

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>Proposed Significant Natural Area 216 (SNA216).</p> <p>This request for an amendment relates to the isolated, northern section of SNA216 located on parcel 1122H Paekakariki Hill Road. This is shown in attached Figure 7.</p> <p>There are six attachments: Fig 1, Fig. 2, Figs 3&4, Figs 5A&5B, Figs 6A&6B, and Fig 7.</p>
Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?
Amend
What decision are you seeking from Council? What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?
Amend: remove planted forestry areas shown on attached Fig. 1, resulting in a reduced area as shown in attached Fig 7.

Reasons:

This parcel has undergone substantial forestry development, on-going since 2004, with both exotic and NZ-native trees being planted. A strategy of planting protective windbreaks in advance of area plantings has been followed, but this requires some years to be effective. Both timber trees and those seen as nectar and/or berry producers have been selected. The 1950 Covenant has been left undisturbed, and also areas of locally rare species such as Tawa found outside that area have been left to grow further. An earlier correction to the draft SNA was made following feedback regarding areas of planted Puriri forestry which had been incorporated in an earlier version. Despite this, some of those Puriri (Fig. 2) are still included.

There remain three reasons for amendment:

1. Some parts of the SNA include 10-15 year old planted native and mixed native/exotic forestry (Figs. 2,3,4) and at least part of one prominent wind-break (i.e. W2, see Fig. 5A). The SNA also overlaps windbreak W1, which runs right down to the track.
2. Other parts of the SNA include areas of on-going exotic forestry planting (Figs. 5B, 6A and 6B). There will be a considerable commercial loss if these trees or those in (1.) above cannot be harvested.
3. The SNA includes a substantial track which is part of a 20m-wide ROW (defined in SO37984) required for gas pipeline maintenance and also access to other blocks of land. More of this width than the 5 m used at present could be required in future.

It can be noted that:

Some of the forestry planted in 2016 or earlier (Figs. 2,3,4) was apparently not identified as such from the aerial photographs used to plan this and other SNA.

Substantial further annual planting has taken place since the aerial photographs were taken. A current set of aerial photographs would be very useful in better describing the layout of the Blocks in Fig 1.

Additional detail:

The blocks of planted forestry within the current SNA216 (northern section) are sketched in Fig. 1.

Windbreaks W1-W5 and W7-W9 are double rows of eucalypts, except that W1 has an additional row of pines, W2 also has a part-row of Kawaka and W4 has a further part-row of eucalypts. W6 is a double row of Banksia sp.

Blocks A to D are principally planted with *Acacia sp.*, however Block B_s contains also planted Rewarewa (Fig 4), Block B_n contains also *Banksia integrifolia*. The track berm in that area and further to the East has several planted Kauri, Callistemon sp. and ornamental Acacia. Blocks C_w and C_e contain up to 33% Matai. Block E (Fig. 3) contains mainly Totara and Rewarewa with some Acacia. Blocks F and G contain *Banksia sp.*, but Block F also has planted Puriri (Fig. 2) whilst Block G also has *Acacia sp.* and *Grevillea sp.*

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
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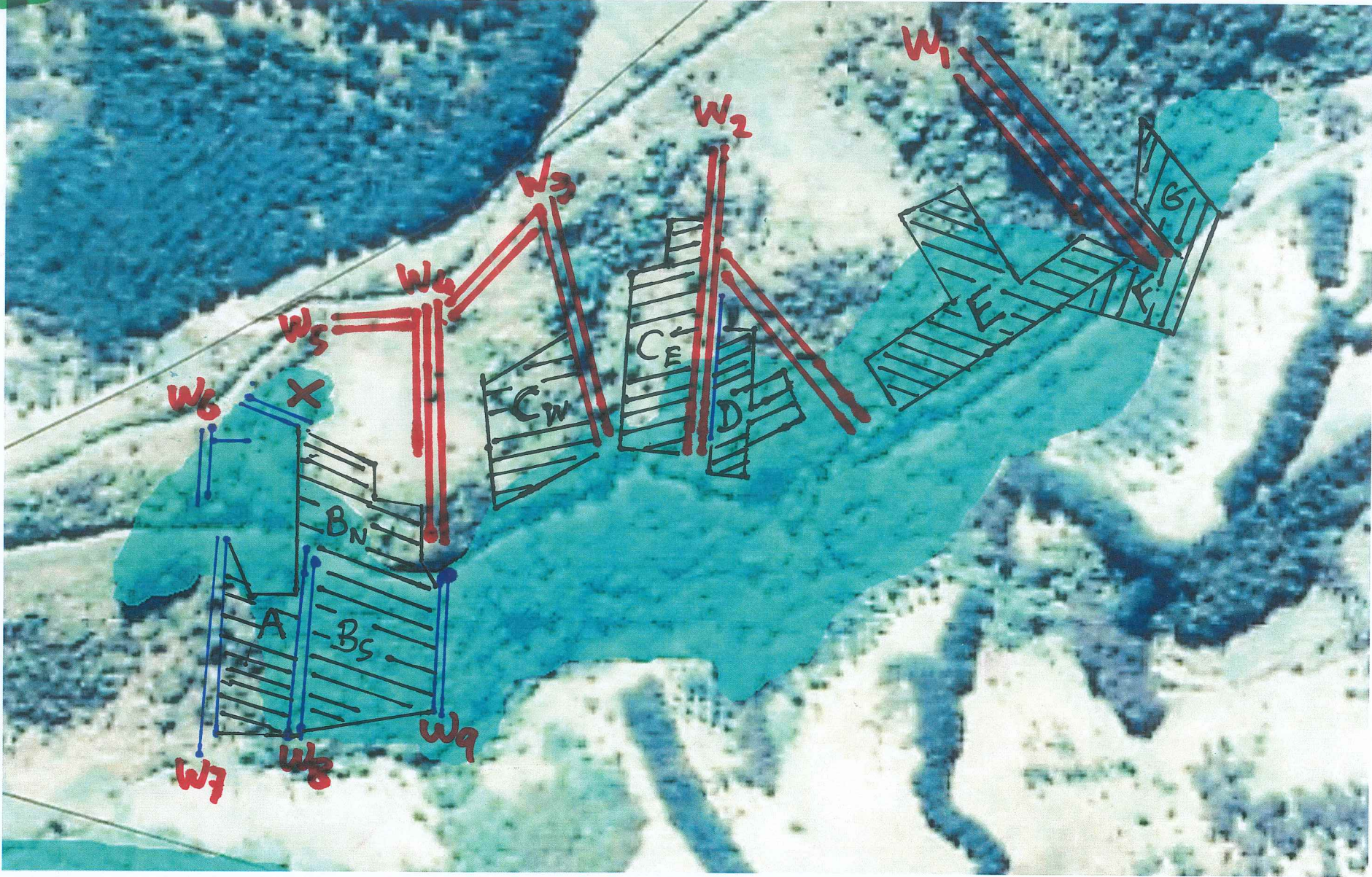
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Fig. 1

Red lines: pine or eucalypt windbreaks. Blue: other exotic or native w/Breaks



Black shading = Planted forestry (see text). X = grassland.



Fig. 2. Planted Puriri inside the proposed SNA 216 and located in Block F (refer to Fig. 1).



Fig. 3. Plantation of totara, with some Rewarewa and Acacia (Block E). A block of Puriri in mid-background.



Fig. 4 Plantation of Rewarewa and *Acacia melanoxylon* forming the southern third of Block B.



Fig. 5A Looking E to part of ridgeline windbreak W2 within the SNA, with Acacia and some Matai plantings in the foreground (Block C_E)



Fig 5B A closer view of plantings of *Acacia melanoxylon*, also some Matai, in Block C_E.



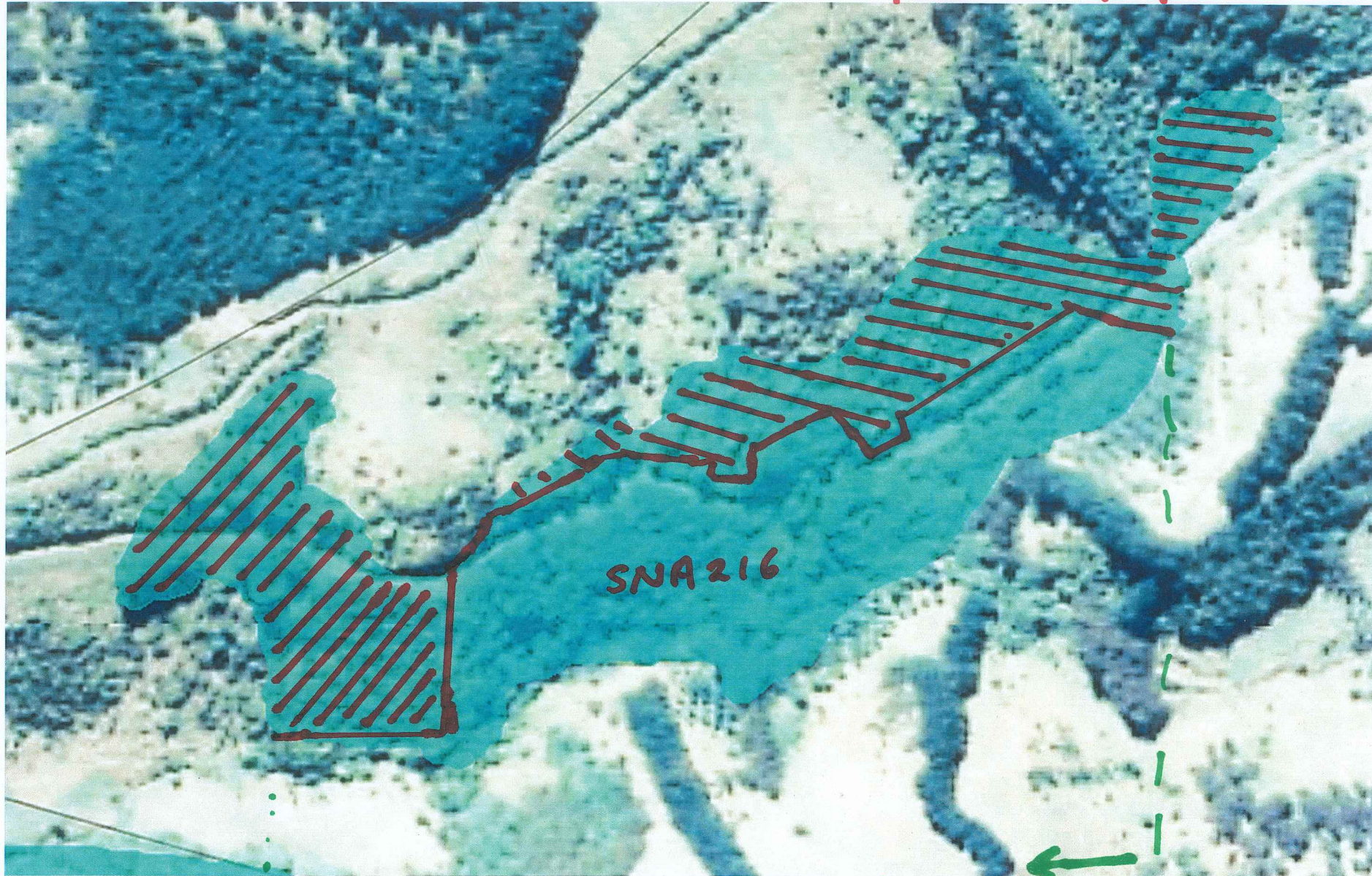
Fig. 6A Looking S down eucalypt windbreak W8 from the track..
Also visible are Banksia and further down, Rewarewa plantings.



Fig 6B Looking S into Block B from the track. In the foreground are
Banksia with planted Rewarewa and Acacia further down.

Fig 7.

Red-shaded area to be removed from the proposed SNA.



→ The southern boundary unchanged over this interval.