### 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.
- I wish □ ✓ I do not wish □
   To be heard in support of my submission
- 5. I will □ ✓ I will not □

Consider presenting a joint case with other submitters, who make a similar submission, at a hearing.

### The specific provision of the proposal that my submission relates to:

# **Significant Natural Area 038**

SNA038	Motuhara Bush
Site Summary	Two areas comprised of coastal forest (kohekohe, kānuka (presumably Kunzea robusta; Threatened-Nationally Vulnerable mānuka (Leptospermum scoparium; At Risk-Declining), kōwhai) remnants, coastal escarpment vegetation and ephemeral stream, mostly bound by Motuhara Road, but also includes a forest area to the north of tight bend in Motuhara Road. This site contains indigenous vegetation on Acutely Threatened land environments and includes northern rātā (Metrosideros robusta; Threatened-Nationally Vulnerable and of local interest) and a walkway. Supports bellbird (Anthornis melanura melanura; regionally scarce), and the At Risk-Declining Mokopirirakau "southern North Island" and barking geckos (Naultinus punctatus).
Relevant values under Policy 23 of RPS	Representativeness (RPS23A) Rarity (RPS23B) Diversity (RPS23C) Ecological context (RPS23D)

Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?

Seeking amendment to proposed boundary for SNA

I am supportive of the need to protect and develop native vegetation and birdlife.

I have been actively trapping predators as part of the Predator Free initiative introduced approx. 3 years

However, I need the proposed SNA boundary on my section at 83 Motuhara Road to be rolled back to allow for future property development.

What decision are you seeking from Council?
What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?

## **AMEND DESIGNATED SNA BOUNDARY**

Proposed SNA boundary for 83 Motuhara Road, Plimmerton



Amended SNA for 83 Motuhara Road, Plimmerton



### Reasons:

- The area defined in yellow needs to be rolled back and excluded from the proposed SNA.
- In this area stability has been resolved through hard and soft landscaping.
- The hard landscaping contains six terraces created using stone retaining walls. Some of these levels also have concrete paths beside the stone walls which curve around the area of the property highlighted in yellow.
- This area also has several non-native trees which were planted decades ago as part of the landscaping and leveling off areas of the section.
- There are only a small number of native trees in the area (defined in yellow) because of the existing landscaping.
- The proposed SNA severely prejudices the ability to further develop the site.
- This barrier to development significantly outweighs the minimal benefit of the SNA as it relates to this area defined in yellow.

Signature of submitter	mylalner	Date:	12 November 2020	