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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposed District Plan Submission - Revised Submission

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- > 3. I will not gain a commercial advantage.
- > 4. I am indirectly affected by an adverse environmental effect.
- > 5. I do not wish to be heard.
- > 6. Does not apply
- > 7. My submission:
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- > Regarding Sport and Active Recreation Zone
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- > Jet Skis at Pauatahanui Inlet violate the character and amenity values of this recreation zone.
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- > The inlet is a fragile environment and over decades has been allowed degradation by runoff from nearby development and government neglect.
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- > Recent efforts by both local government and members of the community have vastly improved the quality of the water and the shore environment.
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- > Birds and fish are returning to the Inlet, and the Cockle Count conducted by the Guardians of the Pauatahanui Inlet provides evidence of slow and steady recovery.
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- > However, the continued recovery of the Inlet is harmed by allowing the Inlet to be used by jet skis.
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- > The design and purpose of jet skis is to provide a high speed thrill experience that is simply not compatible with improving the quality of the Inlet's environment or the quiet enjoyment of this rare body of water.
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- > Riders routinely speed around shores, criss cross around yachts and boaties, and use the Inlet as a daredevil race course. They chase after water birds.
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- > The noise is a constant interruption to the peaceful enjoyment by recreational users, those who come to experience quiet moments away from the city noises and to hear the sounds of local and migratory water birds.
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- > Although areas are marked prohibiting jets skis around the shore and vulnerable marshes, jet ski users violate those prohibitions nearly every day. (I'd urge Council staff to come around most any fine day and observe.)
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- > While the Mana Boat Club is specifically exempted, the Wellington Jet Sport Club for jet ski users is not exempted as an adverse use.
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- > I urge Council to exclude jet skis from the Inlet, and require the Jet Sport Club to be relocated to the more appropriate Porirua Harbour where the water is deeper and the environment is not as fragile and vulnerable as the Pauatahanui Inlet.
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- > Respectfully submitted
- > Alana Bowman
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