

RMA FORM 5



# Submission on publicly notified Proposed Porirua District Plan

Clause 6 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Porirua City Council

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2. This is a **submission** on the **Proposed District Plan** for Porirua.

3. I could  I could not   
gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.  
(Please tick relevant box)

If **you could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission please complete point four below:

4. I am  I am not   
directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:  
(a) adversely affects the environment; and  
(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.  
(Please tick relevant box if applicable)

Note:

If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

5. I wish  I do not wish   
To be heard in support of my submission  
(Please tick relevant box)

6. I will  I will not   
Consider presenting a joint case with other submitters, who make a similar submission, at a hearing.  
(Please tick relevant box)

Please complete section below (insert additional boxes per provision you are submitting on):

<b>The specific provision of the proposal that my submission relates to:</b>
<b>SCHED3 - Historic Heritage Items (Group B)</b>
<b>Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?</b>
Propose amendment
<b>What decision are you seeking from Council? What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?</b>
See document 'Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block' emailed with this document. Supporting documents, map, plan and photograph here: <a href="https://we.tl/t-8YI26kf1In">https://we.tl/t-8YI26kf1In</a>

<b>Reasons:</b>

Please return this form no later than **5pm on Friday 20 November 2020** to:

- Proposed District Plan, Environment and City Planning, Porirua City Council, PO Box 50-218, PORIRUA CITY or
- email [dpreview@pcc.govt.nz](mailto:dpreview@pcc.govt.nz)

Signature of submitter  
*(or person authorised  
to sign  
on behalf of submitter):*

Date: 16 November 2020

*A signature is not required if you make  
your submission by electronic means*

## Submission to Proposed Porirua District Plan

1 This submission is for the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block to be included in SCHED3 - Historic Heritage Items (Group B) and to be identified on Porirua Council's District Plan maps. The Pukerua Bay Machine Gun Posts HHB014 are already included yet the road block is of greater significance and much rarer.

2 This Road Block, together with a road demolition south of the block and demolition of the Pukerua Bay overbridge, was part of the defences against an expected Japanese invasion force heading south to Wellington. These defences were manned by men of 2 Battalion, National Military Reserve, which later became 3 Battalion The Wellington Regiment which was part of the Territorial Force.

3 This Road Block, officially known as Type E Concrete Block Rail carrier number 801, and commonly referred to as a tank trap, was constructed in 1942 as part of Wellington Fortress during the invasion threat. This type of block usually consisted of two massive concrete pedestals on both sides of a road. Grooves on the inner sides were to have heavy iron rails locked in place when invasion was imminent. The Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block was unusual as it had three pedestals, one either side of the road and one in the centre of the road.

4 A total of 340 machine gun posts were constructed from 1942 to 1943, including 38 in Wellington. From a military perspective their effectiveness was questionable, and they may have "been intended to have a calming effect on locals fearing invasion." (Cooke, 2000, p 266, p268). Five machine gun posts survive in Porirua: the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block is the only one in the region remaining in its original position, the only one in New Zealand beside a main highway and one of the few still remaining.

5 With a war time blackout in force and no effective warnings of the road block, Arthur Collin a 22 year old medical student, was killed when his BSA motorcycle hit the central pedestal on the evening of 15 May 1942. His sister Marie was injured. On the 25 May 1942 a truck heading south was badly damaged after hitting the Road Block. As a result of the accidents two red hurricane lamps were placed near the Road Block at night.

6 When the invasion threat receded the central and seaward pedestals were removed leaving the remaining pedestal against the cliff.

7 The New Zealand Archaeological Association site number for the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block is R26/284. Road block position: Latitude -41.028191 Longitude 174.900092; Easting 2669755.93, Northing 6018088.91.



8 Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block location map.

8 He Ara Pukerua, the Pukerua Heritage Group, has prepared a plaque with information about this Road Block. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has not given permission to erect this plaque as it is an 80kph zone.

9 Suggested Statement of Significance:

The Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block, officially known as Type E Concrete Block Rail carrier number 801, and commonly referred to as a tank trap, was constructed in 1942 as part of Wellington Fortress during the Japanese invasion threat. The Road Block was part of the defences against an expected invasion force heading south to Wellington. The Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block was very unusual as it had three pedestals, one either side of the road and one in the centre of the road. Grooves on the inner sides were to have heavy iron rails locked in place when invasion was imminent. The one remaining pedestal of the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block is the only one in the region in its original position, the only one in New Zealand beside a main highway and one of the few still existing in New Zealand. Its size, white colour and position beside State Highway 1 make this WW2 relic a prominent landmark.

References

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Brown, Terry (n.d.) *The Army in Pukerua Bay During World War 2.*

Cooke, Peter (2000) *Defending New Zealand-Ramparts on the Sea 1840-1950s.*  
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Archives New Zealand. *Coroners inquests - Case files - Wellington - Collin, Arthur Merryfield.* Archway Item ID:R23744324.

#### Supporting material

1 Ariel photograph (1942). Pukerua Bay Survey Number SN198 Photo taken 1 August 1942, 11,000 feet. Photo Retrolens <http://retrolens.nz>

2 Archives New Zealand. (1942) *Drawing of Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block made by Albert Collin the day after the accident.* Archway Item ID: R23744324.

3 Archives New Zealand. (1942) *Plan of Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block made by Albert Collin the day after the accident.* Archway Item ID: R23744324.

4 Blair, Ashley (2018). Photo: *WW2 Road Block north of Pukerua Bay. This is the only Type E Road Block remaining in New Zealand on a main road.*

5 Cook, Peter (2020) *Support email.*

6 He Ara Pukerua plaque for Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block.

7 New Zealand Archaeological Association site record for the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block.

8 Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block location map.

9 Letter of support Pukerua Bay RSA.

10 Letter of support Pukerua Bay Residents Association.