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Alison

My apologies for a late submission but I hope you will be able to consider this. (I have been tied up in the environment court all week).

Item 8 - amend chapter 5 residential height standards.

The proposal is to limit all accessory buildings to 3.5 m in most residential areas and to 3 m in certain inner residential areas.

I feel this is an excessive and limiting requirement which has little effect on others.

Typically an accessory building is a garage. A single garage with a 15 deg roof would be about 3.1 m high and a double garage about 3.5 m.

If a garage was designed with a steeper roof (often 30 deg and sometimes 45 deg) as often happens to match the style of a house the garage height will of course be higher.

Adding the requirement to obtain a resource consent for these simple structures adds another burden to home owners.

There are also other structures which could be assessed as accessory buildings (eg a children's play structure) which could easily be over 3.5 m high but would otherwise be permitted activities.

I submit that this provision is excessive and should not be included in the plan.

Thanks

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