

RMA FORM 5

# Submission on publicly notified proposed district plan

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991



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To: Chief Executive, Hutt City Council

1. This is a submission from:

Full name OR Company/organisation	Darcy John Nicholas
Contact person <i>if different</i>	
Email address <i>the Council, hearing panel, and courts will use this to contact you, and will publish this information so other submitters can contact you if necessary</i>	
Postal address <i>Required if you did not provide an email address, otherwise optional</i>	7 Aldersgate Grove, Stokes Valley
Phone <i>optional</i>	

3. This is a submission on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025.

4. I ☐ could ☒ **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.  
(Please tick one)

5. If you could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission:

- I ☐ am ☒ am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of that submission that—
- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition:

(you must tick one if you answered "could" to the question in paragraph 3 above)

Note: if you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

6. The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

Give details:

Further housing development on the historical area on hillside by 5,6,7,8,9,Aldersgate Grove Stokes Valley

(We recommend using additional pages if your submission is lengthy)

7. My submission is:

Include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended; and reasons for your views:

Oppose any further development on the hillside without further research into the historical site, the burial grounds, and the instability of the land that may affect any residential homes on that site.

(We recommend using additional pages if your submission is lengthy)

8. I seek the following decision from Hutt City Council:

Give precise details:

Do historical research on the land and historical sites around the Hutt Valley

(We recommend using additional pages if your submission is lengthy)

9. I ☒ wish ☐ do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

(please tick one)

10. If others make a similar submission,

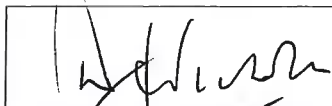
I ☐ will ☐ not will not consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

(please tick one)

Signature of submitter:

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

(a signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means)

 Date

### Where to send your submission

- **By email (preferred):** [district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz)
- **By post:** Hutt City Council, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt 5040
- **In person:** At the Hutt City Council Customer Service Centre, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt

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 Subject: Property at 7 Aldersgate Grove Stokes Valley,

Tena Koe Jo,

I recently received a note from you and responded by phone with some of your staff regarding possible development on the land on the hillside surrounding my property at the above address. They asked if I could make a submission so this is my submission.

I have lived at 7 Aldersgate since the late 1980's and on walking down to the northern side of the hill after I bought my house I noticed what were obviously grave sites identified by the individual mounds of earth. At the time I was Assistant general manager in the Iwi Transition Agency reviewing the Department of Maori Affairs and putting in place what is now Tepuni Kokiri.

I consulted the senior Tohunga Rangitahi (John) Tahuparae and my staff conducted research on the site. They checked through old history files at the Department of Maori Affairs and advised me that it was an old Ngati Kahungunu site that was later taken by the Ngati Tama tribe. I arranged for a 'tapu lifting' ceremony which was conducted by Tahuparae who was also the tohunga and Maori advisor for Parliament.

Council had originally planned at that time for section development on the Pomare side of the four houses here but abandoned it. Harry Eruera my senior manager and our Iwi Transition staff would have worked with whoever was responsible for that development from Council. I do not have those records as I was intensely involved with 18 other iwi groups and sub groups.

The original files were with the Department of Maori affairs and I do not have access to those very old files. I was responsible for the development and establishment of the 18 tribal Runanga from the top of the South Island, Chatham Islands and the tribes from Wellington to North Taranaki and Palmerston areas.

A major part of the work was tribal consultation and identifying tribal boundaries and resolving tribal conflict. In the early 1800's the Taranaki tribes of which I am part of came to an agreement for Ngati Kahungunu to set the Rimutaka ranges as the dividing line between their territory and the Taranaki tribal territories. At that time some of our tribe had settled in the Featherston area and came and settled in the Hutt Valley.

You will find many of the hills around here including the Western hills were Maori settlements where our people buried loved ones. Miramar community now have detailed maps on the burial grounds and pa sites which have been provided by researchers. Although a large proportion of Miramar residents have their homes on historical sites. I have been liaising with them.

Some of the historical sites have been identified and others when or if development is carried out, you will find human bones of our ancestors. I have copied this to the Chair and the Chief Executive of the Te Atiawa Runanga for their information.

Regards, Darcy Nicholas



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