
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

- No

Submission points

Point 46.1

Section: GRZ - General Residential Zone

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

Provision:**GRZ-S8: Fences and walls**

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:

I am close to the Hawkes Bay Expressway. I can see it from my Bedroom and Lounge. There is no noise barrier on my section of the expressway, not even trees or raised bed of Soil, and the Expressway is higher than my property as it has been built on a raised section.

There are many Trucks which use the Expressway all hours day and night and also loud "chopper" type motorcycles which rumble down the express way. Most of the noise is from around 5am until 7pm.

I am planning to build a large fence 2 m high along the West and South boundary of my property to block out some of that noise and vibration which enter my home.

Relief sought

Don't change the rules for fences.

Or add a noise barrier to the Expressway.