

**12. PART B (REPORT FOR INFORMATION)  
VARIATION FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE (FERRYMEAD) ZONE**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to update Board members on the progress of the Variation, and the results of preliminary consultation with landowners and residents as a result of a Community Workshop held on 27 February 1999.

The Proposed Variation will be considered by the Resource Management Committee at their meeting on Friday 4 June 1999. Members of the Board are invited to attend a seminar to be held at 12.00 noon in Committee Room 3, Civic Offices, prior to the Committee meeting, during which the main issues and options in the zone will be discussed, along with an outline of the proposed zoning.

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

The Board may remember that a report was brought before the February meeting which outlined the area covered by the Variation, and the process and timeframe for completion.

As part of the process, a Community Workshop was held on Saturday 27 February in the Heathcote Community Hall. A number of maps were on display, including ones which showed the main constraints and opportunities in the zone. The meeting was well attended, with over 100 people turning up during the morning. Four staff members working on the Variation were present to answer questions and to explain how to make a submission once the Variation is notified.

In summary, the main concerns raised at the Community Workshop and written on “comments sheets” available at the workshop, were focussed on:

- The flooding that happens in the base of the Heathcote Valley during heavy rainfall
- The need to improve the existing drainage system.
- The desire to retain as much space in the zone as possible for open space/recreation/rural uses
- The need for additional cycleways and walkways
- The desire to limit additional residential development
- A general level of opposition to any additional industrial or business zoning

- Access and traffic issues, such as the poor visibility at the Martindales/Truscotts Road intersection next to the railway overbridge
- General support for the retention of Ferrymead Historic Park
- A general resistance to any major changes in the existing zoning.

Liz Briggs, Senior Planner, Conservation and Rodney Halliday, Planner, Conservation will be present at the Board meeting to explain the Variation process, highlight the main issues facing the zone, and elaborate on community concerns that have been taken into account in the preparation of the Variation.

**Recommendation:** For information.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received and that Linda Rutland and John Freeman represent the Board at the proposed seminar.