

# AKAROA CIVIC TRUST

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## **Before the Christchurch Replacement District Plan Independent Hearings Panel**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991  
and the  
Canterbury Earthquake (Christchurch Replacement District Plan) Order  
2014

AND

IN THE MATTER of the Introduction Proposal, Chapter 1

## **STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF JANICE AUDREY COOK ON BEHALF OF AKAROA CIVIC TRUST**

**22 June 2015**

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### **Introduction.**

My name is Janice (Jan) Audrey Cook. I am a self-employed designer and business administrator. I have served on the Board of the Akaroa Civic Trust since 1997 and currently hold the position of Deputy Chair.

The Akaroa Civic Trust (Trust) was founded in 1969 as a society dedicated to the preservation of the beauty, history and character of Akaroa and its surrounding area.

## Scope of Evidence

The specific parts of the Introduction Proposal Chapter 1 that my evidence relates to is:

10.1 Content of the District Plan –

Chapter 14, The Residential Banks Peninsula Zone and The Residential Conservation Zone

Chapter 15, Commercial Banks Peninsula Zone

Note: The Akaroa Civic Trust's area of interest is limited to the Akaroa Harbour area and the Trust does not have an opinion on matters relating to Lyttelton or Christchurch City.

## Akaroa's Heritage and Character Values.

1. Evidence relating to the importance of Akaroa's Heritage and Character Values has been provided by the Trust to the Residential Hearing - Reference: J A Cook, 20 March 2015, and to the Commercial Hearing - Reference: J A Cook, 24 April 2015.
2. The Trust has sought deferral of decisions relating to the Residential Conservation and Commercial Banks Peninsula Zones at Akaroa until they can be considered alongside heritage matters to be proposed in Stage 3.

## Residential Banks Peninsula Zone description

3. The Trust sought to include the words '*...need to protect the distinctive landscape and existing rural amenity of the district...*' in order to recognise other constraints to residential expansion at Akaroa. This is supported by objectives and policies in the current Banks Peninsula District Plan. There are already substantial areas of undeveloped residentially zoned land in the various Akaroa Harbour residential zones and the current proposals have not rezoned any further areas. Consolidation of residential development in the currently zoned areas is important in order to avoid urban sprawl and to protect the rural and landscape resource.
4. The Council does not appear to have addressed the Trust's request in its evidence.

**Residential Conservation Zone description**

5. The Trust requested that the description of the Residential Conservation Zone included the words *'In Akaroa this area is part of the registered Akaroa Historic Area.'*
6. Mr Ivan Thomson in his evidence for the Council, dated 9 June 2015, states at paragraph 4.2 that any amendments to the Residential Conservation Zone should be considered as part of Stage 2. It is the Trust's view that all matters relating to the Residential Conservation Zone at Akaroa would be best considered in the light of the Heritage proposals in Stage 3.
7. Mr Thomson go on to say, at 4.3, that there are no submissions on this part of the Introduction Proposal. As stated above the Trust has submitted on this proposal.

**Banks Peninsula Commercial Zone description**

8. The Trust requested the inclusion of the words *'In Akaroa this zone is part of the registered Akaroa Historic Area and includes areas which are currently residential in character.'* in order to recognise the heritage and residential components of the zone
9. Mr Mark Stevenson in his evidence for the Council, dated 9 June 2015, at paragraph 3.1 accepts the Trust's request. However his proposed amendment refers to *'the registered Historic Area'*. There are 3 registered historic areas in Akaroa, so the registered title - *Akaroa Historic Area* - of the area that is relevant to this zone should be used.



Jan Cook  
for Akaroa Civic Trust

Dated: 22 June 2015