

To: Chief Executive, Jo Miller

Hutt City Council

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Subject: Submission on Proposed District Plan

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing to provide my submission regarding the Proposed District Plan, as outlined in your recent communication. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to a plan that seeks to protect our environment, heritage, and communities while addressing natural hazard risks and planning for growth.

As the property owner of 10 Baldwin Street, Moera, Lower Hutt, I note the designation of my property as being within a high natural hazard area. I commend the Council for its proactive approach in managing these risks and for establishing clear objectives and policies for properties in such zones.

Key Points and Recommendations:

1. Clarity on Impact:

I kindly request further details on how the proposed objectives, policies, and rules will affect properties in high hazard areas. Specific information on property rights, potential development restrictions, and implications for insurance coverage would be particularly valuable.

2. Enhanced Consultation:

To support property owners in navigating these changes, I recommend organizing community workshops and forums tailored to residents in high hazard areas. This would ensure that affected individuals are well-informed and equipped to engage with the process.

3. Balance Between Regulation and Flexibility:

While I support the need for risk mitigation, I encourage the Council to ensure that the proposed rules strike a balance, recognizing the unique characteristics of individual properties to enable reasonable use and development.

4. Improved Interactive Map Features:

The interactive map is a valuable resource. Adding layers such as historical natural hazard data and case studies would enhance its utility and assist property owners in understanding and preparing for potential risks.

I commend the Council for its commitment to fostering a resilient community and infrastructure. I trust that these suggestions will be taken into consideration during the consultation process.

Thank you for your time and for considering this submission. I look forward to further updates on the Proposed District Plan.

Yours Sincerely

Andrea Ebbitt