GRUZ - General Rural Zone

The General Rural Zone encompasses the largest proportion of the rural area of the Wairarapa and is the largest zone by area. The General Rural Zone is characterised by open landscapes interspersed with *buildings* or *structures*. Typical land cover includes pasture, crops, vines, forestry, and indigenous vegetation. Character and amenity values of the zone include spaciousness, sparsely developed landscape, vegetation cover, and the presence of a productive farming environment and the visual, odour and noise effects associated with primary production activities.

The General Rural Zone consists of areas used predominantly for *primary production* activities, including *intensive primary production*. The Zone may also be used for a range of activities that support *primary production* activities, including associated *rural industry*, and other activities that require a rural location.

Rural land contained within the General Rural Zone is a significant resource due to the economic value of primary production activities to the Wairarapa, and the associated processing and service industries. This in turn contributes to the vitality of the urban environment of the Wairarapa.

The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land directs to protect *highly productive land* for use in *land-based primary production*. *Highly productive land* is situated throughout the General Rural Zone and is at threat of inappropriate land use, subdivision and development. Activities that are not land based primary production are to be carefully managed where they are located on *highly productive land* to ensure the *productive capacity* is protected.

Land surrounding Martinborough is also of particular significance due to the special characteristics of the soils which make it suitable for high value crops such as viticulture, orchards and olives, albeit some of this land is not identified as *highly productive land*. This land, identified on the planning maps as the Martinborough Soils Overlay, is vulnerable to inappropriate land use, subdivision and development due to its close proximity to an urban area. Activities on this land are to be managed to ensure the land can continue to be utilised for high producing crops.

The Wairarapa is increasingly seen as an attractive place to reside. Rural lifestyle living provides a residential choice for people wanting a lifestyle on larger *sites*, with the opportunity to carry out small scale productive activities in a rural setting. The Rural Lifestyle Zone provides opportunities for rural lifestyle living in the Wairarapa. The General Rural Zone provides for further opportunities for rural lifestyle living, in appropriate locations and to an appropriate scale, insofar as it does not risk the loss and fragmentation of the rural character, productive land, and productive potential of the land within the Wairarapa.

Activities and developments typically associated with urban areas are not provided for in the General Rural Zone.

Activities undertaken in the General Rural Zone need to be managed in a way enables primary production activities, and preserves rural character and the *productive capacity* of

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land which is directed through this chapter. In addition, activities also must be undertaken in a way that maintains other significant values that are located within the General Rural Zone. These significant values are largely identified in the district-wide chapters, in particular the Natural Environment topics, which contain specific objective, policies, and rules to manage adverse effects on their values. In addition, the urban water supply protection area as shown in the District Plan Maps identifies a buffer surrounding the Masterton urban water supply. There are no objectives, policies, or rules in the District Plan to manage effects on this water supply; however, consideration should be given to the urban water supply protection area for any activity within close proximity in order to protect the water supply.

There may be a number of rules that apply to an activity, *building*, *structure*, or *site*. Resource consent may therefore be required under rules in this chapter as well as other chapters. Unless specifically stated in a rule, resource consent is required under each relevant rule. The steps to determine the status of an activity are set out in the General Approach section in the How the Plan Works chapter.

Objectives

GRUZ-O1 Purpose of the General Rural Zone

The General Rural Zone is used primarily for *primary production*, activities that support *primary production*, and other activities that have a *functional need* or *operational need* to be located within the General Rural Zone.

GRUZ-O2 Rural character

The predominant character of the General Rural Zone are maintained and enhanced, which include:

- a. areas of viticulture, *horticulture*, crops, pasture, forestry (indigenous and plantation), and the presence of a large number of farmed animals;
- b. sparsely developed landscape with open space between *buildings* that are predominantly used for agricultural, pastoral and *horticultural activities* (e.g. barns and sheds), low density rural living (e.g. farmhouses, *seasonal worker accommodation*, and a small degree of rural lifestyle), and community activities (e.g. rural halls, domains, and educational facilities);
- a range of noises, smells, light overspill, and traffic, often on a cyclic and seasonal basis, generated from the production, manufacture, processing and/or transportation of raw materials predominately derived from *primary production* and *ancillary* activities;
- d. interspersed existing *rural industries, intensive primary production, quarrying activities*, and cleanfills; and
- e. the presence of *infrastructure*, *renewable electricity generation activities*, including rural roads, state highways, the National Grid and the on-*site* disposal of wastewater, and a general lack of urban *infrastructure*, such as street lighting, solid fences, and footpaths.

GRUZ-O3	Provision for primary production
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The productive land and resources of the General Rural Zone support a range of *primary production* oriented and resource dependent activities.

GRUZ-O4 Compatible activities

Primary production activities are enabled, and other activities that have a *functional need* or *operational need* to be located within the General Rural Zone are provided for where they are not incompatible with *primary production* activities.

GRUZ-O5 Reverse sensitivity

Sensitive activities are located and designed to avoid or mitigate reverse sensitivity effects and incompatibility with *primary production*, other land uses activities and key transport corridors in the General Rural Zone.

GRUZ-O6 Rural lifestyle

- a. Rural lifestyle subdivision and development is managed in a way that avoids further fragmentation of productive land and its *productive capacity* or potential.
- b. Opportunities for rural lifestyle subdivision and development in appropriate locations within the General Rural Zone is provided for, insofar as GRUZ-O6(a) is met.

GRUZ-O7 Protection of *highly productive land* and other land with special characteristics

Land in the General Rural Zone is recognised and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development where:

- a. It is highly productive land; and
- b. It is land that utilises the finite combination of climate and soil characteristics which make it suitable for high value crops including viticulture, orchards and olives.

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Policies

GRUZ-P1	Compatible	activities
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- a. Enable *primary production* activities that are compatible with the purpose, character, and amenity values of the General Rural Zone.
- b. Provide for other activities that have a *functional need* or *operational need* to be located in the General Rural Zone that are not incompatible with *primary production*.
- c. Provide for rural lifestyle development in appropriate locations where GRUZ-P1(a) and GRUZ-P1(b) are enabled or provided for.

GRUZ-P2 Incompatible activities

Avoid activities and development that:

- a. are incompatible with the purpose, character, and amenity of the General Rural Zone;
- b. will result in fragmentation of land and any loss to its productive capacity; or
- c. will result in reverse sensitivity effects and/or conflict with permitted activities in the General Rural Zone including *primary production* and *ancillary activities*.

GRUZ-P3 Rural character

Provide for subdivision, use, and development where it does not compromise the purpose, character, and amenity of the General Rural Zone, by:

- a. enabling and promoting openness and predominance of vegetation;
- b. enabling and promoting a productive working landscape;
- c. enabling primary production and ancillary activities;
- d. managing the location, scale and effects of other activities that have a *functional* need or operational need to be located in the General Rural Zone;
- d. providing for varying forms, scale, and separation of *structures* associated with primary production activities;
- e. managing the density and location of residential development;
- f. ensuring allotments can be self-serviced;
- g. retaining a clear delineation and contrast between the Wairarapa's rural areas and urban areas; and
- h. avoiding, remedying, or mitigating reverse sensitivity effects.

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GRUZ-P4 Avoid inappropriate subdivision

Avoid subdivision in the General Rural Zone that will result in *sites* that are of a size, scale, or location that is contrary to the anticipated purpose, character, and amenity values of the zone, by:

- a. limiting small lot subdivision within the General Rural Zone to only areas where the soil resource is fragmented, is not located on any *highly productive land*, and it does not compromise the use of land for primary production activities; and
- b. avoiding the cumulative effects associated with small lot subdivision on the *productive capacity* within the General Rural Zone.

GRUZ-P5 Quarrying activities

Recognise the local and regional benefits of aggregate extraction in the Wairarapa, and manage *quarrying activities* within the General Rural Zone by:

- a. enabling farm quarries; and
- b. providing for other *quarrying activities* where it can be demonstrated that:
 - i. the siting and scale of buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles, stored material, quarried areas, cut faces, and visual screening, maintains the character and amenity values of the General Rural Zone;
 - ii. adverse effects to established sensitive activities will be avoided;
 - iii. there are measures to minimise any adverse noise, vibration, traffic, and lighting effects beyond the boundary, including through the use of setbacks, where appropriate;
 - iv. there are measures to mitigate any adverse effects on character and amenity values of the General Rural Zone from the movement of vehicles;
 - v. it avoids or mitigates any adverse effects on the health and wellbeing of surface waterbodies and their margins;
 - vi. it internalises adverse effects as far as practicable using industry best practice and management plans, including monitoring and self-reporting; and
 - vii. where the quarrying activity is located over *highly productive land*, it is consistent with GRUZ-P9.

GRUZ-P6 Managing potential conflicts

- a. Avoid or mitigate the potential for reverse sensitivity effects by:
 - i. avoiding the establishment of any new *sensitive activity* near existing *intensive* primary production, primary production activities, landfills, cleanfills, quarrying activities, and rural industry in circumstances where the new *sensitive activity* may compromise the operation of the existing activities;
 - ii. managing potential reverse sensitivity effects caused by the establishment of new sensitive activities near other primary production activities, including through the use of setbacks and separation distances;

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- b. Managing effects to existing *sensitive activities* and reducing the risk for *reverse sensitivity* effects by:
- iii. ensuring adequate separation distances between existing sensitive activities and new intensive primary production activities, quarrying activities, and rural industry; and
- iv. avoiding *quarry*, landfill, cleanfill, and *mining* activities in proximity to urban areas where the amenity values of urban environments would be diminished.

GRUZ-P7 Martinborough Soils Overlay

Identify and protect land and buffer areas within the Martinborough Soils Overlay that contain characteristics that:

- a. have unique soil and climatic characteristics suitable for high value crops including viticulture, orchards and olives;
- b. are vulnerable to fragmentation of land and development; and
- c. contribute to the economic and social wellbeing of Martinborough.

GRUZ-P8 Activities within the Martinborough Soils Overlay

Manage subdivision, use, and development within the Martinborough Soils Overlay to protect the finite land resource, by:

- a. enabling and promoting *primary production* activities, in particular viticulture and *horticulture*:
- b. providing for the activities that are directly associated with *primary production* activities including viticulture and *horticulture* by:
 - i. operation of devices used to protect crops from bird and/or frost;
 - ii. temporary events;
 - iii. rural produce retail activities;
 - iv. operation of heavy machinery;
 - v. managing the density and location of residential units; and
 - vi. avoiding the fragmentation of land which compromises its use for *primary production* activities.
- c. Providing for the subdivision of land for *land based primary production* activities including viticulture and *horticulture* by:
 - i. Ensuring the land will be used for *land based primary production* in perpetuity,
 - ii. Avoiding loss of *productive capacity* through land fragmentation caused by creating allotments that are of a size and design that would allow for non-primary production activities, and
 - iii. Avoiding the establishment of additional *residential units* when additional allotments are created, including through the use of legal mechanisms.

GRUZ-P9 Highly productive land

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Avoid subdivision, use and development of *highly productive land*, except as provided in the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land.

GRUZ-P10 Relocatable buildings

Provide for the relocation of buildings while requiring the completion and renovation within a reasonable timeframe by:

- a. requiring pre-inspection reports to be prepared that identify any reinstatement work required to the exterior of the building following the building relocation;
- b. ensuring that relocatable buildings have the same use as what they were previously designed, built and used for;
- c. requiring a performance bond as a security that reinstatement works will be appropriately completed in a timely manner; and
- d. maintaining and enhancing the amenity values of areas by ensuring the adverse effects of relocatable buildings are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

GRUZ-P11 Cleanfill activities

Avoid or mitigate the adverse effects of cleanfill activities within the General Rural Zone by demonstrating that:

- a. the siting and scale of *buildings*, *structures*, machinery, vehicles, fill faces, and visual screening maintains the character and amenity values of the General Rural Zone, including its completed state;
- b. adverse effects to established sensitive activities will be avoided;
- c. there are measures to minimise any adverse noise, traffic, and/or lighting effects beyond the boundary, including through the use of setbacks;
- d. it avoids or mitigates any adverse effects on the health and wellbeing of surface waterbodies and their margins;
- e. it internalises adverse effects as far as practicable using industry best practice and management plans, including monitoring and self-reporting; and
- f. where the cleanfill activity is located over *highly productive land*, it is consistent with GRUZ-P9.

Rules

GRUZ-R1	Buildings and structures, including construction, additions, and alterations
	Activity status: Permitted Where:
	a. Compliance is achieved with:i. GRUZ-S1;ii. GRUZ-S2;
	iii. GRUZ-S3; and iv. GRUZ-S7.

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	2. Activity status: Restricted discretionary
	Where:
	a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R1(1). Matters of discretion:
	The effect of non-compliance with any relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.

GRUZ-R2	Demolition or removal of buildings and structures
	Activity status: Permitted Note: Refer to TEMP-R1 for permitted activity standards for activities ancillary to or incidental to construction and demolition.

GRUZ-R3	Relocatable buildings (excluding any building that is not to be used as a residential unit)
	Activity status: Permitted Where:
	a. Compliance is achieved with: i. GRUZ-S1; ii. GRUZ-S2; iii. GRUZ-S3; iv. GRUZ-S7; and v. GRUZ-S8.
	Activity status: Restricted discretionary Where: a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R3(1). Matters of discretion:
	 The matters set out in GRUZ-P10. The effect of non-compliance with any relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.

GRUZ-R4	Seasonal worker accommodation
	Activity status: Permitted
	Where:

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a	. Compliance is achieved with:	
	i. GRUZ-S1; ii. GRUZ-S2; and	
	iii. GRUZ-S3; and	
l b	. Is used primarily to meet labour requirements for land based	
	primary production; and	
C	. The maximum cumulative <i>gross floor area</i> of the <i>seasonal</i>	
	worker accommodation building is no more than 150m ² .	
2. A	ctivity status: Restricted discretionary	
Whe	Where:	
a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R4(1)		
Matters of discretion:		
The effect of non-compliance with any relevant standard and		
	the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.	
	2. Number of workers accommodation required to enable the	
	land based primary production activity.	
	3. The effect of the intensity and scale of the activity.	
4	I. The <i>building</i> design, siting, form, and external appearance is compatible with the General Rural Zone.	
Ę	 Measures to avoid and minimise any potential loss of highly productive land. 	

GRUZ-R5	Primary production (excluding quarrying activities, intensive primary production, and rural industry)
	Activity status: Permitted

GRUZ-R6		Agricultural aviation
		Activity status: Permitted
		Note: Refer to Noise chapter for rules that relate to the noise associated with agricultural aviation.

GRUZ-R7	Residential visitor accommodation (excluding visitor accommodation)
	Activity status: Permitted

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Where:	
a. Compliance is achieved with:	
i. GRUZ-S3; ii. GRUZ-S4; and iii. GRUZ-S7.	
2. Activity status: Restricted discretionary	
Where:	
a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R7(1). Matters of discretion:	
The effect of non-compliance with any relevant standard a matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.	and the

GRUZ-R8	Residential activities
	Activity status: Permitted Where:
	 a. Compliance is achieved with: GRUZ-S4 and GRUZ-S7; and b. Where the site is located within the Martinborough Soils Overlay or within highly productive land the number of residential units must not exceed:
	 i. one residential unit per site; and ii. one minor residential unit that has a gross floor area of no more than 80m² per site.
	Activity status: Restricted discretionary Where:
	 a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R8(1)(a). Matters of discretion:
	The effect of non-compliance with any relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.
	3. Activity status: Discretionary Where:
	a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R8(1)(b).

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GRUZ-	·R9	Intensive primary production
		Activity status: Permitted
		Where:
		a. Compliance is achieved with: i. GRUZ-S5.
		2. Activity status: Restricted discretionary
		Where:
		a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R9(1).
		Matters of discretion:
		 The effect of non-compliance with any relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.

GRUZ-R10	Conservation activities
	Activity status: Permitted

GRUZ-R11	Rural produce retail
	Activity status: Permitted
	Where:
	a. Compliance is achieved with:
	i. GRUZ-S1; ii. GRUZ-S2; iii. GRUZ-S3; and iv. GRUZ-S6;
	b. There is no more than one <i>building</i> or <i>structure</i> used for the <i>rural produce retail</i> activity per <i>site</i> ;
	c. The <i>gross floor area</i> of any <i>building</i> or <i>structure</i> used for the <i>rural produce retail</i> activity is no more than 40m²; and
	 d. The activity does not use direct vehicle access to a State Highway.
	There is no sale of food or beverages to the general public for consumption on the site.

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	Activity status: Discretionary Where:
	a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R11(1).

GRUZ-R12	Quarrying activities
	Activity status: Permitted Where:
	a. It is a farm quarry
	Activity status: Restricted discretionary Where:
	a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R12(1);
	 There is no processing including crushing, screening, washing, and blending on <i>site</i>; and
	c. A management plan has been prepared for the operation of the quarrying activity.
	Matters of discretion:
	 The siting and scale of <i>buildings</i> and visual screening to maintain the character and amenity values of the General Rural Zone. Adverse noise, vibration, access, dust, and lighting effects. Vehicle access design and location.
	4. Effects on the safe, effective, and efficient functioning of the transport network from the type, number, and time of day of vehicle movements anticipated.
	5. Adverse effects on visual amenity and character values including use of landscaping.
	6. Use of industry best practice and management plans, including monitoring and self-reporting.
	7. Measures to rehabilitate the <i>site</i> following closure of <i>quarrying</i> activities.
	8. Any bond or financial contributions that to manage any of the effects of other matters of discretion.9. Loss of <i>highly productive land</i>.
	3. Activity status: Discretionary Where:
	a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R12(2).

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Note: Any disposal of inert fill associated with *quarry* rehabilitation is anticipated by Rule GRUZ-R12(2) and GRUZ-R12(3)

GRUZ-R13	Papakāinga
	1. Activity status: Permitted Where: a. Compliance is achieved with: i. GRUZ-S1; ii. GRUZ-S2; iii. GRUZ-S3; iv. GRUZ-S4; v. GRUZ-S6; and vi. GRUZ-S7; and b. The gross floor area of all community facilities does not exceed
	200m² per <i>site</i> .
	Activity status: Restricted discretionary Where: a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R13(1). Matters of discretion:
	 The effect of non-compliance with any relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met. Whether high quality on-site amenity values can be achieved. Effects on the safe, effective, and efficient functioning of the transport network, site access, parking, servicing, and traffic generation, including safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users. The extent of impervious surfaces and landscaping. Infrastructure requirements.

GRUZ-R14	Motorised outdoor recreation activities
	Activity status: Discretionary

GRUZ-R15	Emergency service facility

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Activity status: Restricted discretionary Matters of discretion:
1. Whether the activity has an <i>operational need</i> or <i>functional need</i> to locate in the General Rural Zone;
The effects on the character and amenity of the General Rural Zone;
3. Effects on the safe, effective, and efficient functioning of the transport network, site access, parking, servicing, and traffic generation; and
Potential reverse sensitivity effects and any measures to avoid or mitigate those effects.

GRUZ-R16	Educational facility
	 Activity Status: Restricted discretionary Note: This does not apply to childcare home businesses. Matters of discretion: The effects on the character and amenity of the General Rural Zone; Scale, design, layout and setbacks; Onsite landscaping and amenity; Adverse effects on the safe, efficient and effective operation of the
	road network; 5. Potential reverse sensitivity effects and any measures to avoid or mitigate those effects.

GRUZ-R17	Visitor accommodation (excluding residential visitor accommodation)
	Activity status: Discretionary

GRUZ-R18 Rural industry	
	1. Activity status: Restricted discretionary
	Where:
	 a. the manufacture, processing or production of goods involves initial or further processing of commodities derived from <i>primary</i> production;
	b. the maximum cumulative <i>gross floor area</i> occupied by <i>buildings</i> associated with the <i>rural industry</i> shall be 150 m ² ;
	 c. the retail sale of goods on the site is restricted to those manufactured, produced or processed on the site;
	d. the maximum <i>gross floor area</i> occupied for retail sales shall be 40 m ² ; and
	e. Vehicle access must comply with RTS 3: Guidelines for Establishing Rural Selling Places.
	f. Compliance is achieved with NOISE-S1.

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g. Compliance is achieved with LIGHT-S1. Matters of discretion:
 Adverse vibration and dust effects on the character and amenity of the General Rural Zone.
2. Effects on the safe, effective, and efficient functioning of the transport network from the type, number, and time of day of vehicle movements anticipated.
3. Setbacks from <i>sensitive activities</i> and the ability to mitigate adverse effects through the use of screening, planting, landscaping, and alternative design.
4. Loss of highly productive land.
Notification:
An application under this rule is precluded from being publicly notified in accordance with sections 95A of the RMA.
2. Activity status: Discretionary
Where:
a. Compliance is not achieved with GRUZ-R18(1).

GRUZ-R19	Cleanfill activities (not otherwise provided for by GRUZ-R12)
	Activity status: Discretionary

GRUZ-R20	Waste management facility (not otherwise provided for by any other rule)
	Activity status: Discretionary

G	RUZ-R21	Mining activities
		Activity status: Discretionary

GRUZ-R17	Commercial boarding of cats, dogs, and other domestic pets
	Activity status: Discretionary

GRUZ-R22	Commercial and industrial activities not otherwise provided for

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	Activity status: Discretionary Where:
	a. It is not otherwise provided for in the permitted, controlled, and restricted discretionary rules of the General Rural Zone chapter; and
	b. The gross floor area does not exceed 2,000m ² .
	Activity status: Non-complying Where:
	a. Compliance is not achieved with Rule GRUZ-R22(1).

GRUZ-R23	Any activity not otherwise listed in this chapter
	Activity status: Discretionary

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Standards

GRUZ-S1 Maximum height

- 1. The maximum height of any *building* or structure shall be:
 - a. 10m above *ground level* for any residential unit;
 - b. 15m above *ground level* for any frost fan; and
 - c. 12m above *ground level* for all other *buildings* and *structures*.

Matters of discretion:

- 1. The location, design, and appearance of the *building* or *structure*.
- 2. Visual dominance, shading, and loss of privacy for, *residential units* on adjacent *sites*.
- 3. Bulk and dominance of the *building* or *structure*.
- 4. Whether an increase in *building height* results from *site* constraints or a response to *natural hazard* mitigation.
- 5. Whether topographical or other *site* constraints make compliance with the standard impractical.
- Any potential electromagnetic effects
 caused by the structure where it is within
 1 km of a radio transmission mast.

GRUZ-S2 Maximum *height* in relation to boundary

 3m height at the boundary with a 45° recession plane on all side and rear boundaries.

Exceptions to maximum height in relation to boundary:

a. Artificial crop protection structures

Matters of discretion:

- 1. The location, design, and appearance of the *building*.
- 2. Visual dominance, shading, and loss of privacy for, *residential units* on adjacent *sites*.
- 3. Bulk and dominance of the building.
- 4. Whether an increase in *building height* results from *site* constraints or a response to *natural hazard* mitigation.
- 5. Whether topographical or other *site* constraints make compliance with the standard impractical.

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GRUZ-S3

Minimum setbacks

- 1. *Buildings* or *structures* must not be located within:
 - a. 10m of any boundary;
 - b. 25m of any significant waterbody; and
 - c. 10m of any surface waterbody.
- 2. Residential units must also not be located within:
 - a. 25m of any front boundary of unsealed roads;
 - b. 40 m of the edge of a plantation forest under separate ownership;
 - c. 300m of a boundary with untreated agricultural effluent disposal areas;
 - d. 300m of an effluent holding pond;
 - e. 500m of an *intensive primary*production activity under separate
 ownership; and
 - f. 500m of a landfill.

Exceptions to boundary setbacks:

- Rainwater tanks with a diameter not exceeding 3.5m and height above ground level not exceeding 3m.
- 4. GRUZ-S3(1)(b) and GRUZ-S3(1)(c) do not apply to *buildings* and *structures* used for *rural produce retail*.
- 5. For *sites* less than 4,500m², accessory *buildings* may be located up to 1.5m from the side and rear of the boundaries.
- 6. Artificial crop protection structures, where:
 - Dark green or black cloth is used for all vertical faces located within 30m of the boundary of the site; and
 - The artificial crop protection structure is located adjacent to an internal boundary where there is an existing lawfully established residential unit

Matters of discretion:

- The extent to which building design, siting, and external appearance adversely impacts on rural character and amenity.
- 2. Site topography and orientation and whether the building can be more appropriately located to minimise adverse visual amenity effects or maintain, enhance, or restore indigenous biodiversity values.
- Effect on nearby properties, including outlook, privacy, shading, and sense of enclosure.
- 4. The extent to which the reduction in the setback is necessary due to the shape or natural and physical features of the *site*.
- 5. The ability to mitigate adverse effects through the use of screening, planting, landscaping, and alternative design.
- The extent to which the reduction in setback would impact on the future ability for road widening requirements.
- 7. Methods to avoid or mitigate reverse sensitivity effects.
- 8. The extent to which the reduction in setback would impact the character and amenity values of the General Rural Zone.

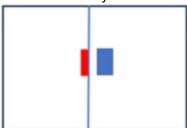
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located on an adjacent site and within 12m of the boundary. In this circumstance a minimum 5m setback shall apply to that portion of the Artificial Crop Protection Structure that is parallel to the face of the neighbouring residential unit and a maximum height of 6m.

This standard GRUZ-S3 does not apply to:

- 1. Bridges and river crossings.
- 2. Fences.
- Water intake, pump shed, and any associated water conveyance infrastructure.

Note: To clarify the application of GRUZ-S3(6) the below diagram shows the applicant site on the left, and the neighbouring property is to the right of the blue internal boundary line. The blue rectangle is the neighbouring residential unit, set less than 12m off the internal boundary. The red area on the left is the area subject to the 5m setback – there is no setback required along the balance of the shared boundary.



GRUZ-S4

Number of residential units

- 1. For *sites* comprising less than 40 ha:
 - a. one residential unit per site; and
 - b. one *minor residential unit* per site, where the *minor residential unit* is located within 30m of the primary *residential unit* and has a *gross floor area* of no more than 80m².
- 2. For *sites* comprising of 40 ha or more:

Matters of discretion:

 Whether it can be demonstrated that the residential unit(s) provides ancillary accommodation for landowners and/or workers involved with primary production on sites over 40 ha.

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- a. two residential units per site; and
- b. one *minor residential unit* per site, where the *minor residential unit* is located within 30m of the primary *residential unit* and has a *gross floor area* of no more than 80m².

This standard does not apply to:

1. buildings used for seasonal worker accommodation.

- 2. Whether the *residential unit(s)* have been designed to share a single vehicle access point and driveway.
- The extent to which the residential unit(s)
 and vehicle access point design, siting,
 and external appearance adversely
 affects rural character and amenity.
- Site topography and orientation and whether the residential unit(s) and vehicle access point can be more appropriately located to minimise adverse visual amenity effects.
- 5. Effect on nearby properties, including outlook and privacy.
- 6. Whether the *residential unit(s)* and the vehicle access point can be more appropriately located to maintain, enhance, or restore indigenous biodiversity values.
- 7. The ability to mitigate adverse effects through the use of screening, planting, landscaping, and alternative design.

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GRUZ-S5 Intensive primary production

- 1. *Intensive primary production* must meet the following standards:
 - a. not be located within 500m of an existing residential unit that is under separate ownership;
 - b. not be located within 50m of any *site* boundary;
 - not be located within the Urban Water Supply Protection Areas shown on the Planning Maps;
 - d. no effluent holding pond shall be located within 300m of an existing residential unit that is under separate ownership; and
 - e. not be located within 20m of any surface waterbody.

Matters of discretion:

- The extent to which the nature and scale of activity, including the number and type of animals is consistent with the characteristics of the proposed site and the receiving environment.
- 2. Any measures to internalise adverse effects and avoid conflict and potential *reverse sensitivity* effects on activities anticipated in the zone.
- 3. The extent to which the activity, including any *buildings*, compounds, or part of a *site* used for housing animals are sufficiently designed and located or separated from *sensitive activities*, *residential units*, and boundaries of residential zones to avoid adverse effects on residents.
- 4. The extent to which the nature and scale of the activity and built form will maintain rural character and amenity values.
- 5. The potential for the activity to produce adverse effects, including dust, noise, odour, and any measures to internalise adverse effects within the *site*, and any mitigation measures to address effects that cannot be internalised.
- Access and vehicle movements on the site and the safety and efficiency of the roading network.

GRUZ-S6	Transport requirements for	or rural produce retail
Must comply with RTS 3: Guidelines for Establishing Rural Selling Places.		There are no matters of discretion for this standard.
GRUZ-S7	On-site services	

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- within the site that the supply or system serves and be connected to on-site wastewater systems, or an approved alternative means to dispose of wastewater in a sanitary manner in accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the Wellington Water Regional Standard for Water Services December 2021.
- Any wastewater that is to be disposed to ground from any on-site servicing must be to land that is not subject to instability or inundation or used for the disposal of stormwater.
- All new buildings must comply with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008.

- 1. The suitability of any alternative servicing and *infrastructure* options.
- The relevant standards of Council water bylaws, Council's Engineering Development Standard and/or Wellington Water standards as applicable.

GRUZ-S8

Relocatable buildings

- 1. Building Inspection Report
 - a. Prior to the *building* being relocated onto a site, a building consent(s) shall be obtained that covers all of the matters listed below; and
 - b. A building inspection report prepared by a Council Building Officer or other Licensed Building Practitioner shall accompany the building consent application. The report is to identify all reinstatement work required to the exterior of the building and an estimate of the costs for the external refurbishment works after relocation; and
 - c. The building shall be placed on permanent foundations approved by the building consent, no later than two months from the date the building is moved to the site; and
 - d. All other work required to reinstate the exterior of any *relocatable building*,

Matters of discretion:

- Whether the building is structurally sound, the condition of the building and the works needed to bring the exterior of the building up to an external visual appearance that is tidy, of appropriate standard, and compatible with other buildings in the vicinity.
- 2. The requirement for any screening and landscape treatment.
- 3. The bulk, design and location of the *building* in relation to the requirements of the zone.
- The need for structural repairs and reinstatement of the *building* and the length of time for completion of that work.
- 5. The imposition of a performance bond to ensure compliance with the consent conditions.

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- including painting if required, shall be completed within twelve months of the building being delivered to the site. Reinstatement work is to include connections to all *infrastructure* services and closing in and ventilation of the foundations; and
- e. The owner of the site on which the relocatable building is placed shall certify that the reinstatement work will be completed within the twelve-month period. The site owner shall be responsible for ensuring this work is completed.
- The transportation route and any traffic management plans shall be provided to the Council no later than 10 working days before relocating the building.
- 3. Previous Use
 - a. Any relocatable building intended for use as a residential unit or for visitor accommodation must have previously been designed, built and used as a residential unit or for visitor accommodation.
- 4. Where the cost of the reinstatement works identified in accordance with Performance Standard GRUZ-S8(1)(b) is greater than \$10,000 (excluding GST), a Performance Bond is required that meets the following:
 - a. A refundable performance bond of 125% of the cost of external reinstatement works identified in the Building Inspection Report under Performance Standard GRUZ-S8(1)(b) in cash to be lodged with the Council along with application for building consent as a guarantee that external reinstatement works are completed.

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- b. The bond shall be lodged in terms of the form of Deed annexed as Appendix 6 to the District Plan.
- c. Subject to the provisions of the Deed, the bond will be refunded after the Council has inspected and confirmed compliance with external reinstatement requirements.

Note: The Council will in good faith consider the partial release of the bond to the extent that reinstatement works are completed (i.e. on a proportional basis).

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RLZ - Rural Lifestyle Zone

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

The Rural Lifestyle Zone comprises areas identified within the outer edges of Masterton where there is a higher concentration of rural living facilitated through smaller allotment sizes or where there is capacity to accommodate new rural living opportunities. In addition, this land is not suited to conventional residential subdivision because of the absence or limited accessibility of reticulated services. Also, some of this land may have physical limitations to more intensive development such as on-*site* servicing, topography, ground conditions, instability, or natural hazards where more intensive development may cause or exacerbate adverse effects on the environment.

Subdivision, use, and development in the Zone is expected to provide a transition from residential areas to the other rural zones, while retaining a sense of spaciousness and prevailing rural character. This reflects the use of land and *buildings* for *residential activities* and small-scale rural production activities in a rural setting. For this reason, rural lifestyle character and amenity are managed through density and the consideration of *building* locations at the time of subdivision, in addition to the use of *building* setback controls from boundaries. Rural activities and home businesses and activities that are complementary to the rural activities of the *site* are provided for.

Rural lifestyle areas, being close to urban areas, can attract other activities that are not appropriate including: general residential living at urban densities, stand-alone retail or commercial activities, and industrial activities. Such activities are discouraged from the Rural Lifestyle Zone as they can reduce rural character and amenity, and lead to reverse sensitivity and cumulative adverse effects. They also erode the use and function of the Town Centre, Neighbourhood Centre, Residential, Mixed Use, and Industrial Zones.

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Objectives

RLZ-O1 Purpose of the Rural Lifestyle Zone

The Rural Lifestyle Zone is used primarily for a residential lifestyle within a rural environment on lots smaller than those of the General Rural Zone, while still providing for *primary production* to occur.

RLZ-O2 Character of the Rural Lifestyle Zone

The predominant character of the Rural Lifestyle Zone is maintained, which include:

- a. low density residential living on rural lifestyle blocks, characterised by predominantly 1- to 2-storey *buildings* and high levels of on-*site* amenity, privacy, and large areas for landscape planting and small-scale *primary production* activities;
- b. a diversity of topography and land quality, including land without significant *primary production* values; and
- c. a general absence of urban infrastructure.

RLZ-O3 Enable compatible activities

Residential activities, small scale primary production activities, and other activities that are compatible with the character and amenity values of the Rural Lifestyle Zone are provided for.

Policies

RLZ-P1 Compatible activities

Enable *residential activities, primary production,* and other activities that are compatible with the purpose, character, and amenity values of the Rural Lifestyle Zone.

RLZ-P2 Incompatible activities

Avoid activities that are incompatible with the purpose, function, and predominant character of the Rural Lifestyle Zone and/or activities that will result in:

- a. reverse sensitivity effects and/or conflict with permitted activities in the Rural Lifestyle Zone and adjacent zones;
- b. the establishment of *commercial, rural industry,* or *industrial activities* in the Rural Lifestyle Zone that are more appropriately located in the Commercial and Mixed Use Zones, General Rural Zone, or General Industrial Zone;

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- c. urbanisation of the Rural Lifestyle Zone as a consequence of residential development; or
- d. adverse effects, which cannot be avoided, remedied, or mitigated, on:
 - i. residential activities or primary production activities; and
 - ii. rural lifestyle character and amenity values.

RLZ-P3 Rural lifestyle character

Provide for subdivision, use, and development that supports the purpose, character, and amenity of the Rural Lifestyle Zone, by:

- a. maintaining low density of single detached *residential unit* on a *site*, maintaining larger rural lifestyle lot sizes, and providing for high quality and spacious on-*site* amenity;
- b. maintaining *building height* and form that achieves the planned built character of predominantly 1- to 2- storey *residential units, buildings,* and *structures* within a spacious rural lifestyle setting;
- c. *building height*, bulk, and location maintains a reasonable level of sunlight access and privacy and to minimise visual dominance effects to the adjacent *sites*;
- d. *buildings* are setback from road and side boundaries to maintain the spacious landscape character of the area;
- e. ensure allotments are of large enough size to:
 - i. be self-sufficient in the provision of on-*site* water supply, wastewater, and stormwater disposal;
 - ii. be in keeping with the spacious landscape character of the area;
 - iii. not exacerbate any physical limitations such as land instability; and
 - iv. provide for setbacks from primary production activities; and
- f. avoiding, remedying, or mitigating reverse sensitivity effects.

Rules

F	RLZ-R1	Buildings and structures, including construction, additions, and alterations
		Activity status: Permitted Where:
		a. Compliance is achieved with: i. RLZ-S1; ii. RLZ-S2; and iii. RLZ-S3.

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	2. Activity status: Restricted discretionary
	Where:
	a. Where compliance is not achieved with RLZ-R1(1).Matters of discretion:
	The effect of non-compliance with the relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.

RLZ-R2 Demoliti		Demolition of buildings and structures
		Activity status: Permitted
		Note: Refer to TEMP-R1 for permitted activity standards for activities ancillary to or incidental to construction and demolition.

RLZ-R3		Relocatable buildings (excluding any building that is not to be used as a residential unit)
		Activity status: Permitted Where: a. Compliance is achieved with:
		i. GRUZ-S1; ii. GRUZ-S2; iii. GRUZ-S3; iv. GRUZ-S6; and v. GRUZ-S8.
		Activity status: Restricted discretionary Where:
		a. Where compliance is not achieved with RLZ-R3(1). Matters of discretion:
		The effect of non-compliance with the relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.

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RLZ-R4	Residential activities
1. Activity status: Permitted Where: a. Compliance is achieved with: i. RLZ-S4; and ii. RLZ-S5.	
	Activity status: Discretionary Where: a. Compliance is not achieved with RLZ-R4(1).

RLZ-R5 Primary production, excluding quarrying activities, integration primary production, and rural industry	
	Activity status: Permitted

F	RLZ-R6	Conservation activities	
		Activity status: Permitted	

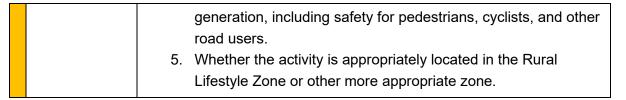
RLZ-R7	Rural produce retail	
	Activity status: Permitted Where:	
	a. Compliance is achieved with:	
	i. RLZ-S1. ii. RLZ-S2; iii. RLZ-S3; and iv. RLZ-S7.	
	b. There is no more than one <i>building</i> or <i>structure</i> used for the <i>rural produce retail</i> activity per <i>site</i> .	
	2. Activity status: Discretionary	
	Where: a. Compliance is not achieved with RLZ-R7(1).	

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RLZ-R8	Shelterbelts and small woodlots
1. Activity status: Permitted Where: a. Compliance is achieved with: i. RLZ-S7.	
	Activity status: Discretionary Where: a. Compliance is not achieved with RLZ-R8(1).

RLZ-R9	RLZ-R9 Home business	
	Activity status: Permitted Where:	
	 a. Compliance is achieved with: RLZ-S1; RLZ-S2; RLZ-S3; RLZ-S4; and RLZ-S5; b. No more than 50m² of total <i>gross floor area</i> of all <i>buildings</i> on a <i>site</i> is used for the <i>home business</i>; c. No more than 2 persons (fulltime equivalent) who reside off the premises may be employed in the activity; and 	
	d. No outdoor storage of goods and materials.	
	Activity status: Restricted discretionary Where:	
	a. Compliance is not achieved with RLZ-R9(1).Matters of discretion:	
	 The effect of non-compliance with the relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met. Whether the activity is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighbourhood. 	
	 The intensity and scale of the activity and adverse effects on the amenity of neighbouring properties and the surrounding neighbourhood, particularly visual, noise, and privacy effects. 	
	 Effects on the safe, effective, and efficient functioning of the transport network, site access, parking, servicing, and traffic 	

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RLZ-R10	Papakāinga	
	1. Activity status: Permitted Where: a. Compliance is achieved with: i. RLZ-S1;	
	 ii. RLZ-S2; iii. RLZ-S3; iv. RLZ-S4; and v. RLZ-S5; b. The gross floor area of all community facilities does not exceed 	
	200m² per <i>site</i> .	
	Activity status: Restricted discretionary Where:	
	a. Compliance is not achieved with RLZ-R10(1). Matters of discretion:	
	The effect of non-compliance with the relevant standard and the matters of discretion of any standard that is not met.	
	The adverse effects on the amenity values of nearby residential properties and public places, including privacy and cumulative effects of other nearby non-residential activities.	
	 The extent to which the activity may adversely impact on traffic generation, road safety, parking, and access, including a safe pick up and drop off area. 	
	4. The extent of impervious surfaces and landscaping.5. <i>Infrastructure</i> requirements.	

RLZ-R11	Emergency service facility
	 Activity status: Restricted discretionary Matters of discretion: Whether the activity has an operational or functional need to locate in the Rural Lifestyle Zone; The effects on the character and amenity of the Rural Lifestyle Zone;

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	 Effects on the safe, effective, and efficient functioning of the transport network, site access, parking, servicing, and traffic generation; and Potential reverse sensitivity effects and any measures to avoid or mitigate those effects. 	
RLZ-R12	Intensive primary production	
	Activity status: Discretionary	
RLZ-R13	Rural industry	
	1. Activity status: Discretionary	
RLZ-R14	Commercial boarding of cats, dogs, and other domestic pets	
	Activity status: Discretionary	
RLZ-R15	Quarrying activities	
	Activity status: Non-complying	
RLZ-R16	Mining activities	
	Activity status: Non-complying	
	Commercial and industrial activities not otherwise provided for	
RLZ-R17	Commercial and moustrial activities not otherwise provided for	
RLZ-R17	Activity status: Non-complying	
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Standards

RLZ-S1	Maximum height	
The maximum height of any building or structure shall be 10m.		Matters of discretion:
		The location, design, and appearance of the <i>building</i> or <i>structure</i> .
		Visual dominance, shading, and loss of privacy for, <i>residential units</i> on adjacent <i>sites</i> .
		Bulk and dominance of the <i>building</i> or <i>structure</i> .
		Whether an increase in <i>building height</i> results from <i>site</i> constraints or a response to <i>natural hazard</i> mitigation.
		Whether topographical or other <i>site</i> constraints make compliance with the standard impractical.
RLZ-S2	Maximum height in relati	on to boundary
	the boundary with a 45°	Matters of discretion:
boundaries.	ne on all side and rear	The location, design, and appearance of the <i>building</i> .
		Visual dominance, shading, and loss of privacy for, <i>residential units</i> on adjacent <i>sites</i> .
		3. Bulk and dominance of the <i>building</i> .
		Whether an increase in <i>building height</i> results from <i>site</i> constraints or a response to <i>natural hazard</i> mitigation.
		5. Whether topographical or other <i>site</i> constraints make compliance with the standard impractical.

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RLZ-S3

Minimum setbacks

- 1. All *buildings* and *structures* must not be located within:
 - a. 10m of any boundary;
 - b. 25m of a significant waterbody; and
 - c. 5m of any surface waterbody.
- 2. Residential units must also not be located within:
 - a. 30m from another residential unit;
 and
 - b. 20m from any other building.

Exceptions to boundary setbacks:

- 3. Rainwater tanks with a diameter not exceeding 3.5m and *height* above *ground level* not exceeding 3m.
- 4. Up to two *accessory buildings* within the boundary setback, with a maximum *gross floor area* of 10m² each.

Exceptions to other setbacks:

5. RLZ-S3(2)(b) does not apply to a garage from a *residential unit*.

This standard RLZ-S3 does not apply to:

- 1. bridges and river crossings.
- 2. fences.
- 3. Water intake, pump shed, and any associated water conveyance *infrastructure*.

Matters of discretion:

- The extent to which building design, siting, and external appearance adversely impacts on rural lifestyle character and amenity.
- 2. Site topography and orientation and whether the building can be more appropriately located to minimise adverse visual amenity effects or maintain, enhance, or restore indigenous biodiversity values.
- Effect on nearby properties, including outlook, privacy, shading, and sense of enclosure.
- 4. The extent to which the reduction in the setback is necessary due to the shape or natural and physical features of the *site*.
- 5. The ability to mitigate adverse effects through the use of screening, planting, landscaping, and alternative design.
- 6. The extent to which the reduction in setback would impact on the future ability for road widening requirements.
- 7. Whether the setback may result in conflict and/or reverse sensitivity effects with other permitted activities occurring on adjacent properties.

RLZ-S4

Number of residential units

- 1. A maximum of:
 - a. one residential unit per site; and
 - b. one minor residential unit that has a gross floor area of no more than 80m² per site.

Matters of discretion:

- Whether the residential unit(s) have been designed to share a single vehicle access point and driveway.
- 2. The extent to which the *residential unit(s)* and vehicle access point design, siting,

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- and external appearance adversely affects rural lifestyle character and amenity.
- Site topography and orientation and whether the residential unit(s) and vehicle access point can be more appropriately located to minimise adverse visual amenity effects.
- 4. Effect on nearby properties, including outlook and privacy.
- Whether the residential unit(s) and the vehicle access point can be more appropriately located to maintain, enhance, or restore indigenous biodiversity values.
- 6. The ability to mitigate adverse effects through the use of screening, planting, landscaping, and alternative design.
- 7. The ability to service the activity including any demand on reticulated services where available.

RLZ-S5 On-site services

- 1. Wastewater and stormwater treatment and disposal systems must be contained within the site that the supply or system serves and be connected to a septic tank or soakage field or an approved alternative means to dispose of wastewater in a sanitary manner in accordance with Section 5.2.6 of the Wellington Water Regional Standard for Water Services May 2019.
- Any wastewater that is to be disposed to ground from any on-site servicing must be to land that is not subject to instability or inundation or used for the disposal of stormwater.
- 3. Where there is no connection with the Council's reticulated water supply, the

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site must have access to a selfsufficient potable water supply, which shall be in accordance with the Council's water policy.

4. Where a connection to Council's reticulated system is not available, an onsite firefighting water supply, and access to that supply, must be provided in accordance with the New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice SNZ PAS 4509:2008.

RLZ-S6 Transport requirements for *rural produce retail*

Must comply with RTS 3: Guidelines for Establishing Rural Selling Places.

There are no matters of discretion for this standard.

RLZ-S7 Shelterbelts and small woodlots

Trees associated with shelterbelts and small woodlots must be setback or managed so that they maintain a minimum distance of their own height from any residential unit on an adjoining site, where the building exists at the time of planting.

There are no matters of discretion for this standard.

RLZ-S8 Relocatable buildings

- 1. Building Inspection Report
 - a. Prior to the building being relocated onto a site, a building consent(s) shall be obtained that covers all of the matters listed below; and
 - b. A building inspection report
 prepared by a Council Building
 Officer or other Licensed Building
 Practitioner shall accompany the
 building consent application. The
 report is to identify all reinstatement
 work required to the exterior of the
 building and an estimate of the
 costs for the external refurbishment
 works after relocation; and

Matters of discretion:

- Whether the building is structurally sound, the condition of the building and the works needed to bring the exterior of the building up to an external visual appearance that is tidy, of appropriate standard, and compatible with other buildings in the vicinity.
- The requirement for any screening and landscape treatment.
- The bulk, design and location of the building in relation to the requirements of the zone.

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- c. The *building* shall be placed on permanent foundations approved by the building consent, no later than two months from the date the building is moved to the site; and
- d. All other work required to reinstate the exterior of any *relocatable building*, including painting if required, shall be completed within twelve months of the building being delivered to the site. Reinstatement work is to include connections to all infrastructure services and closing in and ventilation of the foundations; and
- e. The owner of the site on which the relocatable building is placed shall certify that the reinstatement work will be completed within the twelvemonth period. The site owner shall be responsible for ensuring this work is completed.
- The transportation route and any traffic management plans shall be provided to the Council no later than 10 working days before relocating the *building*.
- 3. Previous Use
 - a. Any relocatable building intended for use as a residential unit or for visitor accommodation must have previously been designed, built and used as a residential unit or for visitor accommodation.
- 4. Where the cost of the reinstatement works identified in accordance with Performance Standard RLZ-S8(1)(b) is greater than \$10,000 (excluding GST), a Performance Bond is required that meets the following:

- The need for structural repairs and reinstatement of the building and the length of time for completion of that work.
- 5. The imposition of a performance bond to ensure compliance with the consent conditions.

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- a. A refundable performance bond of 125% of the cost of external reinstatement works identified in the Building Inspection Report under Performance Standard RLZ-S8(1)(b) in cash to be lodged with the Council along with application for building consent as a guarantee that external reinstatement works are completed.
- The bond shall be lodged in terms of the form of Deed annexed as Appendix 6 to the District Plan.
- c. Subject to the provisions of the Deed, the bond will be refunded after the Council has inspected and confirmed compliance with external reinstatement requirements.

Note: The Council will in good faith consider the partial release of the bond to the extent that reinstatement works are completed (i.e. on a proportional basis).

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