



Sport and Active Recreation Zone (SARZ)

What are the key issues we need to think about?

Sports and active recreation areas are usually large open space areas with associated buildings and structures and can generate noise, light and traffic effects in surrounding neighbourhoods.

Much of the land zoned Sport and Active Recreation Zone is subject to Reserve Management Plans. Reserve Management Plans determine what types of land uses are appropriate for Council owned reserves. The Resource Management Act is responsible for managing the effects on the surrounding environment of activities taking place on those reserves.



What does it mean for me?

Any lawfully established existing businesses or activities have what is referred to as 'existing use rights' and could continue to operate unchanged.

The Sport and Active Recreation Zone would provide for a range of indoor and outdoor sports and recreation activities and activities associated with them, including parks management, furniture and facilities, educational facilities, and some associated commercial activities, as permitted activities.

All other activities in the SARZ, including most commercial activity, residential activities, camping grounds and visitor accommodation would require a resource consent.

What are we suggesting in the Draft District Plan?

The Sport and Active Recreation Zone (SARZ) applies to open space areas that provide for a range of indoor and outdoor sports and recreation activities, along with associated facilities and structures.

The zone includes a range of sport and recreation activities, including organised sport and recreation for local, district-wide and regional communities in parks, sports grounds and multi-sport facilities.

The key objective of the SARZ chapter is to provide for a range of indoor and outdoor sport and recreational activities with associated facilities and structures.

Open spaces used for passive recreation, such as Cape Wanbrow, local parks and play areas, are identified as Open Space Zone and addressed in a separate chapter.

Rules in the Light, Noise, Signs, Transport and Temporary Activities chapters would also apply to activities within the SARZ. These chapters would manage effects in relation to any noise, light, signage and traffic effects generated by sports and recreation facilities.

You can view the areas identified as Sport and Active Recreation Zone on our website.

Key changes from the current rules

The Sport and Active Recreation Zone is a new zone. In the current District Plan sports and recreation facilities are enabled through designations and often require outline plans to be lodged before new works can be undertaken. The new zone will provide for sport and recreation facilities to operate without the need for a resource consent where they are able to meet the rules and standards for the zone.

Summary of key rules

Permitted Activities that would not require a resource consent:

- Sport and recreational activities.
- Recreation facilities
- Conservation activities
- Customary activities
- Community facilities
- Parks management activities
- Parks furniture
- Parks facilities
- Educational facilities
- Commercial activities limited to refreshments, tickets, merchandise and other restrictions for the Waitaki Aquatic Centre.

Activities that would require a resource consent:

- Residential activities.
- Camping grounds
- Visitor accommodation.
- Any other activity not provided for as a permitted activity.

Find out more

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More questions?

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