

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

Via email to district.plan@huttcity.govt.nz.

1. This is a submission from Mary Spiers and Samuel Spink on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025.
2. My email address for service is m.e.spiers@outlook.com
3. The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to, my submission on those provisions, and the decisions I seek are shown in the below table. I also seek all further, alternative, necessary, or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought in this submission.
4. I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

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

Introduction

We are residents in Eastbourne and feel concerned about the impact of the proposed District Plan on our forward ability to enjoy, maintain, and future proof our home and surrounding community. We have participated in a separate submission, made by SSE (Sensible Solutions for Eastbourne) which includes the provisions we are seeking amendment to. However, we feel strongly about the need for change to the proposed plan and are making a separate statement of support on this basis.

We are especially concerned about the Slope Assessment Overlay and are seeking its removal, as this adversely constrains the future use and development of the affected areas and unnecessarily raises concerns over stability and run out impacts. Our property at 267 Muritai Road is shown as in scope for Slope Overlay, although no part of our property is on the slope and responsibility for this is outside of our influence. As stated in the SSE submission, we see the report material provided by WSP is substantial and generated from a desk top assessment, and they recommend this is **not used as a property-by-property assessment without actual on-site inspection**. So, we question why the HCC has ignored that advice and have introduced a one size fits all approach to this overlay without that inspection? We ask that the Overlay is tested on a per-property basis to ensure the accuracy of the mapping. From our perspective, and based on research undertaken by nearby properties, we believe slope degradation risk is minimal.

We are also concerned about the Medium and Low Coastal inundation overlay. As noted in the SSE submission, there is an inconsistency being applied to properties across Eastbourne, and the one size zone doesn't fit all and neglects key topographic and geographic factors. Properties closer to the current shoreline have the same inundation rating as properties two to three streets back

We would like to reiterate our support for the SSE submission and our concern as to the proposed Plan. We do not believe our property, which represents our livelihood and family home, should be subject to generalised, inconsistent rules that do not take into consideration the specific features of the property we own and are responsible for.

Thank you

Mary