
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?

- N/A

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

- N/A

Submission points

Point 17.1

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:

I oppose this fence height restriction in its entirety.

The level of Privacy and security a fence provides to a homeowners private residence is up to the owner to determine. The current height is an acceptable height and should remain as is.

1.2m provides no privacy from the street, is not high enough to secure dogs and is easily scalable by those looking to commit crime.

This will effect front section properties that have subdivided as they have no private back yard and use their front yard as a recreation area.

The council is not responsible for my own feelings of personal safety and community spirit whilst I am on my property.

Leaving the height as existing will still allow those who prefer a 1.2m fence to build their fence at this height should they choose to do so.

Relief sought

I want the council to keep the fence height restriction at its current level.