

Amendments for Proposed Plan Change 3 are shown as:

- Provisions proposed to be removed are shown with a ~~strikethrough~~
- Provisions proposed to be added are shown with an underline

RLZ – Rural Lifestyle Zone

The following district-wide chapters also contain provisions that may be relevant to the Rural Lifestyle Zone, including:

UFD - Urban Form and Development	TREE - Notable Trees
TW - Tangata Whenua	PA - Public Access
NU - Network Utilities	SUB - Subdivision
REG - Renewable Electricity Generation	ASW - Activities on the Surface of Water
TR - Transport	EW - Earthworks
WWS - Water, Wastewater and Stormwater	LIGHT - Light
CL - Contaminated Land	NOISE - Noise
HAZ - Hazardous Substances	SIGN - Signs
NH - Natural Hazards	TEMP - Temporary Activities
HH - Historic Heritage	

Advice Note: *The construction of a detached minor residential unit may be subject to the National Environmental Standards for Detached Minor Residential Units (NES-DMRU). Before development you must check compliance with the NES-DMRU, as these standards may override or replace certain District Plan rules or standards.*

Issues

Refer to: SUB-I1

RLZ-I1

Sufficiently providing for Rural Lifestyle Development

Demand for rural lifestyle lots continues, but past ad-hoc subdivision in rural areas caused issues such as reverse sensitivity, service pressures, and fragmentation of productive land. While a Rural Lifestyle Zone was introduced as part of the District Plan Review in 2012/2013 to manage this, uptake has been limited and lifestyle lots still occur in the General Rural Zone. The District Plan needs to better enable rural lifestyle development in appropriate locations while managing environmental effects and protecting highly productive land.

RLZ-I2

Cost and capacity of Infrastructure

The Rangitikei is a vast district with a relatively low ratepayer base. The cost of maintaining, upgrading, and installing new infrastructure is significant. Rural lifestyle development can provide for growth whilst requiring a lower level of infrastructure investment as these developments generally rely on onsite water supply, wastewater treatment and disposal, and stormwater management. This means rural lifestyle developments typically have less impact on the reticulated network. However, they require sufficient space to adequately provide onsite systems and potential adverse effects on the environment associated with these systems need to be effectively managed.

Established rural lifestyle areas are not easily transitioned to more intense residential

development if they were required to be in the future as the infrastructure supporting these developments are not intended for more intense development. Significant upgrades and/or new infrastructure would be required.

RLZ-I3

Natural Hazards

A substantial amount of land within the Rural Lifestyle Zone is known to be affected by natural hazards such as flooding and landslides. Whilst much of the land within this zone may be appropriate for rural lifestyle use and development; any development needs to appropriately manage potential adverse effects of natural hazard. Furthermore, development within this zone should not worsen the potential adverse effects of any natural hazard on neighbouring properties or the wider surrounding environment.

There may be land that is not appropriate for the development of a residential unit but is better suited to other activities provided for in this zone.

Objectives

RLZ-O1 Rural lifestyle living is provided for in specified areas. The Rural Lifestyle Zone is used primarily for residential lifestyle within a rural environment on the urban edge of select towns within the district, whilst maintaining the predominant rural character of these areas and providing for other suitable land uses.

RLZ-O2 That rural lifestyle subdivision and development is suitably serviced, and any potential adverse effects associated with the onsite servicing and other infrastructure provision required for these developments are effectively managed.

RLZ-O3 Subdivision and development of land within the Rural Lifestyle Zone facilitates land uses that do not undermine the operation or establishment of activities within adjoining zones where those activities are consistent with the intended purpose of that zone.

RLZ-O4 The subdivision, development, and use of land within the Rural Lifestyle Zone occurs in locations and in a manner that manages natural hazard risks, and does not worsen the adverse effects of any natural hazard on the site, neighbouring properties or the wider surrounding environment.

Policies

RLZ-P1 Provide a Rural Lifestyle Zone around the settlements of Marton, Bulls, Taihape and Hunterville that:

- a. enables rural residential scale allotments;
- b. requires a minimum lot size to minimise the loss of versatile soils;
- c. enables a range of rural and residential activities; and
- d. preserves aspects of rural amenity while providing a transition to the urban environment.

Refer to: GRUZ-P1, NH-P2, NH-P3, SUB-P8

Rules

RLZ-R1 Buildings, structures, and ancillary activities associated with any permitted activity

1. Activity status: Permitted	2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: Restricted Discretionary
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<p>Where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All <u>relevant Rural Lifestyle Zone Standards</u> are complied with. The ancillary activity is on the same site as the primary activity. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Matters over which discretion is restricted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The matters of discretion associated with any performance standard which cannot be complied with. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances. Notification: Any application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified.
RLZ-R2 Primary production activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Activity status: Permitted <p>Where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All <u>relevant Rural Lifestyle Zone Standards</u> are complied with. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Activity status where compliance is not achieved: Restricted Discretionary Matters over which discretion is restricted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The matters of discretion associated with any performance standard which cannot be complied with. Notification: Any application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified.
RLZ-R3 Residential units and residential activities	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Activity status: Permitted 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A
RLZ-R4 Relocated residential units	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Activity status: Permitted <p>Where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Any relocated structure intended for use as a residential unit must have previously been designed, built and used as a residential unit. Applications for building consent relating to the relocated residential unit and the destination site must be accompanied by a building pre-inspection report. All exterior reinstatement work identified in either the building pre-inspection report or the building consent must be completed within twelve months of delivery of the relocated residential unit to the site. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Activity status where compliance is not achieved: Restricted Discretionary Matters over which discretion is restricted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances. Notification: Any application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified.

<p>d. The relocated residential unit must be installed on permanent foundations, in accordance with the provisions of the granted building consent, upon delivery to the destination site.</p> <p>e. All relocated residential units must comply with the necessary requirements relating to natural hazards, parking and loading and any other relevant standards as set out in this Plan.</p>	
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RLZ-R5 Roadside sales activities located on strategic roads or arterial roads

<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. The display area of goods for sale must not exceed 20 square metres and must be contained wholly within the site.</p> <p>b. All goods available for sale must have been grown, produced or manufactured on the site at which they are offered for sale.</p> <p>c. No roadside sales activity may take place adjacent to a State Highway where the posted speed limit is 100km/h.</p>	<p>2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>3. Matters over which discretion is restricted:</p> <p>a. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.</p> <p>4. Notification: Any application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified.</p>
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RLZ-R6 Home business

<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. Home business must:</p> <p>i. Be an ancillary activity to the residential use of the building.</p> <p>ii. Be undertaken or operated by a member of the household residing on the property in which the home business occurs.</p> <p>iii. Not involve exterior storage, display, or other indication of the home business (other than an advertising sign permitted by this Plan) which would have the effect of altering the predominant character of the site or neighbourhood.</p> <p>iv. Not involve delivery or collection of goods, materials, or wastes, or visits by clients of the home business outside the hours of</p>	<p>2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>3. Matters over which discretion is restricted:</p> <p>a. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.</p> <p>4. Notification: Any application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified.</p>
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<p>8.00am to 8.00pm.</p> <p>v. Not occupy an area larger than 60 square metres net floor area.</p> <p>vi. Not generate more than 24 vehicle movements per day.</p>	
RLZ-R7 Removal of any buildings, structures, and residential units not listed in SCHED3	
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. Where a building, structure (excluding specified structures) or residential unit is being removed, the site must be remediated to an unbuilt state. This includes the removal of concrete building platforms, stairs and remnants of buildings, accessory buildings or associated structures.</p> <p>b. Where an accessory building is expected to remain onsite once the principal building or residential unit is removed, it must be able to be connected and serviced independently of the principal building or residential unit in accordance with the relevant rules and standards of the zone.</p> <p><i>Note: Consent under the Building Act may be required for the demolition or removal of buildings. Please refer to Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004 or contact a Council Building Officer for advice.</i></p>	<p>2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>3. Matters over which discretion is restricted:</p> <p>a. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.</p> <p>4. Notification: Any application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified.</p>
RLZ-R8 Open space activities	
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p>	<p>2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A</p>
RLZ-R9 Sports and recreation activities	
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p>	<p>2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A</p>
RLZ-R10 Intensive indoor primary production for pigs, poultry or game birds	
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. The number of breeding pigs does not exceed 20.</p> <p>b. The number of poultry or game birds does not exceed 40.</p>	<p>2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: Discretionary</p>

RLZ-R11 Free range farming	
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of breeding pigs does not exceed 20. b. The number of poultry or game does not exceed 40. c. The number of horses does not exceed 20. 	<p>2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: Discretionary</p>
RLZ-R12 New marae or community activities	
<p>1. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>2. Matters over which discretion is restricted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Visual impacts. b. Transportation effects, including the safety and efficiency on the transportation networks. c. Noise. d. Site coverage. <p>3. Notification: Any application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified.</p>	<p>4. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A</p>
RLZ-R13 Relocated buildings	
<p>1. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>2. Matters over which discretion is restricted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The design and appearance of the exterior of the building having regard to the quality and character of buildings and amenity in the immediate locality. b. The location of the building on land subject to natural hazards which will be assessed with reference to the hazards section of this Plan. c. The resultant end use of the relocated building. <p>3. Notification: Any application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified.</p>	<p>4. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A</p>
RLZ-R14 Intensive indoor primary production	
<p>1. Activity status: Discretionary</p>	<p>2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A</p>

RLZ-R15 Boarding or breeding establishments for more than 10 dogs or 15 cats	
1. Activity status: Discretionary <i>Note: For boarding or breeding establishments of less than 10 dogs or 15 cats refer to the rules for home business in RLZ-R6.</i>	2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A
RLZ-R16 Any activity that is not a permitted or restricted discretionary activity and any activity that is not specifically provided for	
1. Activity status: Discretionary	2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A
RLZ-R17 Any retail activity, vehicle panelbeating, automotive wreckers and scrap yards, motor vehicle repairs, vehicle spray painting, sheet metalwork, and any other industrial process or trade which involves the continuous use of power tools or drilling or hammering machinery or activities.	
1. Activity status: Discretionary	2. Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A

Standards

RLZ-S1	Setbacks
1. All buildings and structures (excluding specified structures) must not be located any closer than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 metres from any side or rear boundary. 5 metres from any road boundary. 10 metres from a boundary with an existing state highway. <u>15 metres from any waterbody.</u> 	2. Matters of discretion if compliance not achieved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.
RLZ-S2	Residential unit setback
1. On sites less than 5,000 square metres all residential units (excluding caravans, vehicles, tents and trailers) must not be located any closer than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 metres from any side and rear boundary. 5 metres from any road boundary. 10 metres from a boundary with an existing state highway. 2. On sites 5,000 square metres or more all residential units (excluding caravans, vehicles, tents and trailers) must not be located any closer than: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20 metres from any side and rear boundary. 5 metres from any road boundary. 	3. Matters of discretion if compliance not achieved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.

	c. 10 metres from a boundary with an existing state highway.
RLZ-S3 Height in relation to boundary	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All buildings and structures (excluding specified structures) must be contained within a recession plane starting at the existing ground level at each site boundary and then projecting inwards at a 45 degree angle. 2. <i>RLZ-S3.1</i> does not apply to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. eaves and spouting which project from the building at a horizontal distance of no greater than 700 millimetres; b. gable ends having dimensions no greater than 7.5 metres horizontally and 1 metre vertically; c. chimneys, ventilation shafts, water storage tanks, lift towers, machinery rooms; d. ornamental turrets, steeples, finials and other decorative features; and e. radio and television aerials and masts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Matters of discretion if compliance not achieved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.
RLZ-S4 Maximum height	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A building (excluding network utilities) or structure (excluding specified structures) must not exceed a height of 10 metres. 2. Chimneys, ventilation shafts, water storage tanks, lift towers, machinery rooms must not measure more than 2 metres in a horizontal plane or project more than 1.5 metres above the maximum permitted height of the building. 3. Ornamental turrets, steeples, finials and other decorative features must not measure more than 2 metres in a horizontal plane or project more than 1.5 metres above the maximum permitted height of the building. 4. Television aerials and associated receiving equipment must not measure more than 2 metres in a horizontal plane or project more than 3 metres above the maximum permitted height of the buildings. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Matters of discretion if compliance not achieved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.
RLZ-S5 Maximum number of residential units per site	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>On sites that contain 5,000 square metres or less which rely on onsite wastewater treatment and disposal then up to one</u> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3- 4. Matters of discretion if compliance not achieved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The effect of the particular non-

<p>residential unit is permitted.</p> <p>2. <u>On sites that contain 5,000 square metres or less and are connected to the reticulated wastewater network then up to two residential units are permitted.</u></p> <p>3. <u>On sites greater than 5,000 square metres up to two residential units are permitted subject to either connecting to the reticulated wastewater network or complying with the Regional Council's onsite wastewater treatment and disposal regulations.</u></p> <p>1. On sites that contain 5,000m² or more the number of residential units must not exceed a maximum of two residential units per site.</p> <p>2. On sites that contain less than 5,000m² the number of residential units must not exceed a maximum of one residential unit per site.</p>	<p>compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.</p> <p>a. <u>Effect on amenity values and the character of the locality;</u></p> <p>b. <u>Effects on surrounding properties, including outlook, privacy, shading, and sense of enclosure;</u></p> <p>c. <u>Effects associated with reverse sensitivity for existing rural, commercial, and industrial activities;</u></p> <p>d. <u>Impact on the safety and efficiency of the transport network; and</u></p> <p>e. <u>Effective management of wastewater and stormwater.</u></p>
RLZ-S6 Location of effluent storage activities	
<p>1. All areas used for the storage of effluent generated from primary production activities must meet the following separation distances:</p> <p>a. 300 metres from any residential unit, marae or places of assembly located on a property under separate ownership.</p> <p>b. 55 metres from any road boundary.</p> <p>c. 50 metres from any river, lake or wetland.</p> <p>d. 80 metres from any other boundary.</p> <p>2. <i>RLZ-S6.1</i> does not apply to septic tanks.</p> <p><i>Note: Plan users are encouraged to consult with the Regional Council regarding any additional regional rules and standards that may apply, including requirements for onsite wastewater discharges.</i></p>	<p>3. Matters of discretion if compliance not achieved:</p> <p>a. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.</p>
RLZ-S7 Shelterbelt planting setback	
<p>1. Forestry must not be located within 10m of a boundary with or within 30m of any existing residential unit.</p> <p>1. Forestry and s-Shelterbelts must not be established where it will result in <u>new</u> shading of any sealed road between 10am and 2pm on the shortest day of the year.</p> <p><u><i>Note: Afforestation must comply with the setback requirements specified in the National</i></u></p>	<p>2. Matters of discretion if compliance not achieved:</p> <p>a. The effect of the particular non-compliance on the environment, including the cumulative or combined effect of non-compliances.</p>

Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry 2023.

Note: The Fencing Act 1978 identifies responsibilities in relation to addressing tree/branch fall damage to fences on property boundaries.

Note: The above standards are consistent with the New Zealand Environmental Code of Practice for Plantation Forestry 2007.

Note: Forest owners are advised to refer to the Regional Council for additional rules and standards in relation to forestry.