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Proposed District Plan  
Environment and City Planning  
Porirua City Council  
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PORIRUA CITY

Dear Sir,

### **Submission: District Plan 2020 Rural Lifestyle Zone**

The City Council has undertaken projections of likely population growth over the next thirty years showing a potential for the community to grow by as much as 50%. Clearly this will require a substantive expansion of the housing stock both in terms of new urban developments and housing intensification.

In that context I note that Council has envisaged significant housing growth including the new major development at Plimmerton Farm.

One of the stated objectives (RLZ-02) is that the predominant character and amenity values of the Rural Lifestyle Zone are maintained.

The proposal to change the minimum size of a RLZ plot from 5 hectares to 2 hectares will undermine the ability for meaningful primary production as well as having an insignificant impact on the availability of housing stock. In addition it will:

- adversely impact on the rurality of the area;
- place increasing pressures on issues such as water reticulation and environmentally-friendly sewage management: an issue that has caused Council concern in the past; and
- change the nature of the area, particularly around the Pauatahanui Inlet

I am therefore opposed to the proposal and request that Council reconsider changing the minimum size of a section for development from the existing 5 hectares.

Yours faithfully



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