

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):

<b>The specific provision of the proposal that my submission relates to:</b>
We consider that this classification SNA038 is unwarranted and that the lack of differentiation between properties renders a blanket classification as unhelpful and inaccurate.
<b>Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?</b>
Amend. We'd like to remove the property from this classification based on the compromised biodiversity and the non-existent Council support to manage and control pest species, weeds, tree management, stormwater and infrastructure.
<b>What decision are you seeking from Council?</b> <b>What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?</b>
Amend and leave the property off this classification.

<p><b>Reasons:</b></p> <p>We are writing to you, having spoken to Louise White at the Council offices about what SNA038 might mean for us in relation to our property and the unique complexities this long stretch of road reserve merging with our property presents. FYI, over the nine years we have lived at our property (67 Motuhara Rd. Plimmerton 5026), we have worked enthusiastically and tirelessly to manage and maintain our spot below Motuhara Rd, which encircles our house and garden, with some success. During this time there we can honestly report that there has been little goodwill from PCC or for that matter, any attempts at engaging in a dialogue or partnership with us to safely manage, maintain &amp; conserve the large area below the road that merges seamlessly with our property.</p> <p>Apart from an historical flail mower shredding the roadside trees we have been unaware of any other interventions to manage the local vegetation.</p> <p>We had a small burst of neighbourly clean ups some 5 years ago, but our own specific location issues with PCC have over-ridden wider conservation concerns shared with our neighbours further down the road, where the steeper, narrower gully does not impinge on their properties and gardens as it does with ours. Also the terrain in the lower gully makes access problematic to walkers and pedestrians, thereby deterring access and affording greater biodiversity protection in this area.</p> <p>This observation provides evidence that highlights our concern that SNA038 does not differentiate between property type and location within the broad area covered by this classification, which is unfair granted that not all residents are impacted the same way as others, in regard to the upkeep of the vegetation and maintaining their properties. There is no fence to delineate boundaries and as you can see on the aerial map, (last slide in the attached presentation), our property is significantly affected by quite a lengthy stretch of Motuhara Road and we end up having to react to all the environmental impacts on this area, which included a significant and large slip in 2017, directly above our house.</p> <p>This makes our location quite unique, public and road-impacted in a more sustained way than any of our neighbouring residents. What it also means for us practically is that it is harder for us to ignore vegetation, litter/bottles etc.. below the road, seeing as it falls into our backyard by virtue of gravity. Over this time we have become the default custodians for this land, at some cost to ourselves in terms of time, resources and the cost of innumerable trips to Porirua with weeds/green waste for the land fill. It is sad to report but also during this time we feel that the property's uniqueness, in terms of it's ecology, has deteriorated. Why?</p> <p>A number of factors seem to be responsible e.g. neglect to the Council owned margins, especially canopy trees; the knock-on effects of nil maintenance &amp; infrastructure improvements, the proliferation of weed species in the area, poor management of storm water and especially an historical sump that drains off Motuhara Rd, diverting water and effluent discharges from building work on The Track etc..through our property &amp; rendering the ground waterlogged after heavy rain.</p> <p>While we recognise that some of these issues are technically outside of the District Plan Change process, we believe that they are very relevant in the context of the ongoing management challenges we face as the de facto custodians of this land that you are proposing to be covered by an SNA.</p>

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](mailto:dpreview@pcc.govt.nz)

Signature of submitter  
*(or person authorised  
to sign  
on behalf of submitter):*

Mike Williams/Te Rina Leonard

Date: 22nd October 2020

*A signature is not required if you make  
your submission by electronic means*



**Dense, overhanging trees hazard # 67  
Motuhara Rd. Plimmerton 5026.**

**Blind bend & no pavement for pedestrians.  
Karaka/Mahoe/Lemontrees need pruning and  
thinning**





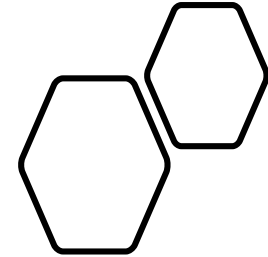
Impact of Shading and stature of Canopy trees  
Kanuka, Mahoe – thinning/pruning of lower limbs





Poor maintenance & Power Lines Compromised





**Proliferation  
& Density  
Of Karaka**






**Evidence of  
Neglect & Poor  
Tree Management**





**Surrounded and storm water causing slips, scouring of drive and flooding.**

**Key:**  stormwater sump - overflows/no maintenance/no longer fit for purpose

 Slip/Subsidence/Scouring