
Submission on Napier City Proposed District Plan

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Napier City Council - Planning Unit

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Napier City Proposed District Plan

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I wish to be heard: No

I am willing to present a joint case: No

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- No

Are you 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

- No

Submission points

Point 14.1

Section: GRZ - General Residential Zone

Sub-section: GRZ - General Residential Zone - Standards Table

Provision:**GRZ-S8: Fences and walls**

Purpose: *to provide for privacy of residential units while enabling opportunities for passive surveillance of the street and public open spaces; to minimise visual dominance effects to immediate neighbours and the street.*

1. Fences or walls (or a combination of these structures) must not exceed the height specified below, measured from the ground level at the boundary:
 - a. within the front yard, and within a side or rear yard adjacent to a common boundary with an Open Space Zone, either:
 - i. 1.2 m in height;
 - ii. 1.8 m in height for no more than 50% of the length of the boundary and 1.2 m for the remainder, or
 - iii. 1.8 m in height if the fence is at least 50% visually open as viewed perpendicular to the front boundary.
 - b. Within the side and rear yards: 2 m.

Matters of discretion are:

1. Purpose of the standard;
2. Neighbourhood character;
3. Safety, attractiveness, and connectivity of streets and public open spaces, and
4. Quality living environments.

Sentiment: Oppose

Submission:

For the council to think that they can tell home owners that they have to have a low or partly see through fence is absolutely absurd some people may want privacy or have dogs or kids they want to keep safe and a higher fence allows that. If you want people to rebuild a fence so it is aesthetically pleasing to the council then they can pay for it. How ridiculous this council has become

Relief sought

Don't be so ridiculous as to try and tell home owners they have to have a low or partly see through fence