

Porirua's Proposed District Plan 2020

Submission on Porirua's Proposed District Plan

To - Environment and City Planning Team

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Submission points

Point 64.1

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Recognition of iwi and hapu

Provision

Porirua City Council acknowledges Ngāti Toa as mana whenua in the Porirua District.

Submission

Support

Relief sought

Support

Ngati Toa Rangatira

Porirua City Council acknowledges Ngati Toa as mana whenua in the Porirua District.

Point 64.2

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Recognition of iwi and hapu

Provision

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once a kete of food for the whānau. Today Ngāti Toa are unable to experience that. The harbour plays a different role for the younger generation now, it is a tool to move a generation into the space of kaitiakitanga.

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I support moving the younger generation into the space of kaitiakitanga

Relief sought

support

Relationship to Ancestral lands

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Point 64.3

Support / Support in part / Oppose

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Section: Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Recognition of iwi and hapu

Provision

In a contemporary space, mauri is now being used to measure cause and effect of our activities to determine whether the balance needs to be adjusted and to determine the impact of activities on the environment and our connection with it. Ngāti Toa are not separate from Te Taiao (the environment). What people do impacts the whenua, this relationship is reciprocated in the health of the whenua and is an indicator of the health of the people. Ngāti Toa rely on Te Taiao for their physical and cultural wellbeing.

Submission

Support

Relief sought

Well written

Ngāti Toa Rangatira values

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Point 64.4

Support / Support in part / Oppose

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Sub-section: Recognition of iwi and hapu

Provision

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intrinsically linked with the natural environment. This can be exercised through participating in the resource management space with local councils, responding to resource consents and co-developing policies to protect our interests.

Submission

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Relief sought

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Point 64.5

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: NE - Natural Environment

Sub-section: NE - Natural Environment

Provision

The natural character, landscapes and features and ecosystems that contribute to Porirua's character and identity and Ngāti Toa Rangatira's cultural and spiritual values are recognised and protected.

Submission

These are all good things to protect

Relief sought

Support

NE-01 Natural character, landscapes and features and ecosystems

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Point 64.6

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Recognition of iwi and hapu

Provision

Coastal settlement and the use of marine resources largely influenced the way of life of those Ngāti Toa Rangatira living around the harbour. The iwi initially settled around the harbour in the early 1820s and since that time Ngāti Toa Rangatira have maintained an inextricable connection to the area. Te Awarua-o-Porirua (Porirua Harbour) was described as a food basket and two inlets of Pāuatahanui and Onepoto could provide an array of soft sediment shellfish. The estuarine environment is important for both spawning and juvenile fish. The coastlines towards Hongoeka and Titahi Bay provided more variety of shellfish including paua, kina and kōura. The harbour has degraded due to intense urbanisation resulting in the loss of entire species from the area. The more isolated coastlines can still support customary fishing practices.

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Relief sought

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Point 64.7**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: Tangata Whenua**Sub-section:** Recognition of iwi and hapu**Provision**

Traditional/cultural, recreational and sports activities have driven a desire to reconnect with the harbour catchment on a number of levels; waka ama and the interconnectedness this brings to our cultural practices e.g. the Toa Waka Club; access to clean, obstruction-free bodies of water. There is a strong linkage to the values above but should be acknowledged as its own value.

Submission

Support the recognition of our connection in today's activities

Relief sought

support

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Point 64.8**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Sub-section: Rules

Provision

1. Activity status: **Permitted**

Where:

- a. The site is held under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993;
- b. The gross floor area of all commercial activities does not exceed 100m² per site; and
- c. The gross floor area of all community facilities does not exceed 200m² per site.

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Support papakainga being an option for Ngati Toa Rangatira

Relief sought

support

MPZ-R18 Papakainga

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Point 64.9

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision

The Māori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka) is a place where:

1. Tangata whenua are able to exercise kaitiakitanga and tikanga Māori;
2. The Marae and Whareniui are the cultural and spiritual centre of the community;
3. The whenua is managed in accordance with mātauranga Māori;
4. The natural environment flourishes; and
5. There is a village character which is less serviced by urban infrastructure such as footpaths and street lights.

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Support the acknowledgment of Maori practises and matauranga

Relief sought

support

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Point 64.10**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)**Sub-section:** Policies**Provision**

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Support

Relief sought

support

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Point 64.11**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)**Sub-section:** Rules**Provision**

1. Activity status: **Permitted**

Submission

I support attempts to relieve pressure on city infrastructure

Relief sought

support

MPZ-R2 Rainwater tanks

1. Activity status: **Permitted**

Point 64.12

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision

Hongoeka retains its unique character as the largest area of Māori-owned land in the City where tangata whenua are able to live in close proximity to their home Marae.

Submission

Support Hongoeka remaining the largest area of Maori-owned land

Relief sought

Support

MPZ-O3 Hongoeka is a unique kainga

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Point 64.13

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision

The Māori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka) provides for a range of activities that specifically meet Māori cultural needs, including social, cultural and economic development, and allows Hongoeka whānau to maintain an ongoing relationship with their ancestral land.

Submission

Support decolonisation processes

Relief sought

support

MPZ-O1 Purpose of the Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

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Point 64.14**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Sub-section: Objectives

Provision

The significant coverage of identified natural environmental overlays across the Māori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka) and the contribution their values make to the wider community is recognised, and the appropriate use and development of the Zone, including papakāinga, is provided for.

Submission

Support the acknowledgement of Hongoeka contributing to the wider community, in the sense that the natural environment has cycles the contribute widely. Sahara desert comes to mind, where dust travels to the Amazon rainforest and fertilizes etc.

Relief sought

Support!

MPZ-O5 Recognition of natural environmental overlays

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Point 64.15**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Sub-section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Provision

Hongoeka is unique, not only in its history and environment, but also because it is one of the very few places where tangata whenua - the home people - are able to live on their land in close proximity to their home marae. It is also the largest area of Māori owned land in Porirua.

Submission

I support acknowledgment of the uniqueness because it is important to aid the pathway of reconnection to Maori culture

Relief sought

Support!!

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Point 64.16

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: TW - Tangata Whenua**Sub-section:** Tangata Whenua**Provision**

The values, rights and interests of Ngāti Toa Rangatira are recognised and protected.

Submission

Ngati Toa Rangatira worldview enriches Porirua culture

Relief sought

This is important

TW-01 Ngati Toa Rangatira's values, rights and interests

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Point 64.17**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: NE - Natural Environment**Sub-section:** NE - Natural Environment**Provision**

Subdivision, use and development does not contribute to any further degradation of Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and its catchment.

Submission

The harbour is such an icon for Porirua. I support protecting and enhancing it

Relief sought

Support

NE-03 Preventing further degradation of Te Awarua-O-Porirua Harbour

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Point 64.18**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)**Sub-section:** Rules**Provision**

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Rules relating to subdivision, including minimum allotment sizes for each zone, are found in the Subdivision chapter.

Wastewater:

- All wastewater generated on any land that is not connected to the Council's public sewer network must be treated and be disposed of within the confines of that land, in compliance with Porirua City Council General Bylaw 1991 - Part 25 Wastewater. This Bylaw requires that all on-site wastewater systems within Porirua, such as a septic tank or aerated wastewater treatment system, must be licensed by Porirua City Council.
- Any on-site wastewater system must also meet the requirements outlined in Wellington Regional Council's Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP). The PNRP has requirements around discharges to land, including design of systems and setbacks from boundaries and waterways.

Submission

Support this!

Relief sought

Support

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Point 64.19

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: TW - Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Tangata Whenua

Provision

Ngāti Toa Rangatira is a partner in District Plan development and implementation.

Submission

I support this. Ngati Toa Rangatira are highly competent to work in partnership with for district plan development and implementation

Relief sought

i support

TW-O2 Active participation

Ngati Toa Rangatira is a partner in District Plan development and implementation.

Point 64.20**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: HCH - Historic and Cultural Heritage

Sub-section: HCH - Historic and Cultural Heritage

Provision

The buildings, items, sites, areas and natural features that have been identified as having special qualities and values and which contribute to Porirua and Ngāti Toa Rangatira's sense of place and identity are protected and maintained.

Submission

Support

Relief sought

Support

HCH-O1 Historic and cultural heritage

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Point 64.21**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support

Section: NE - Natural Environment

Sub-section: NE - Natural Environment

Provision

Porirua's community has access to a diverse and connected network of open spaces within which:

1. There is a wide range of recreational opportunities and experiences; and
2. Areas with natural, ecological and landscape values are protected.

Submission

These areas described are beneficial for many aspects of Porirua people including mental health

Relief sought

Wondering if there is a designated amount of space, or if this concept of open space evolves/condenses with population growth.

NE-O2 Open space

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Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Sub-section: MPZ - Maori Purpose Zone (Hongoeka)

Provision

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Submission

I support the recognition of history expressed here

Relief sought

Support

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Point 64.23

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: NE - Natural Environment

Sub-section: NE - Natural Environment

Provision

The City's natural environment has intrinsic values that warrant protection and management, however these values are under pressure from land use and development. Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour contributes significantly to the City's identity and is highly valued but suffers from poor water quality. Porirua City Council, Wellington City Council, Wellington Regional Council, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and the community have a shared responsibility for improving water quality and the health of the Harbour and catchment. The District Plan aims to assist the Regional Council achieve its objectives of improving water quality in the Porirua Catchment, while recognising that the control of land use for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing water quality is a regional council function.

Submission

Support these entities working together and supporting each other, for the objective of maintaining and enhancing water quality

Relief sought

support

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Point 64.24

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: TW - Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Tangata Whenua

Provision

Ngāti Toa Rangatira is able to exercise customary activities and sustain themselves through the use and development of their land, including through papakāinga and marae.

Submission

Ngati Toa have demonstrated excellent kaitiakitanga that is evident in their retention of natural resources. Any activities, development etc would be guided by tikanga aligned to kaitiakitanga

Relief sought

Support

TW-03 Kaitiakitanga and customary activities

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Point 64.25

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: TW - Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Tangata Whenua

Provision

TW-04 Takapūwāhia and Hongoeka

Submission

I support the acknowledgment of the uniqueness Takapuwahia and Hongoeka add to the Porirua district.

Relief sought

I support this use of words

TW-04 Takapuwahia and Hongoeka

Takapuwahia and Hongoeka remain unique kainga and the cultural and spiritual centres for Ngati Toa Rangatira in Porirua.

Point 64.26

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: TW - Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Tangata Whenua

Provision

The Council is also required to, in partnership with mana whenua, recognise and provide for the relationship of Ngāti Toa Rangatira and its culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga and to have particular regard to kaitiakitanga. The relationship between Ngāti Toa Rangatira and the District Plan is outlined further in the Tangata Whenua chapter.

Submission

I support the steps Porirua city council are taking towards a partnership with Ngati Toa Rangatira

Relief sought

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Point 64.27

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: TW - Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Tangata Whenua

Provision

The Council, through the District Plan, is required to take into account the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Submission

I support this. This is also in accordance with the waitangi tribunal report 'Ko Aotearoa tenei'.

Relief sought

Support

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Point 64.28

Support / Support in part / Oppose

Support

Section: Tangata Whenua

Sub-section: Recognition of iwi and hapu

Provision

Our world is intrinsically connected and is recognised in the principle of Ki Uta Ki Tai (from the mountains to the sea). This holistic view represents that our catchment and any issues relating to the environment cannot be addressed in isolation.

Submission

Important observation! United nations would agree with this statement

Relief sought

Support

Ngati Toa Rangatira values

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Point 64.29**Support / Support in part / Oppose**

Support in part

Section: EP - Eastern Porirua

Sub-section: EP - Eastern Porirua

Provision

Along with increasing the supply of housing and range of housing types, the project includes redesigning neighbourhoods, revitalising local centres, upgrading parks and infrastructure, and providing warm, dry, healthy homes. The regeneration aims to contribute to the City's environmental, social, cultural and economic wellbeing.

Submission

I support this goal if low income families will still be able to afford living. Will this push rates up so high that they cannot afford to live in Porirua any longer?

Relief sought

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