

CHRISTCHURCH PROPOSED CITY PLAN

PROPOSED VARIATION NO. 48

MANAGEMENT OF THE FLOOD HAZARD IN CHRISTCHURCH

The Christchurch City Council has prepared Variation No. 48 - Management of the Flood Hazard in Christchurch, to the Proposed Christchurch City Plan.

The purpose of Variation 48 is to introduce measures which will assist the Council in managing the potential effects of flooding and inundation in Christchurch. The variation amends the policies relating to natural hazards, flooding and the management of ponding areas. It identifies areas of the city subject to a greater risk of flooding as Flood Management Areas and imposes controls on filling and floor levels for buildings within those areas. A building setback from the primary stopbank of the Waimakariri River is introduced and the rules relating to the ponding areas within the upper Heathcote and lower Styx River catchments are amended. The variation amends the mapping of the Henderson's Basin ponding area and reintroduces controls over development on the rural portion of the Cashmere Stream floodplain.

Pursuant to Section 20 of the Resource Management Act the amendments to the rules and maps set out in sections 19, 25, 27, 31, 34, and 45, and shaded in grey in the text of the Variation, shall not have effect until the Variation is operative. These sections relate to Flood Management Areas and filling and floor levels for buildings within those areas.

The Variation and Assessment are available for inspection during normal opening hours at any of the Council's Service Centre offices. For details of your nearest Service Centre, please telephone 941 8999.

Any person may make a submission on this Variation. Submissions must be in writing and in the prescribed form (Form 5) in the Resource Management (Forms, Fees & Procedure) Regulations 2003 or similar. Forms are available from the Council Offices listed above.

Once all submissions have been received, they will be available for public inspection. There will then be an opportunity for anyone to make a submission in support of or in opposition to any of these submissions. A Council hearing will then be arranged to consider all submissions and decisions will be made.

Note: *From the date of public notification of the Variation the Proposed Plan shall have effect as if it had been so varied with the **exception** of the rule and map amendments listed in sections 19, 25, 27, 31, 34 and 45, and shaded in grey in the text of the Variation.*

The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 27 February 2004, at Civic Offices and any other Council Office before 5.00pm.**