

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:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renewable Electricity Generation Activities 2. Wildfire Prevention/Mitigation Planning 3. National Grid Transmission lines 4. Contaminated Land 5. Risks to the natural environment 6. Historical Sites
Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support 2. Amend 3. Amend 4. Amend 5. Amend 6. Amend
What decision are you seeking from Council?
What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retain 2. Amend 3. Amend 4. Amend 5. Amend 6. Add and Amend

Reasons:

1. **Renewable Electricity Generation Activities** – we support the district plan being in alignment with national standards and abilities to meet future climate change requirements.

2. **Wildfire Prevention/Mitigation Planning** – This plan is silent and redirecting of council’s responsibilities regarding wildfire mitigation measures – ie maintaining exit routes (PCC roads) clear of trees that can fall and deny people the ability to flee a wildfire. Section 32 is excessively silent on “wildfires”.

- There is NO “Hazards and Risks Overlay” for Wildfires areas

- Historically the Horokiwi Valley + Moonshine Valley areas have seen enormous wildfires that have destroyed vast areas - it is only a matter of time before it happens again.

- Promotion of Significant Natural Areas within the city magnifies the potential for wildfires.

3. **National Grid Transmission lines** – No reference is made to exclusion distances around the national grid that fires can be lit and the burning crop off-cuts or stubble can be undertaken. The plan includes other activities and safety distances from the national grid in Part 4: Appendices and Schedules Appendices APP14 - Designation Conditions for NZTA-03 and NZTA-04 but is silent on a very real danger that fires and their smoke and cause to the national grid transmission lines.

4. **Contaminated Land** not included in Hazards in Porirua District Plan

Other hazards and dangerous areas (ie gas transmission pipeline, national grid corridors) have sections within the plan so why not the hazard of contaminated lands. The District Plan is a place where people go to see what services and/or hazards are on their properties, so this Plan should include all known hazards even if they are administered by another authority the same as with the national grid and gas transmission pipelines. Contaminated Land register is managed by GWRC and should be referenced/linked in the Porirua District Plan.

5. **Risks to the natural environment** (e.g. native vegetation, streams) should be identified and policies and rules developed (from Operative District Plan). There is a specific risk on road reserve where pest plants (e.g. banana passionfruit, tradescantia) are proliferating and there are apparently no active policies for management of those pest plants which impose a substantial risk to the natural environment. The Significant Natural Areas that are bordering road reserves, plus sites further away with bird spread of seeds, are at imminent risk of being decimated by the existing pest plants along road reserves. The Tree and Vegetation Policy 2009 was never completed (lacked companion documents) so is unused by council staff. Without effective pest plant management on council lands the SNAs are totally useless.

6. **Historical Sites** – no community meetings were undertaken with regard to historical heritage. The process of gathering information regarding historical sites is deficient.

a. 2014 a minor update was published by PCC based on work undertaken in preceding years.

b. Consultants (Boffa Miskell) were employed to look at a limited selection of heritage sites. All of Porirua City Councils own historical experts do not appear to have been consulted on additional sites of interest.

c. There were community meetings on topics such as tsunamis, industrial zones, areas of natural significance, flooding but no public involvement about heritage areas until the Proposed Porirua District Plan.

d. In my submission to the September 2019 Draft PCC District Plan I identified many sites of interest which were categorised in the Section 32 Heritage Report as “insufficient information” and “no changes made”.

e. One example of a missed heritage site I identified - Historic Public Burial Ground at Pauatahanui. The supporting information given was a booklet written by Porirua City’s own Pataka Museum – yet this was still labelled “insufficient information”.

f. An example of information that needs correction is in the Boffa Miskell report (HHS027) which refers to Belmont Coach Road; I hereby politely state that there is NO evidence that this road was ever traversed by coaches. Historic Place Category 2 entry List Number 7711 names the road as “Old Belmont to Pauatahanui Road”. This is an example of the Boffa Miskell report not being evidence based as I understand is required.

g. Another entry I request for addition to the Historic register is the NZ Wars Memorial at Battle Hill. This site is a war memorial that was erected by the NZ government and is on the New Zealand Ministry for Culture and Heritage website.

This site has a mention in SASM003 (Sites of Significance to Maori) as “includes the graves of Government militiamen killed in the battle”. This is not the same as a War Memorial register entry in its own right which it needs to be.

h. There are many more sites that should be included about Porirua’s diverse heritage – further community involvement is needed.

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

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23 November 2020

(extension granted In accordance with S37 of the Resource Management Act 1991)

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*