
Hagley Oval - Section 71 Proposal

On 23rd December 2018 Hon Poto Williams, the Associate Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration approved a proposal to amend the Christchurch District Plan provisions for Hagley Oval to enable it to host large international fixtures and meet modern day broadcasting requirements.

Greenwood Roche assisted Regenerate Christchurch in developing the proposal on behalf of the Canterbury Cricket Trust.

The proposal approved by the Minister amends the Christchurch District Plan through section 71 of the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act 2016 (*GCR Act*). The approved proposal incorporates the current resource consent conditions into the Plan and amends certain aspects of those conditions, including:

- Amending the current condition to increase the four, retractable light towers to allow six permanent light towers to meet international broadcast standards.
- Allow more lenient pack in and out timeframes for temporary facilities associated with hosting cricket matches to improve health and safety and limit damage to the Oval grounds.
- Increasing the number of fixtures allowed per season, including an allowance for hosting International Cricket Council events on years that they occur.

These changes will mean that Hagley Oval will be able to host day-night matches that are now required by top-tier teams, allowing Hagley Oval to be more competitive when bidding for games compared to its rival cricket grounds. With the Women's Cricket World Cup approaching in 2021, the changes will allow Christchurch City to bid for and host games in this tournament.

Through the public participation stage of the process, 1,253 written comments were received, of which 83 percent were in favour of the

proposal.

The Minister's decision can be viewed at the following link:

[https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2019-12/Hagley Oval - Section 71 Proposal - Signed Decision Paper_1.pdf](https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2019-12/Hagley%20Oval%20-%20Section%2071%20Proposal%20-%20Signed%20Decision%20Paper_1.pdf)

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