9 General City Rules, Clause 9 Canterbury Earthquake Recovery, is amended from the publication of this notice by adding:

- Section 9.2: Workers' temporary accommodation for the greater Christchurch rebuild. Objective, Policies, Rules and Appendix - Guideline.

The **Selwyn District Plan**, Township Volume and Rural Volume, is amended from the publication of this notice by adding Part D/A Canterbury Earthquake Recovery as follows:

- Part D/A Canterbury Earthquake Recovery
- D/A.1 Workers' temporary accommodation for the greater Christchurch rebuild. Objective, Policies, Rules and Appendix - Guideline.

The **Waimakariri District Plan** is amended from the publication of this notice by adding:

- Chapter 39 Canterbury Earthquake Recovery as follows:
- Chapter 39 Canterbury Earthquake Recovery
- 39.1: Workers' temporary accommodation for the greater Christchurch rebuild.

Objective, Policies, Rules and Appendix - Guideline.

These amendments to the text of the District Plan are available on the websites of the Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Waimakariri District Council, which are linked to the CERA website at www.cera.govt.nz

Copies are available from the offices and public libraries of the Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Waimakariri District Council.

Given the detailed material contained within these amendments, the full text is not provided in this public notice. The following is a brief summary of the effect of these amendments.

- Insert provisions into a Canterbury Earthquake Recovery chapter in each district plan with an objective, policies and rules to provide for workers' temporary accommodation. The same provisions would apply in all four district plans and override any other district plan policies and rules for this activity
- Permit use of other types of permanent accommodation for temporary use by workers eg student accommodation, travellers accommodation, family flats
- Permit temporary buildings to accommodate up to 200 people in the Central City Mixed Use Zone
- Provide for temporary buildings to accommodate up to 20 people in identified residential and commercial zones as a controlled activity
- Provide for one temporary unit for up to 4 people on any site in the greater Christchurch UDS area as a restricted discretionary activity
- Provide for larger projects for any number of people in existing urban areas of greater Christchurch as a restricted discretionary activity
- Provide for standards and requirements to be met for a project to be considered under the new rules, including on-site management, set back from neighbouring sites, parking and decommissioning
- Provide a guideline setting out considerations and good practice examples for the design and assessment of projects through the consenting process. Key matters for assessment of applications relate to location suitability, site layout, building design, on-site management, and decommissioning/removal

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- Provide for any application for a project accommodating up to 200 people to be non-notified. Over 200, the application may be limited notified, allowing any affected parties identified by the council to make a submission
- Prohibit temporary use and temporary buildings for workers' accommodation after 31 December 2022

Hon Gerry Brownlee, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery