

Heritage Landscapes Issues and Options



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“A hotel built on the slopes of Cecil Peak?
A casino on Mount Iron?”

Not every idea for development is a good one. That's why we have a District Plan. The District Plan helps us manage economic growth and development in a sensible way so that the unique nature and scenic values of the district are retained and protected and development happens in the places that are most appropriate.

This is your chance to help us improve the existing plan, so get involved and have your say.”

The Current Situation

The five heritage landscapes identified in the District Plan are Skippers, Macetown, Seffertown, Moke Lake and Glenorchy. Their extent and location are mapped in Appendix 10 of the District Plan.

There are no rules that relate solely to these heritage landscapes. However the heritage landscape objective and policies need to be considered when a non-complying consent is required for development in an identified heritage landscape.

We're currently reviewing the District Plan and looking at what works well and what needs to be changed.

As part of this process we've been monitoring the provisions for the protection of heritage landscapes and how they are working. This has helped us identify some areas that we think can be improved and we'd like your feedback.

You can see the full monitoring report at www.qldc.govt.nz/monitoring.

Issues

The monitoring report and some recent applications raised the following issues:

Use of objective and policies

The objectives and policies have only been used for the assessment of one application within the heritage landscapes since they became operative.

The location and extent of the heritage landscapes are difficult to find in the District Plan. The monitoring report recommends delineating them on the planning maps.



What do you think?

Values of the heritage landscapes

The District Plan does not identify the values that each of the five heritage landscapes are seeking to protect. This makes assessment of applications within the landscapes difficult.

We think that these values for each of the heritage landscapes should be added to the District Plan.



What do you think?

Assessment criteria for activities within heritage landscapes.

The plan does not currently contain assessment criteria for activities that require a consent and may have adverse effects on heritage landscapes. For example earthworks within the Rural General Zone.

Given all the identified heritage landscapes are within the Rural General Zone we think assessment criteria regarding the effect of the proposed activity on heritage landscapes should be added to that section of the Plan.



What do you think?

Extent of the heritage landscapes.

The heritage landscapes are delineated in Appendix 10 of the District Plan.



Are these correct or do they need to be altered?

Additional heritage landscapes

Currently five heritage landscapes are identified in the District Plan. These landscapes were identified in 2005.



Are there any additional heritage landscapes that should be added to this list?



What do you think?

Please send your comments to:
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Comments should be received by 13 July 2012 although feedback on these issues will be welcome at any time during the review process.

For more information or to comment online visit www.qldc.govt.nz/district_plan_review