

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

Reasons:

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

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

Date: _____

*A signature is not required if you make
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Submission to the Porirua City Council

Proposed District Plan

Significant Natural Area (Proposed)

We wholeheartedly reject and actively oppose the Council's decree over our land.

The Council's notion of SNA is to assimilate the remaining tangata whenua lands into their alien culture and control.

The 2 September 2020 letter from Stewart McKenzie, Manager Environment and City Planning, is an affront to us as the real carers of the biodiversity and maintaining the balance of human living with nature.

The letter fails to identify what block of land they covet. For the purposes of this petition, we will assume they mean ~~Pukerua 3C-B2~~. The omission of this should void the actionable letter "rules with immediate legal effect". **SEC 3A5B2L2 PUKERUA BLOCK**

- The letter chooses to mention only point (3) Significant Natural Areas, ignoring the prior points (1) Historic Heritage, and (2) Sites and Areas of Significance to Maori. These are of paramount importance to us, and not point (3).

By only emphasising on the page and not in actuality that the Council is grabbing our land shows that they don't care about private land ownership in the hands of Maori.

Rule by proclamation is a mistake that the Council is making contrary to any meaningful, decent engagement and consultation. Insulting in its mendaciousness. And is bound to fail.

The council is showing no regard to the long journey that our whanau have endured to secure recognition of our rights to this land that have been trampled on time after time, nor to our struggle in the migration from Kawhia, the battles, loss of lives in battle, establishing occupation in peaceful co-existence with subjugated lands and peoples.

The collective effort of establishing livelihoods after the wreck of abduction, bombardment, confiscation and military occupation inflicted on our people by a belligerent colonial power have seen the Tangata Whenua return to their diminished lands that escaped the greedy whites' lust for their land.

For generations, we have had the vision that the land that has been left to us will support the coming generations with mahi and aroha for a thriving papakainga amidst a regenerative Kaitiaki.

This is gross interference by the Council, and with no practical real assistance. Just a do as we say, and to hell with you. This speaks volumes of how little in touch with the grassroots/flaxroots people the Council, in all its forms, is.

The Council cannot do any of the things we are doing and have done. It cannot right a wrong, cannot undo an injustice by committing further injustice.

This theft of equity in our land is an aggression, intrusion and robbery and an attempt at further alienation of our land from us.

This is just the latest in a long line of humiliation meted out by a racist, paternalistic, white government still stuck in the past.

Specifically with this block

An injustice was done in 1958 with a partition and removal of the right of way to the foreshore.

Recently, by very strenuous efforts and \$60K, we were able, through the Maori Land Court, to have half of the ROW reinstated. The Council was very unhelpful at the time alleging that small flora were of a height that warranted their negativity to our efforts of coming back to the land.

The Council have never asked for our permission to enter our land to make their false assessments.

In future, the Council can stay off this land and ask for permission to enter. We reserve the right to say 'yay' or 'nay'.

If the Council are not fearful, then why didn't they assemble all the affected landowners with their confiscatory plans?

The Council's designs on our land goes back to their view of a utilitarian nature of the block as a drainage ditch. The increased volume of stormwater plunging onto our whenua carving out chasms of instability on the land. Where is the concern for how we are to survive on this land with such attacks being mounted to deny us habitation?

We have been duped by a convincing Council that in this present generation, because the land has not been improved, i.e. built on, drainage alleviation, stormwater mitigation, etc., we were not required to pay rates. Consequently, the valuation of the land went from \$450K to less than \$50K. We demand the right to our land.

The role of the Council in this squalid affair has been to diminish the attractiveness of our developing the land, and putting barriers in our way only to serve a local elitist neighbourhood that fears Maori occupation of a strategic block of their own land, in the midst of multimillion-dollar housing.

We were oblivious to where this was all going. Now, we are very clear minded on the issues and associated causes and consequences that this move by the Council has generated. What they wanted was us to go away and leave them to their drainage block.

The rock outcrops of Te Ana o Hau and Te Paripari are encapsulated by this land. The block serves the whanau as a health resort, mild climate, recuperative healing air qualities, and direct ROW to the Kaimoana of Rau Kawa. A very special place.

The Council allowing the tearing down of hills by some in the name of progress, then come at us flag-waving about ecology and the environment, to try and divert attention from themselves.

We are being treated second-class, expected to hand our land up and like it; now run along.

There is no more access through our whenua. There are "No Trespassing" signs attached to fences built. Te Rauparaha led the attack on this reputed impregnable twinpa leading to victory with great loss of life. There are graves and human remains on this land from those times, also recent ancestors of ours.

This land in our hands is the last, small remnant of a once proud greater occupation. Fought hard for, and a tenacious struggle to keep in whanau ownership has ensued to this day.

Our occupation and care for this land is unmatched by any authority. We have invested a lot of money, time and effort into securing this land for our future mokopuna.

To help realise some of the costs of housing for our people, the Council should pay for the use of the block for the extra load on the erosion of the drain bed. An answer also would be for the Council to pay for the laying of pipe to mitigate the erosion.

The Council's words and actions in their pious virtue signalling and posturing that they know best, more than we do. Supremacists condescending to the point we are still being treated like inferior ignorant children of years gone by.

Just back off with this latest confiscation of Maori land, pay your way, and respect our cultural identity and whenua.

Please spare us your fake concern for the welfare of anything with your trialling of a fait accompli.

Signed,

*Cassia Rera
ne Solomon.*

Cassandra Pierce
[Owner]