

Chapter: Part 1 – Introduction and Other Provisions

Feed-back No.	Section	Sub-section	Plan Provision	Feedback	Relief sought
91.16	PART 1 – INTRODUCTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS	General	General	<p>1. This feedback is provided on behalf of [REDACTED] is grateful for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft Timaru District Plan (Draft Plan).</p> <p>2. [REDACTED] currently owns one farm in the Timaru District through its subsidiary, [REDACTED]</p> <p>3. [REDACTED] has reviewed the Draft Plan in detail and although it supports a number of aspects there are also areas of concern. For the purpose of this feedback, [REDACTED] has focussed on the areas where it has material concerns, and where changes might be able to be made to address those.</p> <p>4. It is also noted at the outset that [REDACTED] would welcome the opportunity to expand on its feedback or enter into discussions with the Council as part of the consultation process, prior to the notification of the final preparation and notification of the revised District Plan.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>1. By way of very brief summary, [REDACTED] position is that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the District Plan must continue to enable and provide for existing farming activities in the Timaru District with ‘workable’ rules; and [REDACTED] seeks that the proposed SASM-23 overlay be amended to exclude existing farmed land. <p>Please see attached [REDACTED] feedback on the draft plan.</p>	
100.1	PART 1 – INTRODUCTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS	General	General	<p>[REDACTED] appreciates the opportunity to provide initial thoughts and feedback on the direction and content of Timaru District Councils “Our Draft District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea”.</p> <p>We agree with the opening premise of the plan, that being that the Timaru District is a special place to live. Our members, as residents of the District, wish to see this</p>	

continue. The Timaru District holds a very special place in their hearts, as it does for other residents.

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Alongside this productive farmland and horticulture, the District contains a vast area of diverse natural environments, including mountains, native bush, significant waterways and a spectacular coastline and coastal marine area.

However, it also needs to be remembered that people are a significant part of the District. The District is made up of a number of townships, local centres, and rural communities. The reality is that the District needs to provide for people's ongoing access to housing, educational facilities, transport, industry, jobs, community centres, and a place to connect.

In recent years, central government has placed a significant onus on councils, with a raft of national regulations recently released or due for imminent release. Each of these, whether relating to freshwater, biodiversity, urban development, climate change or highly productive soils, will require significant regulatory and resourcing responses from Council as it gives effect to its responsibilities and obligations. There is also a need for Council to adhere to the first tranche of National Planning Standards and the direction these set.

We in no way underestimate the level of work and resources this national regulation will require of Council, and we are both prepared and willing to assist, discuss or provide feedback as these workstreams continue.

As a broad principle, [REDACTED] operate under a suite of rules that are clear, concise, well defined and easy to understand; regulations should only be restrictive where there is a compelling, evidence-based need for such restriction, otherwise there should be provision for farming businesses to thrive.

We would like [REDACTED] have every opportunity to engage and comment on the changes they will face as part of this plan review. This is particularly so when their

			<p><i>properties are subject to a designation, zone or overlay that restricts or impacts their properties.</i></p> <p><i>We expect a strong, robust, and comprehensive section 32 report that clearly sets out the benefits and risks of any rule, particularly where it will adversely impact on existing farming practices, or where it represents a significant departure from current rules. The greatest indication of the practicability, or otherwise, of a proposed plan is the robustness of the section 32 report undertaken.</i></p>	
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