

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:
<p>Wellington City Councils submission responds, but is not limited to, to the objectives below and associated policies:</p> <p>NE-O1 – Natural character, landscapes and features and ecosystems</p> <p>NE-O3 – Preventing further degradation of Te Awarua-O-Porirua Harbour</p> <p>REE-O3 – Resilience</p> <p>UFD-O1 – Urban growth</p> <p>UFD-O2 – Urban land supply</p> <p>UFD-O3 – Urban form</p> <p>UFD-O6 – Quality urban form and place making</p> <p>THWT-O1 – Hydraulic neutrality</p>
Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?
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issues in Porirua City.

What decision are you seeking from Council?

What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?

Wellington City Council is seeking that Porirua City Council retain the provisions as proposed in the updated District Plan.

The Council is supportive of further additions to the Plan, as appropriate through the submissions process, to support a well-functioning and vibrant Porirua City.

Reasons:

1. Regional population growth in the Porirua City and Wellington City contexts.

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2. Regional approach to growth through the Wellington Regional Growth Framework

Relevant Objectives: UFD-O1, UFD-O3, UFD-O6

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Given the regional cross-boundary interdependencies in relation to housing, transport, the natural environment, infrastructure, and business economies the Council considers it is important that all the Councils involved in the WRGF continue to support a joined-up approach to managing growth in the Wellington region.

Wellington City Council acknowledges the possibility of developing a regional Future Development Strategy (FDS) through the next iteration of the WRGF.

3. Updates required by the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS UD)

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5. Matters related to Natural Environment

Relevant Objectives: NE-O1, NE-O3, REE-03, THWT-01

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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

18/11/2020

(Resubmission on Form 5)



Barbara McKerrow
Chief Executive, Wellington City Council

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*

Submission

Porirua City Council Proposed District Plan

Absolutely Positively
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