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Southland District Council

Te Rohe Pōtae O Murihiku

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Modifications made to proposal

Several modifications have been made to the proposed changes to the Southland District Plan for the Te Anau basin.

Southland District Council resource management planner David Falconer said the modifications were made by the resource management department after Council received 244 responses to the Te Anau plan change discussion document.

This document was sent to all Te Anau basin residents and ratepayers to seek feedback on proposed changes for the area.

The Te Anau Community Board then considered the changes and accepted the majority of the recommendations, Mr Falconer said.

“However, they did decide not to proceed with the proposed commercial resource area. The owners of residential homes located in this proposed area had expressed strong opposition to it,” he said.

The most controversial proposal in the discussion document – that of extending the scenic resource area – was also modified because of the feedback received.

Staff had recommended and the board agreed to reconsider the extent and location of the additional land that was proposed to be included in the scenic resource area.

“This proposal in the discussion document had received very strong opposition and so we recommended that it be refined further in consultation with the landscape consultant and that it be targeted more to key landscape features,” he said.

The community board also agreed to:

- proceed with the proposed industrial resource area expansion
- proceed with expanding the urban resource area, but not as much as originally proposed in the discussion document. The expansion will not go south of State Highway 94.
- Proceed with the lakeside protection area and to expand the area from the control gates to the Upukerora River mouth
- not proceed with rezoning the Waiiau Airport from scenic to transitional, but to zone the area south of State Highway 94 as transitional (urban in the discussion document.)

Staff will now write a report, a requirement under the Resource Management Act 1991, which considers the alternatives, benefits and costs of undertaking the plan change.

“That report will then go to Council for approval before it is publicly notified for submissions, probably early next year,” Mr Falconer said.

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