

Section A: General Introduction – Volume Two

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A. GENERAL INTRODUCTION – VOLUME TWO

This section provides background information which underlies the role and status of Volume Two of the District Plan: Design Guidelines and Supplementary Information.

A.1 The Role of Volume Two: Design Guidelines and Supplementary Information

A.1.1 Introduction

The Palmerston North City District Plan was notified in 1995 and become operative in its entirety in March 2005. A number of variations and changes to the District Plan have been processed during this period and the District Plan will continue to be reviewed over time. The ongoing development of the District Plan has created the need for a Second Volume including Design Guidelines and Supplementary Information.

A.1.2 Contents of Volume Two of the District Plan

Volume Two of the District Plan includes Regulatory and Non-Regulatory Design Guidelines prepared by the Palmerston North City Council and Supplementary Information which is either referred to within Volume One or included to assist Plan users and resource consent applicants.

A.1.3 Statutory Status and Relationship to Volume One of the District Plan

The information included within Volume Two of the District Plan is, in the majority of cases, referred to within Volume One of the District Plan, however, not all of the information included within Volume Two has been prepared under the statutory framework of the Resource Management Act 1991. The Regulatory Design Guidelines included within Volume Two of the District Plan have been prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991 and must be considered by Plan users and resource consent applicants, as required by the relevant provisions contained within Volume One of the District Plan.

The Non-Regulatory Design Guidelines included within Volume Two of the District Plan have been prepared by Council to supplement the regulatory provisions contained within Volume One of the District Plan. In some instances the Non-Regulatory Design Guidelines may be referred to within the Volume One of the District Plan. However, there is no strict requirement for Plan users and resource consent applicants to consider the information contained within the Non-Regulatory Design Guidelines. It is intended that by including the Non-Regulatory Design Guidelines within Volume Two of the District Plan it will raise public awareness of the Design Guidelines by exposing them to a greater audience.

The Supplementary Information contained within Volume Two is information referred to within Volume One or information considered to be useful to Plan users and resource consent applicants.

A.1.4 Updating of Volume Two of the District Plan

Volume Two of the District Plan will be updated over time as new Design Guidelines are prepared and further supplementary information becomes available. Any new Regulatory Design Guidelines will need to be approved like any other Plan Change under the Resource Management Act 1991 framework prior to being included within Volume Two of the District Plan.

Non-Regulatory Design Guidelines are also likely be added to the Second Volume of the District Plan over time.

A.1.5 Schedule 1 Part 3 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Clause 35 of Part 3 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 requires the Palmerston North City Council to provide public access to material incorporated by reference in the District Plan. In providing a public space for documents referred to within the District Plan, the Second Volume is contributing towards this statutory requirement.

Other documents that are referred to within the District Plan but not included within the Second Volume e.g. NZ Noise Standards are available for inspection at the Palmerston North City Central Library, The Square, Palmerston North.