



To: Kate Ivicheva
Proposed District Plan Change
From: Ministry of Education Te Tāhuhu o Te
Mātauranga ('the Ministry')
Date: 3 August 2026

**Decision of Requiring Authority
pursuant to Clause 13 of Schedule 1
of the RMA**

Dear Kate,

The Ministry of Education – Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga ('the Ministry') as a Requiring Authority would like to advise the Council the recommendation is **accepted in part**. The spatial boundaries of the designations are accurate and consistent with the Ministry's confirmation letter and the format of the designations aligns with the National Planning Standards.

It is noted that the changes sought in the designation confirmation letter have been incorporated into the Proposed District Plan. However, in the Ministry's submission on the Proposed District Plan further alterations to the "Education Purposes" description have not been incorporated.

The Plan includes an explanatory note of 'Education Purposes' in the Designations chapter, which the Ministry requests is updated to the most recent version that has been used in Designations across the country and better reflects the Ministry's requirements. The proposed changes to the current note are outlined below. The relief sought is shown in red underscore for additions and ~~red strikethrough~~ for deletions.

"Education Purposes" for the purpose of (this/these) in the designation[s] shall, in the absence of specific conditions to the contrary ~~means~~:

- i. *Enable the use of the facilitates on the site by and for the educational benefit of any school age students (Year 0-13) and early childhood children, regardless of whether they are enrolled at the institution located on ~~the~~ that designated site.*
- ii. *Enable the provisions of supervised care and study opportunities for students outside school hours in school ~~facilitates~~ facilities.*
- iii. *Enable the provision of community education (e.g. night classes for adults) outside school hours in school facilities- , and which will not be restricted to the primary syllabus taught to school age children during school hours*
- iv. *Include but not be limited to the provision of academic, sporting, social and cultural education ~~and training~~ including through:*
 - *Formal and informal recreational, sporting and outdoor activities and competitions whether carried out during or outside school hours;*
 - *Formal and informal cultural activities and competitions, whether carried out during or outside school hours.*
 - *The provision of specialist hubs and units (including language immersion units and teen parenting units) for children with particular educational requirements or special needs.*

- v. *Enable the use of facilities for purposes associated with the education of students, including school assemblies, functions, fairs and other gatherings whether carried out during or outside school hours.*
- vi. *Enable the provision of associated administrative services; car parking and vehicle manoeuvring; and health, social services and medical services (including dental clinics and sick bays).*
- vii. *Enable housing on site for staff members whose responsibilities require them to live on site (e.g school caretakers) and their families.*

The designation purpose of “Education Purposes” and its amended explanation is consistent with the approach the Minister is taking for education-related activities designated in District Plans in New Zealand. The standardised explanation will assist with ensuring that all education-related activities within the education sector are appropriately provided for within district and other plans and will result in greater consistency on how education-related activities are managed across New Zealand.

If the above is incorporated into the Proposed District Plan the Ministry would accept the recommendation in full.

Please contact the undersigned on behalf of the Ministry if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Ngā mihi nui,



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