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## 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

- **Yes**

## Submission points

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### Point 19.1

**Section:** HRZ - High Density Residential Zone

**Sentiment:** Oppose

**Submission:**

We live in this residential area that is already congested with MSD parking causing problems for local businesses and residents; this is not only clients going to the Winz, Oranga Tamariki and Kāinga Ora, it is also the staff having to find parking. On top of this you have Napier Health Centre where there is also a scramble for parking, this building houses, forensic units, adult mental health, child and adolescent mental health as well as the medical services, this also means there is a lot of staff working there.

Council is now proposing to put in high density housing. You already have a ghetto in the flats opposite Napier Health Centre, there is ongoing violence including the recent kidnapping and torture of a young woman. There is rubbish often piled up in front of the bus stop letting everyone see this is low standard of housing that is poorly kept and there is a high gang affiliated presence; police are frequently at these flats.

There is also a high number of children living in these flats who are exposed to domestic violence, drugs use, abuse, and neglect. I am not supposing that council is aware of any of this as it is not on councillor's doorsteps. I also am in no doubt council will not listen to ratepayers as they have their own blind agenda and will only see what they choose to see.

Therefore, I will ask council to consider the only thing they appear to show interest in is the appearance and creating an artificial picture of Napier. Council are not citizen driven they are driven by tourist dollars so need to consider what high-density housing will do in attracting visitors to our amazing city. Having ghettos and all social aspects that go along with this will not showcase our city in a good light. What it will showcase is the need to support those in need to be integrated into all their communities, all of Napier. History has given us a lesson to learn with suburbs of dense Kāinga Ora housing show us this is not achieved by targeting the low economic status of people by putting them in reservations of containment in a designated area.

Lastly as residents nearing retirement who have worked hard for our home how will council reconcile the devaluation of our properties in this area? What about the affect of businesses in this area? You only have to look at what putting Big Barrel in Marewa has done to a vibrant busy shopping centre. Council allowing Big Barrel to open in this shopping centre turned this community shopping centre to one that became unsafe, with shops closing and remaining empty and now the ramraiding begins.

I ask council not only to think outside the square but to consider all angles, to look at all corners, to think of all Napier citizens not just how to crunch numbers into smaller and smaller spaces.

*Not in your neighbour - Napier for the time of your life – for whom?*

Wellesley residential area is an area that is already struggling with the traffic, noise, parking with Health Centre and MSD buildings; creating ghettos with increased infill of housing, will not be attractive to visitors coming to Napier

**Relief sought**

To not make an already dense housing /commercial area more densely populated. Designated areas need to be throughout Napier, you are talking about increased walking and cycling, what is your evidence this will happen. This is just piecemeal talk, you also got legally challenged by residents who could afford lawyers and did a collaborative approach to stopping this in their area.

I want council to truly justify a real rationale for creating ghettos close to the city.