



## **Proposed Plan Change 13 – Hazardous Substances**

### **About this proposed Plan Change**

Pursuant to Clause 5 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 199, the DCC is proposing to make a change to the District Plan (Change 13: Hazardous Substances) bring our District Plan into line with other legislation that controls hazardous substances.

The proposed plan change seeks to update the District Plan controls which direct the storage, use, disposal and transportation of hazardous substances, and align those controls with the HSNO Act and its associated regulations.

### **What is a hazardous substance?**

Under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO), a hazardous substance is any substance with any of the following intrinsic properties:

- explosiveness
- flammability
- a capacity to oxidise
- corrosiveness
- toxicity
- ecotoxicity

Any substance which, on contact with air or water, generates a substance with any of these properties is also considered hazardous.

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The management of hazardous substances in New Zealand is achieved mainly through the HSNO Act and the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The two Acts work together to provide the framework for managing hazardous substances anywhere in New Zealand.

As the Dunedin City District Plan pre-dates HSNO, it is not consistent with those associated regulations and, in some instances, is outdated with the way we now use hazardous substances.

In many cases, proposed limits have been increased to reflect the day-to-day use of hazardous substances, such as standard household LPG tanks, and the petrol in your car's petrol tank. Key industries occupying large sites will also have increased limits (subject to strict controls) of some hazardous substances to ensure that their needs are reasonably met without jeopardising public safety.

### **What are the key parts of the proposed Plan Change 13?**

The key parts of the proposed plan change are:

- Setting revised limits for the amount of hazardous substances that can be stored or used on a site;
- Expanding the exemptions contained within the permitted activity rules to reflect practical everyday use;
- Creating a definition for hazardous sub-facilities within the Campus, Port 1, Airport and Industrial 1 zones and forestry and timber treatment activities in the Rural zone to provide for more intensive activities on large sites, where there are often a number of hazardous installations contained within any given site;
- Including hazardous wastes within the definition of Hazardous Substances to ensure that the storage, use, transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes are captured by the District Plan.

The Council has made a resolution that all the rules in the plan change will take legal effect only once the plan change is fully operative to avoid any uncertainty caused by different rules in the plan change taking effect at different times.

You can get a copy of the Proposed District Plan Change 13 and the associated section 32 report at:

- Planning Enquiries, Customer Services Centre, Plaza, Civic Centre, 50 The Octagon, Dunedin
- All Dunedin Public Libraries
- [www.dunedin.govt.nz/plan-change-13](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/plan-change-13)