
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: Yes

I am willing to present a joint case: Yes

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 203.1

Section: SARZ - Sport and Active Recreation Zone

Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

My request is that you amend Recreational Activities to include horse riding.

There are a significant number of horses grazing within Napier City Council boundaries and we value any safe opportunity to ride outside of grazing paddocks. Over the past several decades these opportunities have become more and more limited as urban areas have spread, verges have become narrower and traffic volumes and speeds increased. Many pathways for cyclists have been developed, but largely, horses have been excluded from using these. we could safely share some of these pathways with just 1.5m of grass beside the path. This has been successfully achieved by a number of other Councils, for example Kapiti Coast who have developed a network of shared pathways used by walkers, cyclists, dog walkers and horse riders.

I am part of a small group (Hawkes Bay Trails Advocacy) who are currently working collaboratively with the Hawkes Bay Regional Council on repairing and maintaining the existing Horse trails and exploring opportunities to establish new trails. We would value Napier City Council supporting this initiative, as there are potential areas within Napier boundaries, and of course a network of cycle trails. We recently conducted 2 on line surveys, one for HB riders and one for riders outside our region seeking feedback on current trails, developing more options, and visiting from outside the region to ride. the response was extremely positive (200+ local and 120 outside HB). This a good indication of positive support for recreational opportunities in our region from riders.

Relief sought

Please include horse riding in the definition of Recreational Activities, and include provision for horse riding and horse trails in planning of recreational spaces, and pathways.