

Submission 465

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Suggestions:

Objective: When considering the merits of subdivision take regard to the possibility of fire risk.

Assessment matters:

- A) Consider aspect (sunny or shaded area),
- B) Level of humidity.
- C) Vegetation type (how inflammable).
- D) Have safe surround to housing: keep highly flammable vegetation such as Manuka and Kanuka at reasonable distances from buildings. Preferable to control grass with livestock in lifestyle areas to prevent build up of dead grass.
- E) In area of higher fire-risk ensure alternative access to help enable a safe retreat in the event of fire. Consider ability of access by fire-engine.
- F) When considering the merits of environmental compensation consider the future issue of fire-risk.

We currently have a plan and proposed plan that make it possible to have residential development in areas of extremely high fire-risk.