
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 34.1

Section: DEV3 - Mission Development Area

Sub-section: Issues

Provision:

DEV3-16: Subdivision and development can have significant adverse effects on natural and physical resources and on cultural and heritage sites, including cumulative effects

Some land uses may deplete the life-supporting capacity, quality, and diversity of rural resources. The cumulative effect of development over the long term continues to place pressures on natural and physical resources and their associated values. If not managed in an integrated manner, they can eventually lead to the gradual diminishing of environmental quality. The cumulative effects of residential land uses in the rural environment could pose a significant threat to the amenity and quality of the environment. Similarly, rural industries which process produce grown in the rural environment or more general industrial and commercial activities pose a similar threat.

The value of cultural and heritage sites in the rural environment needs to be recognised and provided for. Significant damage to cultural and heritage sites (including archaeological sites) can occur from inappropriate development.

In addition to the effects on the matters identified above, issues regarding subdivision and development's cumulative adverse effects are of particular concern regarding:

- land uses with the potential to have adverse effects on the quality of land and water resources, and
- reduced amenity values and safety from increasing vehicular traffic movements on roads.

Sentiment: Oppose

Submission:

I oppose the current stormwater provisions for the Mission residential subdevelopment.

The land uses will have a huge potential to have adverse effects on the district of Puketapu, Waiohiki, and Taradale quality of land and water resources.

Unfortunately, the NCC stormwater plans for the Mission Subdivision are shortsighted. For many years I have been asking the NCC to re- think the exit of the Mission stormwater. any response has been that it is too difficult to divert it into the inner harbour even though already Poraite stormwater goes out that way. Surely, with modern engineering knowledge this sensible solution can be implemented.

Cyclone Gabrielle has cemented the flaws in potentially having additional stormwater being fed back into tributaries such as the Wharerangi Stream and into the Tutaekuri River area. In the 1800s, the earlier courses of the Tutaekuri ran through Riverbend Road, Georges Drive and Wellesley Road into the Ahuriri lagoon. Changes were brought by the 1931 earthquake and the first large manmade effort was the 1936 change of course and the 1970s stopbanks.

Most of the Napier Hastings area has been built on floodplains that need careful and ongoing planning, sensible river implementation strategies and ongoing maintenance. It is not wise nor prudent to feed any stormwater from the Western Hills or Mission Subdivision back into the Tutaekuri River.

It was a miracle that Taradale didn't go under water during Cyclone Gabrielle. Historically, we in the Puketapu area knew that there was potential for the Tutaekuri to break its banks, we knew what destruction the Tutaekuri flooding brought in 1897 and the 1960s. We also knew that the 1960s Mangaone River was the same level as the Tutaekuri. Filled with un- dredged silt and slash and at Dartmoor flowing into the Tutaekuri, it seemed to be the major flooding factor. the Mangaone needs its dredging issue to be addressed.

Unfortunately, now with a repeat flood event with an additional influx of stormwater into the Tutaekuri, much of Taradale, and the Napier area would also flood. The cyclone has affected so many people and the economic impact is huge. Unfortunately, most older people in the community with flood knowledge have moved out of their jobs. Now it is an opportunity for the younger people to respond and address the real issues that will mitigate and minimise the long term impact of future environmental events.

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Relief sought

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