

Submission on Hutt City Proposed District Plan

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Chief Executive, Hutt City Council,

This is a submission by Kevin Scrimshaw on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025 ("PDP").

My contact phone number is [REDACTED] My email address is Kevin.scrimshaw34@gmail.com

I cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. I am 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.

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are any provisions that will or may apply to subdivision, development and land use at 30 Benmore Place.

I am concerned that the PDP does not include the most appropriate objectives, policies and rules / methods to manage the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, that enables the existing Manor Park community to continue to provide for our social, economic, and cultural well-being and health and safety. More specifically, I seek that the PDP provisions be retained or amended as required to ensure that any subdivision, land use, and development at 30 Benmore Place occurs in a way that avoids adverse effects on the natural environment and the existing residential Manor Park community, including its people, property, the transport network and public spaces. I seek any further, alternative, necessary, or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought in this submission.

I wish to be heard in support of our submission.

If others make a similar submission, we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Having a rubbish tip placed in our community, especially with homes nearby and so close to the motorway, raises several serious concerns that should be carefully considered:

Health and Environmental Risks: Waste dumps can emit harmful gases, like methane, and release toxic chemicals into the soil and groundwater. With homes in close proximity, residents would be at increased risk of exposure to these pollutants, which can cause serious health problems like respiratory issues, skin irritations, and even long-term diseases.

Increased Traffic and Safety Hazards: The proximity to the motorway already means high traffic flow. Adding a rubbish tip would only increase this congestion, creating dangerous conditions for residents. The constant flow of waste trucks can also create noise pollution, air pollution, and safety hazards, especially near residential areas.

Decrease in Property Values: Living next to a waste disposal site would likely result in lower property values. Potential buyers might be deterred by the environmental impacts,

unpleasant smells, and the overall unattractiveness of having a rubbish tip so close to their homes.

Quality of Life Impact: The smell, noise, and sight of a rubbish tip can significantly reduce the quality of life for residents. Not only would this be unpleasant for those living nearby, but it could also harm the community's social well-being by reducing outdoor activities, limiting the use of nearby public spaces, and discouraging people from enjoying the local environment.

Public Perception and Community Pride: The presence of a rubbish tip could lead to negative perceptions of the area, making residents feel less proud of their community. It could discourage local investment, harm local businesses, and undermine efforts to promote the neighborhood as a desirable place to live.