

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):

The specific provision of the proposal that my submission relates to:
Area of Significant Natural Area: ref Property code SNA155 Lot 5 DP429671 – land area 11.47ha Please read attached letter.
Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?
Oppose
What decision are you seeking from Council? What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?
DELETE The council to not create Significant Natural areas on privately owned land.

Reasons:
Please see attached letter

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

Christopher Foothead

19 Nov 20

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

_____ Date: _____

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

REF SNA155
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19 Nov 2020

I strongly oppose the PCC creation of additional SNA – Significant Natural Areas on my private property.

Firstly, I don't understand what right the PCC thinks they have to impose Significant Natural Areas on private land that they do not own. Land that I have purchased and pay rates on.

I'd like to remind the council what Private land means - private is private, this property is not state owned, local government owned or public land.

As a rural landowner I have been managing the effects of activities on my native bush areas since the property was purchased in the 1970's

I created a protective covenant on an area of land in 1998- 22 years ago, for the protection of the native bush.

I have been planting seedlings, removing wildling pines, kept stock out and allowed our native bush to regenerate.

Council seems disconnected and underinformed to what is already in place by legal agreement.

REF: District land register#658062: 31st March 1998 – 22 years ago.

Great care and consideration were taken in 1998 to create the covenant I have within the property to protect native bush. This was done looking at the natural bush, the undulation of the land, the existing farm tracks, waterways and the practical use of the land for livestock.

Now in 2020, PCC has casually drawn over a map of my property with no personal consultation with myself the landowner, or consideration of what is already legally in place. The markings over our home and property look like a child with a fat felt pen doing a coloring in activity. With the sweep of their inaccurate pen they have drawn thru fences, into existing forestry blocks and realigned bush areas with no consideration to the people who live and own the properties.

Casually taking more area of my property to become SNA.

There needs to be some fairness. I have already made a concession to PCC back in 1998 to protect an estimated 50% of my land, a very large piece of bush land.

At the time this was a costly experience with formal legal documentation and plans.

In the maps I see no acknowledgment of legal easements –

- transmission line easements on the property
- electricity easements (powerlines)
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There is a general lack of consideration of map detail or fairness for boundary lines , existing fences and current use of the property for grazing.

The plan is vague – it mentions protection & restoration initiatives. What are these? How would this be done? The plan mentions papakainga (ancestral home) but has little interest that this our home & family land they are wanting to dictate how it can be used.

One area being added by PCC as a SNA is open to the stock we graze and already carefully managed. The horse will use it to shelter from northerly winds and a storm when needed.

Its not clear in the plan what will happen in the absence of fencing around the SNA? What is the purpose of making something SNA when our regular farm grazing animals can have access and need access for shelter?

I'm concerned how difficult it is for me, an average educated adult to navigate and understand the plan. It's what I have not found or understood to object to that concerns me - my ignorance. I don't speak planning ... I find the terminology within the document difficult; the formatting confusing and I wonder what is hidden within these pages that I should be making a noise about.

Filling out the form to object is difficult, I don't know what to reference to in order to object correctly.

I object to the requirement of work needing to be undertaken or supervised by a suitable qualified arboricultural expert. Who pays for this? Who can afford these professionals??

I object to the additional costs that will be incurred, that an arborist could be required to trim trees that would normally be maintained by ourselves and have been for the past 50 years.
Its disrespectful to myself as the landowner who has historically maintained my property for 50years, to tell me to bring in someone because they have a degree in trees.
It seems the council is permitted to create new public walking tracks on their land but we private landowners will need to jump thru hoops to have one on our own private property within a designated SNA area. Will a ecological assessment be required and who pays for this??

The continual increase of fees, rates and regulations begins to make living rurally prohibitive.
Do we get a rates rebate for the land that is being called a SNA?

I have little confidence in PCC.

With this District Planning we have received paperwork that is incorrect, been sent photos that are not our property but belong to neighbours with us all lumped in together. We've had incorrect summary of information with incorrect land size.

I've had a letter adding **Public Amenity** to our property - I questioned this wording by email in July 2018 with Torrey Donnell, a subject which has not yet been clearly explained . As far as I am concerned there is nothing public about my private property.

This feels like an illegal land grab and I fear what will the council want to grab next.
I object to the PCC being able to dictate or control how private property is used.

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