



## FORM 5

### **Submission on publicly notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation under Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991**

To: Invercargill City Council

**Name of submitter: Ministry of Education ('the Ministry')**

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This is a submission on the Proposed Plan Change 1 (PC1) lodged by Te Puawai Developments Limited to rezone approximately 70.78 hectares of land at 514 Tramway Road from Rural to a combination of Residential and Commercial Zones. PC1 proposes a range of low and medium density residential lots, as well as a retirement village precinct and a commercial area in the centre of the site.

#### **The specific parts of the proposal that the Ministry of Education's submission relates to are:**

This submission relates to the proposed transport connections and the Ministry requests ongoing consultation as the development progresses. The Ministry is supportive of a speed review, particularly along Tramway Road, as it is used by school staff and students travelling to Aurora College.

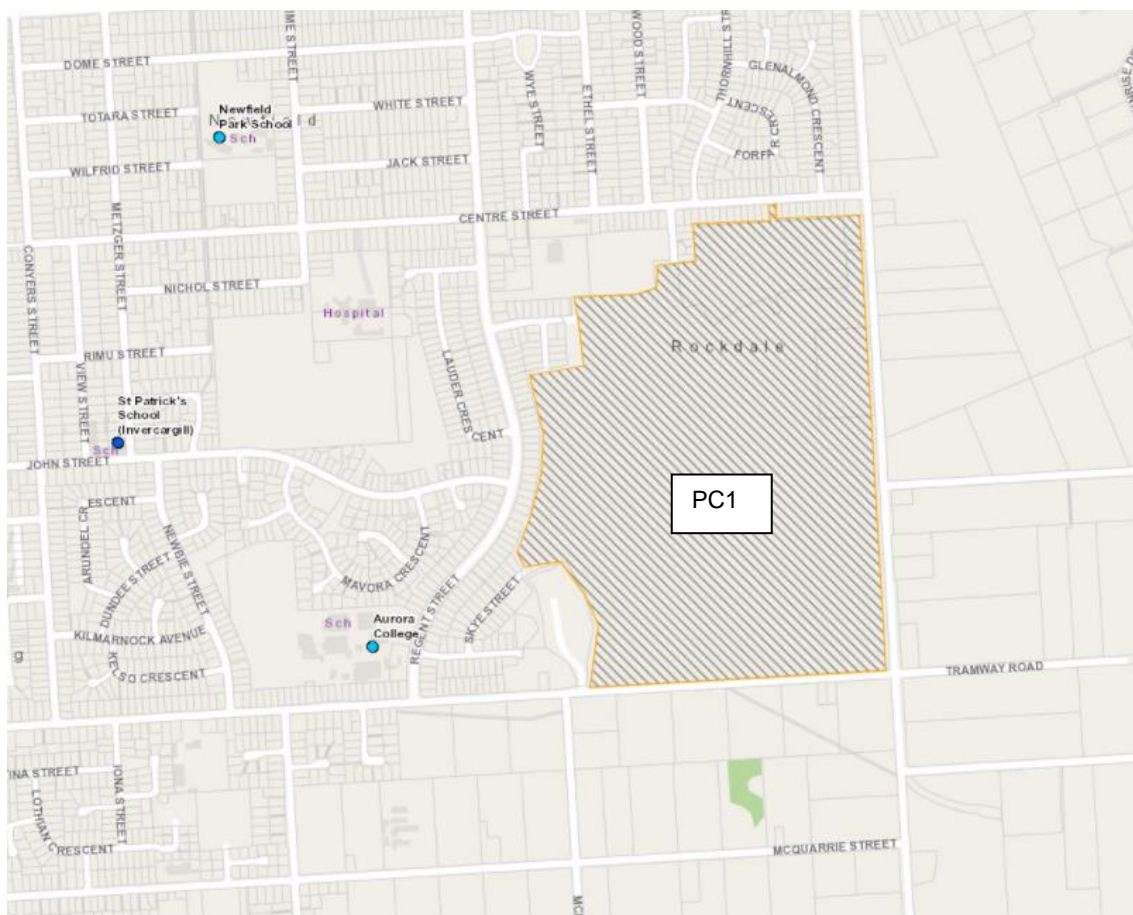


Figure 1. The approximate location of PC1 in relation to nearby schools.

### Background:

The Ministry of Education is the Government's lead advisor on the New Zealand education system, shaping direction for education agencies and providers and contributing to the Government's goals for education. The Ministry assesses population changes, school roll fluctuations and other trends and challenges impacting on education provision at all levels of the education network to identify changing needs within the network so the Ministry can respond effectively.

The Ministry has responsibility not only for all State schools owned by the Crown, but also those State schools that are not owned by the Crown, such as designated character schools and State integrated schools. For the Crown owned State school this involves managing the existing property portfolio, upgrading and improving the portfolio, purchasing and constructing new property to meet increased demand, identifying and disposing of surplus State school sector property and managing teacher and caretaker housing.

The Ministry is therefore a considerable stakeholder in terms of activities that may impact on existing and future educational facilities and assets in the Invercargill district.

**The Ministry of Education's submission is:**

The resultant increase in population and proximity of the PC1 site to Aurora College and Newfield Park School have the potential to create adverse effects on the schools in respect of the following:

School Roll Capacity:

The development of PC1 will create approximately 600 residential allotments with the anticipated increase of school-aged children resulting in pressure on the capacity of local schools. The proposed development is within the catchment zone for Newfield Park School and Aurora College.

The Ministry considers that it is likely that the anticipated growth can be accommodated by Newfield Park School and Aurora College.

Transport connections and safety:

Shared pedestrian and cycle paths are proposed along Tramway Road and Rockdale Road which would enable access between the plan change area and Aurora College for pedestrians or cyclists. The Ministry is generally supportive of the proposed shared pedestrian and cycle path along Tramway Road which will provide access between Aurora College and the plan change area via active modes of transport.

The Integrated Transport Assessment commissioned by the applicant suggested a review of speed limits on the roads surrounding the plan change area. Of relevance to the Ministry, the assessment suggested a speed limit reduction along Tramway Road which will likely be used by school staff and students accessing Aurora College.

Plan Change Layout:

Aurora College has queried the location of the retirement village precinct within the plan change site. Aurora College wonders whether the applicant has considered placing the precinct in a quieter section of the site, whilst remaining in proximity to the central commercial area. Although the Ministry recognises that this is not a planning matter, the Ministry wishes to raise this query on behalf of Aurora College and request that the applicant discuss this directly with the school. Aurora College can be contacted on 03 211 6040.

**The Ministry of Education seeks the following decision from the consent authority:**

- The Ministry supports the recommendation that Council conduct a speed review, particularly along Tramway Road which may be used by school staff and students to travel to and from school.
- The Ministry supports the proposed shared pedestrian/cycle path along Tramway Road to enable safe access between the site and Aurora College.
- The Ministry requests ongoing consultation from the applicant regarding the timeframes for realising development of the site to plan for the anticipated growth at Aurora College and Newfield Park.

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**The Ministry wishes to be heard in support of their submission.**

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**Date:** 23/07/2021