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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 37.1**

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

**Sub-section:** HRZ - High Density Residential

**Sentiment:** Oppose

**Submission:**

Vigor Brown Street and Napier South in general is mostly made up of old housing which gives the area a fantastic feel nostalgic and character.

By allowing this area to be high density housing it will detract from this feel and discourage people from purchasing the older homes to restore or maintain as no one wants to live in a nice old character home which has a multistory apartment block built a meter from the boundary fence blocking their sunlight and having multiple neighbors able to look down into the property leaving no privacy for themselves.

Napier prides itself as a city to visit offering tours showing off the historic Art Deco styled buildings, building high density high rise apartments even on the city boundary does not fit with this style and detracts from Napier's pride and values.

I couldn't see anything in the proposed district plan regarding parking for the high density housing, if that means there won't be any provided that will mean any residents of the new housing with vehicles would be parking on the street. This will significantly increase the number of parked vehicles on the road, existing residents who already need to park on the road may find they can no longer park outside their own house which poses problems especially for mobility impaired residents where they may need to park a long way from home and carry groceries or any other bulky items some distance. This also would be a security risk for shift workers who will likely need to park and walk some distance very late at night or in early hours of morning.

Increased street parking also would increase the risk to pedestrians crossing roads, especially children due to poor visibility. To reduce this risk it is likely residents will start parking on berms and footpaths to be closer to home, this then poses all sorts of safety, structural and legal issues.

All in all I am strongly opposed to having this area zoned as high density housing.

**Relief sought**

Leave the zoning as is and not have multi story housing built in the area