

To make an effective submission:

- If you think that parts of the plan should be removed or changed, or new provisions added, say why and in what way. The clearest way to ask for changes is to quote the objective, policy, rule, or other provision you want changed, with additions underlined and deletions ~~struck through~~. For changes to maps, be clear about the relevant sites by using street addresses or providing a map.
- Be clear about what decisions you want Council to make about what's in the District Plan and be as specific as possible. Vague requests are usually not effective.

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

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

1. This is a submission from Edward and Sarah-Kaye Oosterbaan on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025.

2. My email address for service is Edward.oost@gmail.com
3. I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
4. 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.
5. I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.
6. If others make a similar submission, I will not consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Introduction

7. This is optional. You may wish to provide context about you or your organisation, how the plan affects you and the environment, and your interest in the proposed District Plan. You may also wish to describe at a high level what the changes you request to the plan are expected to achieve.

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(See page below to fill out the decisions you're requesting)

Decisions Requested

#	Chapter	Provision	Position	Reasons	Relief sought
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1	Maps (and new stormwater mapping)	New designation of 5 Herbert St, Melling and other properties in the Hutt Valley as being within a high natural hazard area (on the basis of new stormwater mapping).	Oppose	<p>We oppose the decision to identify 5 Herbert St and any other properties as within a high natural hazard area using the updated Wellington Water and Hutt City Council stormwater mapping that includes 1.59m sea level rise and 35 per cent increased rainfall.</p> <p>This is problematic because it is a more extreme assessment of climate change based risks, and very far from a reasonable or fair designation of the kind of risk a property is subject to.</p> <p>The RCP8.5 category used for this model is a climate change model scenario representing a high-emissions path with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimating potential global warming of 3.0°C to 5.1°C by the end of the 21st century. This scenario is used for understanding potential future climate impacts and is considered a "worst-case" or "extreme" scenario.</p> <p>The Ministry for the Environment itself explains that the model is about what <i>might</i> happen under a</p>	<p>Remove the use of the new Wellington Water and Hutt City Council stormwater mapping as a basis for identification of high natural hazard areas for the district plan.</p> <p>Keep the existing Wellington Regional Council inundation maps as the authority for high natural hazard designation until new models can be developed and approved that include probable climate change scenarios rather than possible.</p> <p>With respect to private property, the new mapping may still be useful for guidance around construction approaches in terms of possible inundation levels.</p>
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				<p>rigid set of assumptions for the future, rather than what is <i>likely</i> to happen.</p> <p>In addition, the 8.5 model uses a single experimental NZ SeaRise method which is only an emerging scientific approach that is still under peer review (according to MfE own web site)</p> <p>Identifying a property as within a high natural hazard area based on this kind of experimental, unpublished and emerging approach is a significant change that must be consulted on.</p> <p>Using this new model to identify properties as high risk is both unjust and premature. At the same time, the high natural hazard designation automatically increases insurance costs and improvement costs on private property owners for years to come.</p>	
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