

Submission on the Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan

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Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed Policy
Statement or Regional Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Return your signed submission by 5.00pm, Friday 1 May 2015 to:

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Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan.
Environment Canterbury
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Trade Competition

Pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Please tick the sentence that applies to you:

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- ☐ I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. *If you have ticked this box please select one of the following:*
- ☒ I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission
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Signature: RJ Bush Date: 20 April 2015

(Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission)

Please note:

(1) all information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.

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☐ I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission; or

☒ I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,

☐ I would be prepared to consider presenting your submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing

2. My submission is that :-

We appose the introduction of a Clean Air Zone on the Geraldine Downs taking in that part of land due north of Trip Street, east of Kalaugher Road and west of the Waihi River.

Reasons :-

The ban on disposing of vegetation litter by burning during the months of May, June, July & August is too restrictive given the extensive nature of the areas of properties involved and the extent of the vegetation with in the area that is prone to damage through adverse weather patterns at any time of the year.

This past year Timaru District Council imposed a total fire ban over the summer months and the restriction was only lifted in April. Had the weather turned wet vegetation debris could well have been too wet until the winter months.

Obviously weather patterns are unpredictable and debris needs to be as dry as possible to minimize pollution. Therefore flexibility is essential.

Please note enclosed copy of a letter sent to the Chief Executive of CRC where a full explanation of our concerns are noted and signed by a number of residents who share those views.

Enclosed photos indicate the full extent of the area involved.

3. We seek the following decisions from Environment Canterbury.

As the air currents are predominantly from an easterly, southeasterly or southerly direction on the Downs it therefore mitigates any adverse affect that smoke might have on Geraldine/Rakapuka area. We therefore suggest that a restriction from burning during the months of May June July and August when wind direction is from the north, northwest or west would suffice.

For the attention of Dame Margaret Bazley

71 Waitui Drive
21 RD Geraldine 7991
16th April 2015

To the Chief Executive Canterbury Regional Council

Re Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan

Dear Sir

We the undersigned have an issue with the proposed boundarys of what is classified as **Proposed Geraldine / Raukapuka Clean Air Zone** on that part of the Geraldine Downs taking in the area north of Trip Street, and east of Kalaugher Road, and to the West of the Waihi River.
It is one thing to draw a line on a map but a totally different matter to understand what actually is involved.

While we appreciate the need for stringent regulations in this day and age particularly in relation to the disposal of toxic waste and air pollutants. However we believe that the area has been misunderstood in relation to its open space benign activities and predominant air currents within this area as it might affect the built up area of Geraldine.

Given that most of the predominant airflow in this area is easterly, southeasterly or southerly we believe that a simple regulation re a ban on burning benign forest and garden waste vegetation in westerly or north or northwesterly conditions would suffice.
We believe the area should be of the same classification as that area west of Kalaugher Road, especially given that Geraldine in the main is well protected by Talbot Forest that acts as a natural buffer zone south of Trip Street.

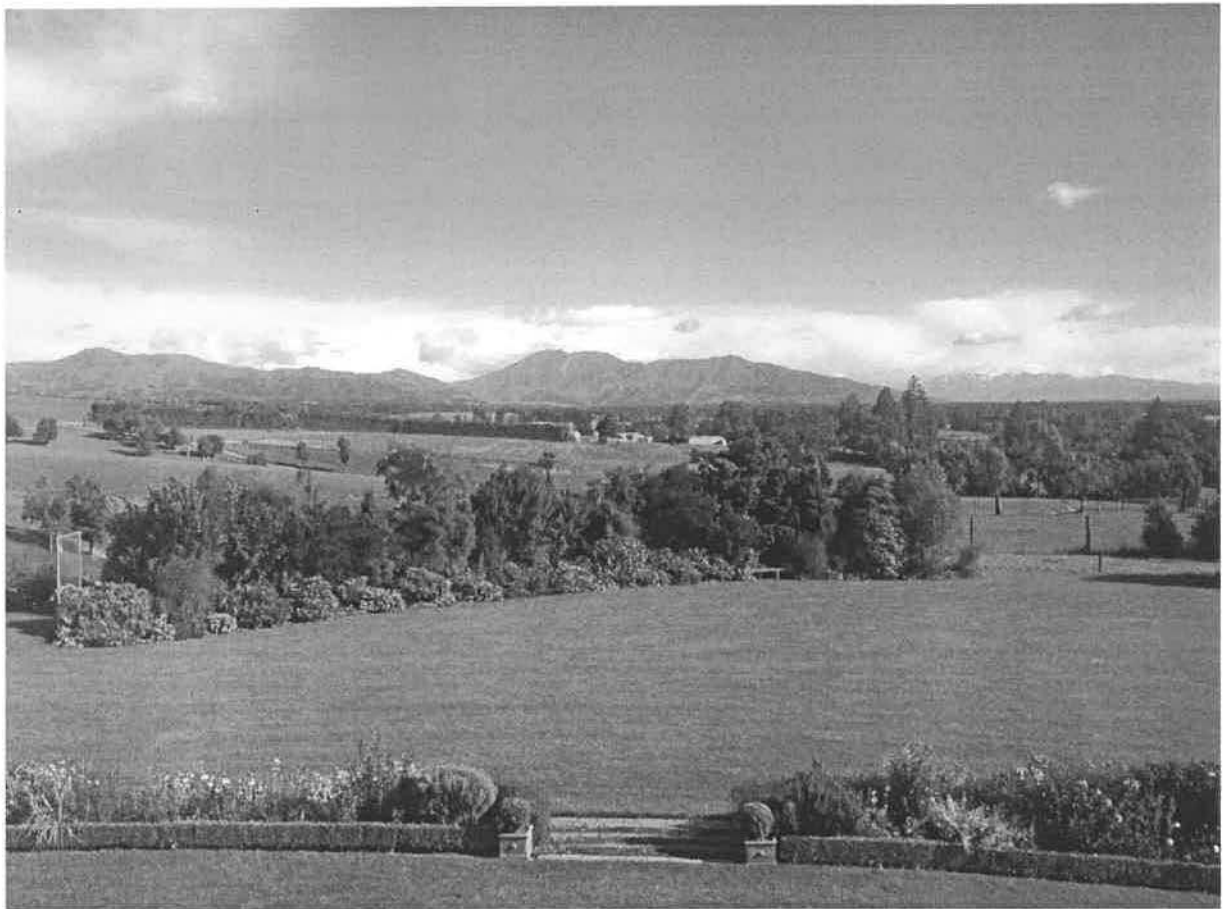
A number of the residents in the above outlined area have a lifetime experience in the planting of tree species and in particular regenerating quite large areas of native vegetation specifically in this area we therefore feel we are well enough informed and responsible to reserve the right to maintain and nurture these areas in respect of the disposal of dieback, prunings, wind and snow damage without unreasonable and unrealistic regulations. To that end we would respectfully ask for an on site discussion with a senior member of your staff who has responsibility in relation to the proposed plan to better understand the specific issues of this very important environmental area as we see it.

Enclosed are photos that take in the east, north, south, and west views of the total proposed area including an example of the regenerated bush to demonstrate the points raised.

Yours faithfully

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North & East Views Proposed Geraldine/Raukapuka Clean Air Zone





West & South Views Proposed Geraldine/Raukapuka Clean Air Zone





An example of the type of vegetation that can be subjected to adverse weather events at any time of the year when bulky trash has got to be dealt with.