### **RMA FORM 5**

# poriruacity

## Submission on publicly notified Proposed Porirua District Plan

Clause 6 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Porirua City Council

1. Submitter details:

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- 2. This is a *submission* on the **Proposed District Plan** for Porirua.
- 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)

#### <u>Note:</u>

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.

- I wish □ I do not ☑
  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:

Submission on the proposed Significant Natural Area, specifically having to seek council consent to make changes that are beyond the 3m restriction

Restrictions on maintaining our land for which we dutifully pay rates , does not seem reasonable. Afterall, our rates are based on our property size and value, both of which the PCC wishes to reduce by creating this plan.

#### Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?

Oppose

#### What decision are you seeking from Council? What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?

As far as we are aware, we have not granted any permission for the council to be on our property and for them to thus conclude that there is significant natural area on our land. We are a young family, and our health and safety is of utmost priority. We urge you to reconsider this plan. Or in lieu of this, we request the consideration of reduction of rates or an equivalent monetary compensation in exchange for the rights being taken away from us.

- 1. **Reasons**: If trees are unable to be pruned or removed on our property as we see necessary, we would lose our entire view from our lower living areas within a short space of time. This would reduce the value of our home and would not allow us to enjoy the aspects that attracted us to this location in the first place.
- 2. In addition to this, restrictions on maintaining trees on our property can result in the lack of sunlight due to thicker forest around ours and neighbouring properties. The consequence of this is a build up of moisture, dampness and subsequent mould setting in. We have a young baby, and in winter months when it's difficult to maintain a dry home, this adds to the burden and is a health risk.
- 3. Our home is built on a bank that requires a certain amount of upkeep to keep our foundation strong. There's potential for roots to encroach on the foundation and thus impinge on our house's structural integrity. Furthermore, thick forest without sunlight can create erosion.
- 4. The risk of fallen branches (from trees were not allowed to touch) also has potential to damage our property unnecessarily. Furthermore, fallen trees that can fall on other trees etc. which can then fall on our home poses another safety risk.
- 5. Consequences of only allowing us freedom within the 3m zone means that the overlying canopies of large trees can interfere with the draining of the gutters in the roof; as well as pose a fire risk as there wouldn't be an adequate fire-break.
- 6. Our final concern is the caveat of requiring "council consent" which is something that can't be guaranteed. The idea of being unable to tend to an issue until council fees and processing time have lapsed seems inefficient.

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 <u>dpreview@pcc.govt.nz</u>

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

Date:20-11-2020

A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means Natasha Dasyam and Aaron Carson 28 Bodmin Terrace, Camborne, Porirua 5026

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#### Submission on the proposed Significant Natural Area – 28 Bodmin Terrace , Camborne, Porirua

Dear members of the Porirua City Council (PCC),

We are writing this submission with regard to the proposal of the PCC to designate part of our property as "significant natural area ". As far as we are aware, we have not granted any permission for the council to be on our property and thus conclude that there is significant natural area on our land.

We wanted to voice a few concerns that have led us to oppose this plan, which are as follows :

- 1. If trees are unable to be pruned or removed on our property as we see necessary, we would lose our entire view from our lower living areas within a short space of time. This would reduce the value of our home and would not allow us to enjoy the aspects that attracted us to this location in the first place.
- 2. In addition to this, restrictions on maintaining trees on our property can result in the lack of sunlight due to thicker forest around ours and neighbouring properties. The consequence of this is a build up of moisture, dampness and subsequent mould setting in. We have a young baby, and in winter months when it's difficult to maintain a dry home, this adds to the burden and is a health risk.
- 3. Our home is built on a bank that requires a certain amount of upkeep to keep our foundation strong. There's potential for roots to encroach on the foundation and thus impinge on our house's structural integrity. Furthermore, thick forest without sunlight can create erosion.
- 4. The risk of fallen branches (from trees were not allowed to touch) also has potential to damage our property unnecessarily. Furthermore, fallen trees that can fall on other trees etc. which can then fall on our home poses another safety risk.
- 5. Consequences of only allowing us freedom within the 3m zone means that the overlying canopies of large trees can interfere with the draining of the gutters in the roof; as well as pose a fire risk as there wouldn't be an adequate fire-break.
- 6. Our final concern is the caveat of requiring "council consent" which is something that can't be guaranteed. The idea of being unable to tend to an issue until council fees and processing time have lapsed seems inefficient.

The above consequences of the restrictions on maintaining our land for which we dutifully pay rates , does not seem reasonable. Afterall, our rates are based on our property size and value, both of which the PCC wishes to reduce by creating this plan.

We are a young family, and our health and safety is of utmost priority. We urge you to reconsider this plan. Or in lieu of this, we request the consideration of reduction of rates or an equivalent monetary compensation in exchange for the rights being taken away from us.

For the above reasons we would be grateful if your decision for 28 Bodmin terrace would be reconsidered. We look forward to hearing back.

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