

SUBMISSION FOR HEARING 2. TREES OF SIGNIFICANCE.

25 WAIHO TCE., ELSDON. PORIRUA.

Submitter: Phyllis Sexton

In my original submission 23/11/2020 outlining the reasons why I opposed the taking of over half my land as a significant natural area, as it contained "trees of significance"; I requested the Porirua City Council to arrange for an Ecologist to show me the trees of significance, as outlined in my letter to Tony McDonnell, Porirua city council 3/8/21. (Copy attached.) as I had received notice from the Porirua City Council that my submission had been rejected on these grounds. The Ecologists were unable to identify to me, any trees of significance at all.

I consider this rejection to be grossly unfair to me, as I am severely disadvantaged by the potential future use of my land being removed from me; the financial loss on the value of the original property; and that I am encumbered to pay rates on land I cannot use.

The scope of the RMA appears to override and contravene other existing laws of the Government. It appears that the RMA can confiscate my land from me, although I hold legal title to the land; I still have to pay rates on the confiscated land; the RMA do not have to compensate me financially for the confiscated land. This situation is farcical. If you take something that is legally owned by another person by stealth, surely this is tantamount to theft.

This is of course, not the first instance in New Zealand of a "land grab". History clearly shows that Maori had their land confiscated by the New Zealand Government, and are still fighting for its return and financial compensation. This clearly shows that the Government, in the guise of the RMA, is doing just this, and it is a surreptitious modern day confiscation of privately owned land. This proposal by the RMA should not go ahead until it is sorted out in court, where it is clearly going, as action by Groundswell NZ is scheduled in November 2021.

Porirua City Council will be aware of this, as Groundswell NZ has written to all councils in NZ, calling for a halt to RMA planning processes in the meantime.

I personally concur with this line of action, at this time.

At this stage I am not prepared to accept any decision until the matter has been settled in court.

Adjourned
10/10/21
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3/8/2021

Porirua City Council

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Customer Services

To: Terry McDonnell. Porirua city council.

Re: Ecologist Inspection: 25 Waiko St, Elsdon, 3 pm 30th July 2021.

Kyle & Raewyn from Woodlands arrived to show me which trees were trees of significance on my property under the SNA relating to the proposed changes to the Porirua City Council District Plan, to be saved. The first thing Raewyn said was that she could not stay long as she and her husband were going away for the weekend. They went on to the property and when we asked them to identify the trees of significance, they said the whole lot is a forest and must be saved.

They advised they were committed to the "green" ideology, and wished all the existing forest/canopy to be saved, not only on my land but everywhere else in this area.

When asked how they identified these trees as significant, they advised they had never been on to the property before and made these decisions using mapping data that had been supplied to them, but did not say who had supplied the data. Also that some District Councils were only charging half rates on confiscated land, but not Porirua.

Raewyn said they could not stay any longer at the property as her husband was waiting for her at home. She reiterated the "green" policy once again, and her belief that all green canopy in New Zealand must be saved, in her opinion.

In my opinion the whole exercise was a complete waste of time and council money, because she had a closed mind on the subject.

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