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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

**Date received:** 25/10/2023

**Submission Reference Number #:**20

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

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**Point 20.1**

**Section:** GRZ - General Residential Zone

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

**Provision:**

**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:**

The fencing provisions are already prescribed enough under the building code and privacy is a right that people should be able get on their own property by constructing a fence 1.8m high if they want to without interference from the council

**Relief sought**

Item 1. a. i. Replace 1.2m with 1.8m

Item 1.a.ii. Remove

Item 1.a.iii remove