

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:
Significant natural areas (relating to Pendeen Place, Camborne)
Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?
Oppose
What decision are you seeking from Council? What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?
Delete. Council to restrict the SNA to the area owned by the Council next to my land only. I don't believe any of the residents affected here would be developing any of the land below our houses, we all enjoy the trees, birdlife and the privacy they give us too, we just need reasonable landowner rights to be able to prune the trees as required to retain natural light and views to our homes. Leaving trees to grow high should not come at the cost of reducing human quality of life due to mould and mental health issues – what is the priority here? Possibly the Council could purchase a smaller piece of my property at the bottom if they wish to retain some control over that area of it, which would be fairer.
Reasons:
<p>I purchased this property in March 2020 with no indication through the research I did that this was in consideration. If I am unable to prune the trees around my house, then there will be a significant loss of natural sunlight to my property, which will result in significant dampness and mould and would cause instability to the top part of my section. This will also affect my decking making the area slippery. All my bedrooms are downstairs and would be majorly affected if I cannot keep light in this area. This is of huge concern. Especially since I had left a property before that ended up having had no winter sun due to trees, which had a noticeable effect on my mental health and the breakdown of my marriage, this was a major factor in my purchase decision also.</p> <p>Another factor in my decision to purchase this house was the view. If I am unable to sensibly prune the trees around my property then I will lose the wonderful outlook of the inlet and also lose significant value upon resale of my property. I am a single mother on a subsidy, so the proposed requirement to get resource consent any time I wish to prune a tree (and potentially have to use an arborist) would be way beyond my means, as well as the fact that there is no guarantee that I would be granted resource consent. If I had any indication of this proposal I would never have purchased this property.</p> <p>The proposed area you intend to take of my land is nearly half. This is way out of proportion and will have a significant effect on the value of my land. Also noted is the fact that most of the valley area you own</p>

already, so I don't believe that taking this portion of my land will add any significant change to anything, especially since I only intend to prune the trees on my property as required for the view.

I believe the 3m rule is insufficient, especially given there is some Manuka in our area which is highly flammable, this will pose a fire safety risk in our immediate area. Given this is pointed out in my submission this could affect the Council legally in time to come if there was a fire and you had this issue highlighted to you. How will this fare with insurance claims if a bush fire happened, will the Council be liable for some of the cost to rebuild my home if you impose this rule as it stands? This is a high risk.

I believe most if not all landowners would responsibly maintain the trees and land that we own without having rules imposed on us. For myself, I see those trees as valuable and essential to my land – not only are they beautiful but they help hold up the bank below my house as well as keeping privacy from the walking track further below, so trimming them responsibly to maintain the view is my priority. Also please note, I don't believe any singular trees in my area are of a significant age or significance to warrant needing special attention or protection. I understand the Council's aim behind this proposal, but I do believe the way you propose to do it will significantly reduce value of our land as well as imposing on freedoms that we should have when we purchase a piece of land and pay high rates for that land. I would be open to the idea of selling a portion of my land to you if you wish for further area under your control (which would also result in a much needed rates reduction), but I do not believe that half of my land is at all reasonable or feasible given the points made to light, health, safety and retention of value.

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

20 November 2020

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*