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WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Sections to become available at Silverstream Estates

The Waimakariri District Council says Kaiapoi has more opportunity to grow following the Government's announcement last week that it had used the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act to approve changes to the Waimakariri District Plan to free up more sections at the Silverstream Estates Limited development in west Kaiapoi.

The changes will enable an imminent development of 550 sections or house and land packages, of the approximately 1100 sections able to be built, in the area by mid 2013. Of the 550 sections, Silverstream Estates will bring 400 sections to market as quickly as possible, although some of the sections are unlikely to be physically available for some time.

Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Minister Gerry Brownlee says the plan change lifts the conditional approval status placed on the land by Waimakariri District Council commissioners in September, which required adjacent land to be developed before Silverstream could proceed.

"A significant number of the sections will accommodate small units designed for older people and there is a small shopping centre planned that will provide for essential community needs."

"CERA has worked with the Waimakariri District Council, ECan and Silverstream Estates Limited to ensure these changes can be made quickly with the aim of giving people displaced by the earthquake as many options as possible."

This Government decision follows the earlier change to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement, which allows part of Kaiapoi to be exempt from noise contour restrictions enforced by Christchurch International Airport.

Waimakariri District Mayor David Ayers says there are a number of positive outcomes from the approved changes to the Waimakariri District Plan. "The development of sections in Silverstream will provide an opportunity for Kaiapoi to grow by restoring the housing stock in that area and it will make room for current and potential Waimakariri District residents."

"The development also means there are an increasing number of options for those in the Kaiapoi, Pines Beach and Kairaki red zones who want to remain in the Kaiapoi area."

Residential opportunities in the Waimakariri District will be available for perusal at the MainPower My Housing Options Expo on Saturday 10 December from midday-6pm and Sunday 11 December from 10am-4pm.

A number of local property developers will be exhibiting at the expo being held at the Kaiapoi High School on Ohoka Road and the Waimakariri District Council will have a residential availability map at its stand.

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