

RURAL LIFESTYLE ZONE

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Introduction

The Rural Lifestyle Zone is generally located on the periphery of urban areas, and is characterised by open space, rolling/rugged terrain, and vegetated landscapes interspersed by farm buildings, structures and residential units.

The role of the Rural Lifestyle Zone is to provide an area for rural lifestyle living, while allowing for the adjoining Rural Zone's continued function as a productive working environment that is not compromised by ad-hoc or sporadic rural lifestyle activities.

Objectives

RLZ-01

The Rural Lifestyle Zone is used for a mix of low density residential and farming activities within a rural setting.

RLZ-02

Residential lifestyle within the Rural Lifestyle Zone is characterised by lower densities, interspersed by farming activities, self-serviced residential units and an absence of urban infrastructure.

RLZ-03

Primary Production within the Rural Lifestyle Zone is limited to pastoral, agricultural and horticultural farming activities.

Policies

RLZ-P1

Enable low density residential lifestyle activity to be located within the Rural Lifestyle Zone.

RLZ-P2

Enable pastoral, agricultural and horticultural farming activities to be located within the Rural Lifestyle Zone.

RLZ-P3

The character and amenity of the Rural Lifestyle Zone is characterised by:

- A balance of primary production and residential activities with primary production being the predominate landscape feature.
- A landscape within which the natural environment predominates over the built one.
- An environmental contrast and clear distinction between town and country

RLZ-P4

Restrict residential activities that is at a scale or density inconsistent with the anticipated character and amenity of the Rural Lifestyle Zone.

RLZ-P5

Avoid commercial, industrial, and intensive primary production within the Rural Lifestyle Zone unless it can be demonstrated that:

1. The site design, layout and scale of the activity is compatible with the character and amenity values of the Zone;
2. There is adequate infrastructure available to service the activity, including on-site servicing where reticulated services are not available;
3. The activity avoids constraining the establishment of activities otherwise anticipated within the Zone; and
4. There are measures to internalise effects and avoid conflict and potential reverse sensitivity effects on activities anticipated in the Zone, including primary production and residential activity.

RLZ-P6

Restrict home-based commercial activity where these activities are compatible with the character and amenity values of the Rural Lifestyle Zone.

Rules

RLZ – R1 – One Residential Unit	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>1. Activity Status: Permitted</p> <p>Where Compliance is achieved with:</p> <p>RLZ-S1 – Separation Distances</p> <p>RLZ-S2 – Height</p> <p>RLZ-S3 – Effluent</p> <p>RLZ-S4 – Site Coverage</p> <p>RLZ-S5 – Separation of Residential Units along roads</p> <p>RLZ-S6 – Access</p> <p>RLZ-S7 – Firefighting water supply and access</p>
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>2. Activity Status: Discretionary</p> <p>Where compliance is not achieved with:</p> <p>RLZ-S1 – Separation Distances</p> <p>RLZ-S2 – Height</p> <p>RLZ-S3 – Effluent</p> <p>RLZ-S4 – Site Coverage</p> <p>RLZ-S5 – Separation of Residential Units along roads</p> <p>RLZ-S6 – Access</p>

	RLZ-S7 – Firefighting water supply and access
RLZ – R2 – Accessory Building	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>1. Activity Status: Permitted</p> <p>Where compliance is achieved with:</p> <p>RLZ-S1 – Separation Distances</p> <p>RLZ-S2 – Height</p> <p>RLZ-S3 – Effluent</p> <p>RLZ-S4 – Site Coverage</p>
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>2. Activity Status: Discretionary</p> <p>Where compliance is not achieved with:</p> <p>RLZ-S1 – Separation Distances</p> <p>RLZ-S2 – Height</p> <p>RLZ-S3 – Effluent</p> <p>RLZ-S4 – Site Coverage</p>
RLZ – R3 – Agriculture, Pastoral Farming, Horticulture	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	1. Activity Status: Permitted
RLZ – R5 – Two or more Residential Units on one site	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	1. Activity Status: Discretionary
RLZ – R6 – Community Facilities	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	1. Activity Status: Discretionary
RLZ – R7 – Home Business	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	1. Activity Status: Discretionary
RLZ – R8 – Education Facility	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	1. Activity Status: Discretionary
RLZ – R9 – Visitor Accommodation	

Rural Lifestyle Zone	1. Activity Status: Discretionary
RLZ – R10 – Any activity not otherwise provided for	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	1. Activity Status: Discretionary
Standards	
RLZ – S1 Separation Distances Residential Unit's – A Minimum of 10m from boundaries Accessory Building's – A Minimum of 5m from boundaries	
RLZ – S2 Height - Maximum height – 9m - All parts of a building must be contained within a 45 degree plane commencing at 2.8 metres above ground level inclined inwards at right angles.	
RLZ – S3 Effluent Disposal i) Effluent shall be disposed of either within the site or into a Council approved collective disposal system. Sewage drainage easements into neighbouring properties will not be permitted.	
RLZ – S4 Density of Building/Site Coverage – 500m ²	
RLZ – S5 Separation of Residential Units along roads No residential unit shall result in, or add to, a situation of more than two existing or potential residential unit within any 400 metre section of road and a line 150 metres from and parallel to that section of road. i) Residential units further than 150m from any road or on the opposite side of the road concerned shall not be counted for the purposes of this rule. ii) Potential dwellings shall be assigned to any allotment which does not currently have a dwelling upon it, and to allotments on proposed or approved subdivision plans. iii) Properties which have frontage to more than one road shall comply with this rule in respect of all of the roads concerned.	
RLZ – S6 Access – Compliance with Rule 3B.4.2	
RLZ – S7 Firefighting water supply and access i) All new buildings must comply with New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008.	

Subdivision

RLZ SUB – R1 – Boundary Adjustments	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>1. Activity Status: Controlled</p> <p>Where compliance with:</p> <p>RLZ SUB 1 – Minimum Site Size</p> <p>RLZ – S1 – Separation Distances</p> <p>RLZ – S5 – Effluent Disposal</p> <p>RLZ – S7 – Separation of Residential Units along Roads</p> <p>RLZ – S8 - Access</p>
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>1. Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Where compliance is not achieved with:</p> <p>RLZ SUB 2 – Minimum Site Size</p> <p>RLZ – S1 – Separation Distances</p> <p>RLZ – S5 – Effluent Disposal</p> <p>RLZ – S7 – Separation of Residential Units along Roads</p> <p>RLZ – S8 - Access</p>
RLZ SUB – R2 – Lifestyle Zone Subdivision creating allotments greater than 25ha in size	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>1. Activity Status: Controlled</p> <p>Where: Compliance with:</p> <p>RLZ SUB – S3 - Minimum Allotment Size Production Land Use</p>
RLZ SUB – R3 – General Rural Zone Subdivision creating up to five allotments less than 25ha in size that retains 50% of the balance title	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>1. Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Where Compliance with:</p> <p>RLZ SUB S1 – Minimum Site Size</p> <p>RLZ SUB S3 – Suitable Building Site</p> <p>RLZ – S1 – Separation Distances</p> <p>RLZ – S5 – Effluent Disposal</p> <p>RLZ – S7 – Separation of Residential Units along Roads</p> <p>RLZ – S8 - Access</p>
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>2. Activity Status: Discretionary</p> <p>Where non-compliance with:</p> <p>RLZ SUB S1 – Minimum Site Size</p> <p>RLZ SUB S3 – Suitable Building Site</p> <p>RLZ – S1 – Separation Distances</p> <p>RLZ – S5 – Effluent Disposal</p> <p>RLZ – S7 – Separation of Residential Units along Roads</p> <p>RLZ – S8 - Access</p>
RLZ SUB – R4 – General Rural Zone Subdivision around existing residential units	
Rural Lifestyle Zone	<p>1. Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Where compliance with:</p> <p>RLZ SUB S1 – Minimum Site Size</p>

	RLZ – S1 – Separation Distances RLZ – S5 – Effluent Disposal RLZ – S8 - Access
RLZ SUB – R5 – General Rural Zone Subdivision not otherwise provided	
General Rural Zone	1. Non-Complying
Standards	
RLZ SUB – S1 Minimum Site Size – 5000m ²	
RLZ SUB – S2 Maximum Site Size – 1ha	
RLZ SUB – S3 - Minimum Allotment Size Production Land Use – 25ha	
RLZ SUB – S4 – Suitable Building Site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) All allotments shall have at least one suitable site where a dwelling could be erected, together with associated effluent and stormwater disposal systems. For the purposes of this rule a suitable dwelling site is one which complies with the District Plan’s rules and performance standards. 	

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