

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>
<p><b>Part 2: District-Wide Matters – Strategic Direction – NE – Natural Environment</b>  <b>Strategic Objectives</b></p> <p><b>NE-01 Natural character, landscapes and features and eco systems</b></p>  <p><b>Part 2: District-Wide Matters – Natural Environment Values – ECO – Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity</b></p> <p><b>Policies ECO – P1 to P12</b></p>  <p><b>Part 4: Appendices and Schedules – Appendices – APP8 – Biodiversity Offsetting</b></p> <p><b>Principles 1-11</b></p>
<b>Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?</b>
<p><b><u>We support</u> the focus on the natural environment and the attempts made by PCC to recognise and protect the natural character, landscapes and features and ecosystems as outlined in this objective.</b></p> <p><b>However, we oppose the confrontational approach which removes at a stroke those rights of landowners in affected areas where a virtual land-grab by PCC has occurred without taking into account the effects on their lives and livelihood. It also is a set of policies which appears to make assumptions regarding the status and history of the SNAs without investigating their background, or even in some cases, without a proper examination of each affected property-holder’s actual situation. It appeared that some of the properties were not notified – PCC needs to do more than just send out a letter when such huge changes for individual owners are being contemplated.</b></p> <p><b><u>We oppose</u> the policies on the SNAs where the effect will be to penalise those property</b></p>

owners who have allowed the regeneration of forest areas. We believe the policies as outlined do the opposite of fostering, nurturing, encouraging and enabling residents and landowners to do their best to support the values of the SNAs.

We believe there are better ways to promote the aims of the protection of SNAs and that these do not appear to have been examined by PCC; for example using the QE11 National Trust as a vehicle to achieve protected status for areas with biodiversity values as has been done this year in Hawkes Bay; working with local property owners and providing assistance, as is the case with both Wellington City Council and Auckland City Council.

Basic principles of fairness and natural justice should always underpin good policy in a democracy.

What decision are you seeking from Council?

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

We would like amendments to be made to Policies ECO P1-P12 to allow for the following actions:

- An opportunity to further review properties which were not visited in the first round of ecological site inspections to allow for a fairer assessment of the extent of any SNA
- PCC to investigate how it can amend policies to include those mechanisms that will encourage co-operation from affected landowners – eg rewarding landowners who protect and develop areas of SNA through rates relief
- support through a PCC contestable fund for fencing, pest control, and replanting (as is done by Auckland City Council)
- working with the QE11 National Trust to establish covenants over SNAs (thereby achieving the goal of protecting for perpetuity those areas of interest at lower cost to PCC)

We would like amendments to be made to Policies APP8 – Biodiversity Offsetting Principles 1-11, to allow for the following actions:

- Any application should allow for all reasonable approaches

Reasons:

Our own focus is the Horkiri Valley (Paekakariki Hill Road) where many of us landowners already cherish the resurgence of regenerating forest vegetation which has begun to overtake the gorse-covered hills of the last decade.

As owners of a bare farmland 40 ha block purchased in 1977( with no forest in sight), we watched the decline of our own and neighbours' previous sheep farming operations where constant battles against the incursion of gorse were no longer supported by prices paid for sheepmeat and wool, and continual erosion was an obvious price to pay for continued clearance of the hillsides.

Gradually fewer areas of the valley are being kept clear, and the gorse has worked brilliantly as a nurse cover and support for the increasing areas of regenerating bush (which hopefully will eventually become forest).

Our reason for this submission is not any opposition to the worthwhile aims of protecting our significant natural areas, but our dismay at the way this is being undertaken.

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)

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on behalf of submitter):*

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