

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

1. Submitter details:

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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):

The specific provision of the proposal that my submission relates to:
<p style="text-align: center;">ECO – Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity</p> <p>Standard ECO-S1: Trimming, pruning or removal where there is the imminent threat to the safety of people or property</p> <p><i>3. Any removal is undertaken or supervised by a suitably qualified arboricultural expert.</i></p> <p>This Standard is referred to in ECO-R1 ‘<i>Removal of indigenous vegetation within a SNA,</i>’ and it is not clear if it does not refer to <u>all</u> trimming of trees.</p>
Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?
<p>Amend ECO-S1, point 3. <i>Any removal is undertaken or supervised by a suitably qualified arboricultural expert, <u>the cost of which funding is available for.</u></i></p> <p>This supports Policy ECO-P7</p>
What decision are you seeking from Council? What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?
<p>Overall, I seek for a fund to be established for the ongoing maintenance of SNA’s.</p> <p>I suggest a stream of funding is made available to offset the cost of arborist services, where Standard ECO-S1 requires the employment of an arborist to do work that the landowner could have undertaken themselves otherwise.</p>

Such a fund fits the intension of Policy ECO-P7 'Protection and restoration initiatives.'

I suggest that such a fund is also available for restorative re-vegetating using indigenously sourced plants and for invasive weed clearance.

Reasons:

SNA's are established for the greater good of the district. The cost of ensuring the preservation of SNA's should also be shared by the district.

Specifically, the requirement to employ a professional arborist to undertake routine tree work is a costly additional expense for SNA landowners. While the skill of an arborist is intended to ensure damage is not done to trees and site ecology, it unduly puts the financial cost of this assurance directly on the wallet of the landowner.

If ownership of a SNA becomes a burden to landowners, their enthusiasm to do the best for the recognised ecology may very likely diminish. The effect of this may see shortcuts taken, detrimental to the overall health of the SNA.

I suggest a stream of funding is made available. This funding would offset the cost of arborist services, where standard ECO-S1 requires the employment of an arborist to do work that the landowner could have undertaken themselves otherwise.

By supporting landowners to maintain the SNA designated on their property, the preservation of the SNA is more certainly ensured.

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

Signature of submitter
(or person authorised
to sign

on behalf of submitter): Jennifer Giller

Date: 19.11.2020

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