

Form 5:

## Submission on Proposed Porirua District Plan

This is a submission pursuant to Clause 6, First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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Titahi Bay Residents Association (TBRA) could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

This is a submission on the following Proposed Porirua District Plan.

The specific provisions of the proposal that our submission relates to are:

### 1.0 Part 1 Interpretation

#### Definitions

We seek amendment with the addition of

- 1.1 Mean-high-water-springs (MHWS) is defined by the boundary line of the relevant adjacent zone on the overlay of the planning map.

Reason:

Cross-boundary jurisdiction matters require a clearly defined boundary to achieve desired management co-operation and the integrated management guidance of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement. (Titahi Bay screen shot attached)

- 1.2 Motor vehicle (coastal marine area) means a man-made device for land transport, including but not limited to cars, trucks, heavy machinery, motorbikes and bicycles, and does not include prams, strollers, wheelchairs or other mobility scooters used by persons.

Reason:

This Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) definition is required for consistency with its Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP) when seeking our amendments to rules and standards of the Coastal Environment section of this plan.

- 1.3 Exposed (Titahi Bay fossil forest) means the fossil forest is protruding above the substrate sand/gravel base.

### 2.0 Part 2 General District-Wide Matters

#### Coastal Environment

We seek amendment with the addition of

- 2.1 A policy of protection of the fossil forest at Titahi Bay beach.

Reason:

The PNRP for the Wellington area has elevated the fossil forest to a feature of National Significance. It is currently finalising the rules to protect it from disturbance by beach works and motor vehicles. Proposed rules in this plan need to be consistent with those policies and rules.

Rules and standards to

- 2.2 Extend the current centre-beach motor vehicle prohibited area to the stream at Bay Drive. And maintain the current operative Regional Coastal Plan exemptions for Surf Club, official and

emergency vehicles etc.

- 2.3 Prohibit the use of caterpillar-tracked motor vehicles on the active beach, coastal marine area (CMA).
- 2.4 Prohibit the use of motor vehicles within 8 metres of any exposed fossil forest.
- 2.5 Prohibit the use of motor vehicles for beach grooming or contouring.
- 2.6 Permit motor vehicle access to the beach boat shed areas, 5 am to 9.30 pm daily.  
After those hours, it be a Discretionary Activity, except for official/emergency vehicles etc.
- 2.7 Permit motor vehicle access any time for owner/operators on the Porirua City Council (PCC) boat shed register (provided the vehicle is immediately publicly identifiable as being on the register).
- 2.8 Allow motor vehicle parking in the boat shed areas at each end as a Discretionary Activity so PCC may take out a blanket (global) resource consent for an agreed management plan.

Reasons:

Caterpillar tracked vehicles burrow into the sand by swivelling on one track while turning. They create much greater disturbance to the foreshore than rubber tyre vehicles. They have been prohibited in the Regional Coastal Plan for main activities in the past 20 years.

The extended motor vehicle prohibited area is in compliance with the 1999-2000 Court Orders by consent (GWRC/PCC/TBRA) which agreed the existing area to be a first step in minimising the driving and parking of vehicles on the beach and would be reviewed after 5 years to see what further steps were necessary. That never happened and since then there has been a complete breakdown of management integration with GWRC. An unlawful, arbitrary, MHWS boundary agreement between the two left rules unenforceable.

Our current PNRP appeal before the Environment Court to allow motor vehicles in the boat shed areas (with resource consent) is supported by Titahi Bay Residents Association (52 members), Fishermans Club (60 members), Titahi Bay Returned Services Association, approx 92 submitters, Bay Community's Village Plan 2005, Boat shed Owners/Fishermen/Residents Representatives agreement 1993, community petition 1993 (1265 signatories), and Porirua City Council 1990 beach plan.

### **3.0 Part 4 Schedule 11 Coastal High Natural Character Area Key values**

We seek amendment with the addition of

- 3.1 Titahi Bay Fossil Forest
  1. 100,000 year old stumps of National Significance (GWRC, PNRP).
  2. One of only two in the country, located on beaches which are easily accessible for viewing.
  3. Samples become exposed by wave turbulence on occasions throughout the monthly tidal cycle.

Reason:

Official national status qualifies it to be recognised.

### **4.0 Part 4 Schedule 3 Historic Heritage Items (Group B)**

HHB017 The Former US Marines Hall

We support the listing and seek its retention.

Reason:

Currently the hall is protected for its heritage and amenity value. That value has suffered adverse effects.

Those effects are required by the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) to be avoided, remedied, or mitigated. Until that matter is resolved, the status must remain unchanged.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

If others make a similar submission, we will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.