

RMA FORM 5

# Submission on publicly notified Proposed Porirua District Plan

porirua city

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 not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
4. I wish to be heard in support of my submission
5. I will consider presenting a joint case with other submitters, who make a similar submission, at a hearing.

The Pāuatahanui Residents Association is a voluntary organisation supported by its members to promote development beneficial to the whole community of Pāuatahanui (this includes Pāuatahanui, Paekakariki Hill and Judgeford, all adjacent rural localities of Porirua City) by organising and participating in projects designed to

- Maintain or improve the community and its environment for all residents, while preserving its rural character and scenery
- Promote the advancement of environmental protection or improvement to its rivers and waterways, with particular emphasis on the Pauatahanui Inlet
- Encourage residents to preserve and protect its flora and fauna
- Preserve, protect and record the unique history of the area, both Maori and European

The Association is committed to the above objectives but notes there are differing views within the Pāuatahanui community on how some of these objectives might best be achieved through the Proposed District Plan. PRA urges Council to consider the views expressed and reflect these in the decisions made on the Proposed District Plan.

<p><b>The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to:</b></p>
<p><b>1. Rural Zones</b></p> <p>PRA supports the concept of the different rural zones – Settlement, Rural Lifestyle and Rural – and notes these are widely supported within the community.</p>
<p><b>Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?</b></p>
<p>Support</p>
<p><b>What decision are you seeking from Council?</b>  <b>What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?</b></p>
<p>Amend giving consideration to Pauatahanui residents’ submissions</p>
<p><b>Reasons:</b></p>
<p>It is noted that, since the first discussions with Porirua City Council and PRA’s earlier submissions on this, there have been changes to the boundaries of these proposed zones, particularly the Rural Lifestyle Zone. Where the zone boundaries are currently drawn, there is mixed support and PRA urges Council to carefully consider the different arguments put forward in residents’ submissions on where the zone boundaries are drawn.</p>
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## 2. Future Urban Zone – Judgeford Flats

In its submission on the Porirua Growth Strategy, based on opinions expressed at the public meeting held on 28 November 2018, at Pauatahanui School, PRA noted “There is no desire to see industrial development along the SH58 / Judgeford area although there is support for legitimising the businesses that currently operate in this area.”

**Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?**

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

**Reasons:**

The creation of the Future Urban Zone for primarily industrial development would support the businesses that currently operate in this area. However it does not address the concerns raised by residents regarding further development of industry in this area. PRA would once again strongly urge Council to consider the reasons put forward by residents concerned that the positioning of an urban/industrial zone within the Rural zone is inappropriate.

**The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to:**

## 3. Significant Natural Areas

In keeping with its objective to “Encourage residents to preserve and protect its flora and fauna” PRA does support the identification of Significant Natural Areas and their protection.

**Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?**

Amend

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

Amend

**Reasons:**

There are specific concerns expressed by residents regarding the management of these areas and PRA urges Council to listen to these and make appropriate amendments to the Proposed District Plan.

For example, the Proposed District Plan permits that “the removal of indigenous vegetation is limited to within 3m from the external wall or roof of a building” but Fire and Emergency NZ recommends two zones of vegetation clearance - up to 10 metres and 10-30 metres from a house referred to as ‘defensible space’ - the area around a home, where vegetation has been modified, reduced or cleared to create a barrier and slow the spread of fire toward the home. A safety zone also allows space for firefighters to fight the fire safely.

<https://www.fireandemergency.nz/farms-rural-properties-and-rural-businesses/rural-property-checklist/>

**The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to:**

**4. Esplanade Reserves, Covenanted areas & SNAs**

Concern has been expressed about the impacts of creating esplanade reserves, covenanted areas and SNAs particularly related to the amount of work and costs incurred by landowners associated with ongoing maintenance, weed control and pest control.

**Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?**

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

**Reasons:**

Landowners need clear and unambiguous answers to their questions on SNAs, Esplanade Reserves and Covenanted Areas. For example, what impact will the creation of these areas have on property values and rates? How would land set aside for these areas be valued for rating purposes?

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

Date: 20 November 2020

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