

Porirua's Proposed District Plan 2020

Submission on Porirua's Proposed District Plan

To - Environment and City Planning Team

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Wishes to be heard? Yes

Is willing to present a joint case? Yes

Could gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission? No

Directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission? Yes

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Submission points

Point 26.1

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: ECO - Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision

ECO-01 Significant Natural Areas

The identified values of Significant Natural Areas are protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development and, where appropriate, restored.

Submission

The use of the term restored needs strengthening . At present there is nothing in the rules stopping a landowner with a SNA from fencing it and grazing it with stock including goats till the biodiversity is lost . We own two areas of converted QII land which make up almost 50% of the land we own . We have fenced and carry out pest animal and plant control in these areas . One having high biodiversity values is a Regional Key Native Area .

Unfortunately the neighbours do not share this passion for these conservation efforts despite having adjoining areas of SNA land in their ownership .

These SNA areas contain large numbers of pigs , goats and other pest animals and plants . It is unfenced and we battle weekly to keep these pests out of our protected SNA areas .We receive limited help from Regional and receive no help local councils for this work .

On our neighbours side of the fence the plant species has been reduced to a very limited number to the ones which are unpleasant to eat for the pest animals which has destroyed the biodiversity values of the SNA . In fact there is a chance because of this grazing the SNA may be lost . There is also large amounts of runoff containing silt running into the harbour .

These actions do not follow the Objectives ECO-01 as outlined The identified values of significant natural areas are protected from

inappropriate subdivision ,use , and development and , where appropriate restored .

We wish to submit that the restored part of the ojectives be strengthened to make restoration compulsory with fencing and pest control and landowners encouraged to convent the land to the Qll trust who could then monitor the condition of the SNA back to PCC at little cost . Giving a reward to good landowners in rate relief as what happens at present with convented land would lead to good out comes and protection of these important natural areas in the years to come .

Relief sought

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That the restored part is amended to restored removing the part where appropriate