

Why is the Current System Changing?

It has become apparent to the Council, that the present rural numbering system is not ideal. The current system presents several problems, some of which include:

- Difficulty in identifying properties due to inconsistent and /or non-existent numbering systems;
- Difficulty in allocating numbers to new properties
- Existing numbers do not always follow any particular pattern;
- Emergency services are now asking for RAPID numbers when you make a 111 call;
- Telecom will not connect any new lines unless they have a RAPID number

The Council has identified an alternative system that is logical and eliminates the problems listed above. The new system is called the Rural Address Property Identification system (RAPID).

How is the RAPID System Changing?

The new system is based on the distance to a property entrance from a clearly defined reference point.

For example, if a property was 260m along Logburn Road from Atarau Road, the new rural number would be 26 Logburn Road. If two or more properties share the same driveway, the properties will be designated with an A, B or C etc (eg 26A Logburn Road).

Odd numbers will be on the left of the road, increasing away from the main feeder roads,

Even numbers will be on the right of the road increasing away from the main feeder roads.

What are the Benefits of the Rapid System?

Because the RAPID system gives a clear indication of distance to a property, it has distinct advantages in locating a particular property. The main advantages include:

- Because properties will be easier to identify the RAPID system is safer in regard to location of a property by emergency services, while assisting visitors in finding your property.
- Each property address will be unique and new properties can easily be added to the system and stored on computer

What about the Public and Emergency Services Who will notify them?

The Council will contact all public and emergency services and explain the changes that will be taking place. All the services (Fire, Ambulance, Police, Telecom, Trustpower and NZ Post etc) will be notified of the changes that are being made.

Emergency services and Telecom are already using / asking for peoples RAPID Numbers.

Who is going to pay for the Implementation of the new System?

All costs for implementation of the RAPID system will be borne by the Grey District Council. This system will be operational early in the Year 2000. Once implemented, it will be the only recognised rural numbering system within the Grey District. This system will replace all existing numbering systems.

Why are some of the Names changing?

In order for the new numbering system to work correctly and efficiently, it has been necessary to combine several groups of roads into single lengths. For example: "Taylorville Road" would be the new name for the following combined roads: Taylorville Road, County Road, Taylor Street, Taylorville-Blackball Road and Stillwater-Coal Creek Road. (This is the current situation.)

This should eliminate confusion caused by too many number ranges and Road Names on one road.

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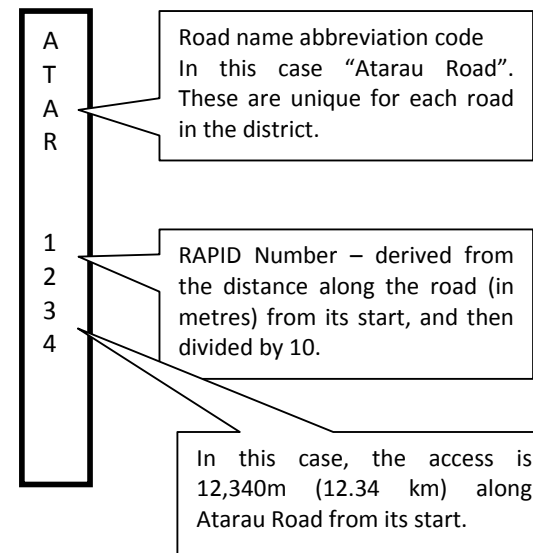
The Council have researched the impact of such a change and concluded that the benefits of the RAPID system in the long term would outweigh any minor inconvenience of changing the property numbers.

The Council believes that once implemented the new RAPID system will provide the rural community with a logical, efficient and safe system that will provide for more efficient emergency and mail services.

Most importantly, the RAPID system will help enable the emergency services to get to your property quicker!



Rural Numbering System Changes ... What it means for you!



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