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To: Chief Executive, Hutt City Council

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

- 1. This is a submission from Laura Skilton on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan 2025.
- 2. My email address for service is lauraskilton@hotmail.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 wish to be heard in support of my submission.
- 6. If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Introduction

7. I made a submission in the draft District Plan. I also made a submission on PC56 and spoke at the hearing. I am a Transport Planner and currently work for Marlborough Roads. In my role I review the transport effects of Resource Consents for Council. As such, I have an understanding of how District Plans work. Some of my concerns have been raised before, but I feel strongly that these should be considered. I am a resident of Petone, so my submission was initially

- focussed on the issues here, however with the time extension, I was able to consider other matters.
- 8. After reading the Residential, Commercial and Transport Sections, I have come to the conclusion that the Proposed Plan .effectively allows any residential and commercial activity to occur anywhere outside of an industrial zone. While I have not reviewed the Industrial zones, it would not surprise me if commercial and residential can occur here also. This is a huge concern to me. First and foremost the Council is concerned about the city central "dying" and are undertaking expensive rejuvenation projects to make it a "thriving" place¹. Allowing commercial "anywhere" and rezoning land that is presently residential to either "local centre", "neighbourhood centre" or mixed use" will deteriorate the City Centre and Petone Metropolitan areas further. This is discussed in greater detail under the "commercial" heading.
- 9. In general, I do not consider that the Proposed Rules are strong enough. I have been told that around 98% of Resource Consents applications get approved, even if rules are not met. The existing wording of the Plan tends to state that if a rule or standard is not met, then the activity changes from Permitted to either Restricted Discretionary or Discretionary. As the rules already effectively are "do what you like" in terms of affects to adjacent properties, then if the standards are breached, they should be non complying or even prohibited.

Natural Hazards

- 10. Before I discuss the Overlay Rules in terms of natural hazards and coastal hazards, I want to remind the commissioners of specific media releases and reports on the affects of these hazards on human life. As stated in Paragraph 9, the Rules still allow intensification in areas prone to hazards.
- 11. In 2018 Hutt City Council did a study and publicly stated that Petone could be under water by the end of the century. This was reported in Stuff on 28 November 2018².
- 12. On 17 August 2022³ there were concerns about Petone. The scoop article includes images of flooding on Udy Street in 2016.
- 13. An article on the National Radio on 25 February 2023⁴ covered research by Professor Jonathan Boston, a Climate Change expert. The article mentions relocating climate prone townships and includes direct reference to Petone.

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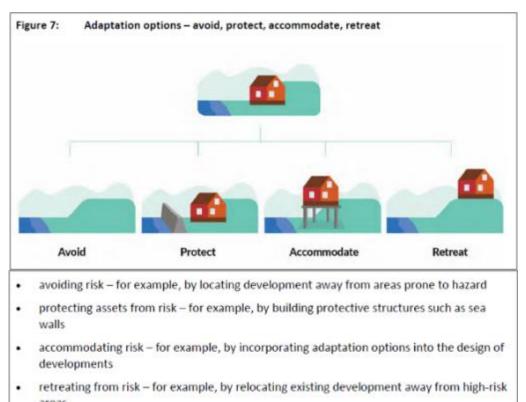
¹ https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/environment-and-sustainability/urban-planning/central-city-transformation-plan

² https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/108862230/lower-hutt-suburb-could-be-swallowed-up-by-sea-level-rise-in-just-80-years

³ https://wellington.scoop.co.nz/?p=146707

⁴ https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/saturday/audio/2018879410/prof-jonathan-boston-how-to-manage-managed-retreat

- 14. Greg Hurrell, and insurance expert stated on 22 September 2023⁵ that Petone and other communities can't be protected against climate change. On 14 October 2023⁶, The Post highlighted that Petone property owners will not be able to get insurance soon due to sea level
- 15. The National Adaptation Plan was published in August 2022⁷ and sets out actions to respond to climate change. In the introduction message from James Shaw, he says "care will need to be taken to manage development in at risk areas". Many areas in Lower Hutt are at risk and therefore need careful consideration. Page 79 of the National Adaptation Plan highlights that many communities are already under threat from natural hazards and states that "Councils and communities should consider the full range of adaptation options for areas under threat", including avoid, protect, accommodate, and retreat. These are shown in Figure 7 of the Plan that I have repeated below. As Petone has been highlighted as a place to retreat, the rules in the Proposed District Plan must not allow further intensification.



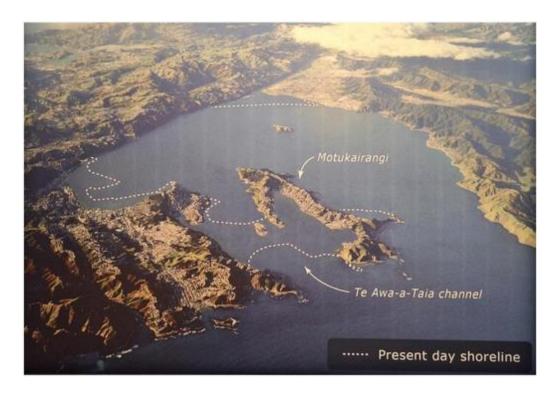
16. Below is an image that is at the City to Sea Museum in Wellington. It shows that estimated future coastline.

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⁵ https://businessdesk.co.nz/article/infrastructure/petone-and-other-communities-cant-be-protected-against-climatechange-says-insurer

⁶ https://www.thepost.co.nz/nz-news/350082200/how-long-will-insurers-stick-petone

⁷ https://environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/climate-change/MFE-AoG-20664-GF-National-Adaptation-Plan-



Natural Hazard Overlays

- 17. Generally, I feel that the standards are too low in the Natural Hazard Overlays. While the Objectives mentioned risk to life, effectively any development can still occur, even to the most "sensitive activities" as these are only *Restrictive Discretionary* or *Discretionary*. The Rules need to be strengthened to include *non-complying* and even *prohibited*. As I have previously mentioned, there should not be any intensification in the Natural Hazard and Coastal Hazard Overlay areas.
- 18. Splitting the Rules by Hazard type is supported.
- 19. The wording on page 2, above "Objectives" mentions three types of activities that are sensitive, being "most", "potentially" and "least" however there is no explanation to what these activities are, as I had printed the plan to read rather than use the electronic version. Additional words are needed to refer to the definitions. It was very difficult to find the definition page and I had to do a search without being in the chapter.
- 20. In order to work out what the different rules in different overlays and activity areas were, I set up some tables for myself. Below is an example for the rules for different Flood Hazard Overlays. I think this would be useful for all the overlays to have a similar table to make it easier for a person to know which rules relate to their property.

	activities least sensitive	activities potentially	activities most sensitive	
	to natural hazards	sensitive to natural hazards	to natural hazards	
Low Flood Hazard	NH-R7	NH-R8	NH-R8	
Overlay	NH-R10	NH-R12	NH-R12	
Medium Flood	NH-R7	NH-R9	NH-R9	
Hazard Overlay	NH-R11	NH-R13	NH-R13	
	NH-R14	NH-R14	NH-R14	
High Flood	NH-R7	NH-R9	NH-R9	
Hazard Overlay	NH-R11	NH-R13	NH-R13	
	NH-R14	NH-R14	NH-R14	

21. I note that above the Coastal Environment Rule, the following table appears. This should be considered in the Natural Hazard Rules also.

Note

- . The policies, rules and standards for subdivision within the coastal environment are located in the Subdivision chapter
- The policies, rules and standards for earthworks within the coastal environment are located in the Earthworks chapter.
- The policies, rules and standards for intrastructure within the coastal environment are located in the Intrastructure chapter.
- . The policies, rules and standards for renewable electricity generation within the coastal environment are located in the Renewable Electricity Generation chapter
- The landward extent of the coastal environment and areas of high, very high or outstanding natural character within the coastal environment may be subject to additional
 provisions and overlays, e.g. Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes (Natural Features and Landscapes chapter) or Natural Character (Natural Character chapter).
- 22. The document repeatedly mentioned "1% Flood Annual Exceedance Probability level", yet I can not find a definition for this. It would be more useful to have a height above sea level, or a height above natural ground. If the level changes over time, then this makes a mockery of the low/medium and high flood overlays and this should be used for all.
- 23. Areas within flood overlays should not be allowed to have concrete floors. Should there be flooding, houses with piles have additional protection as water can drain under the house.
- 24. Child care service, retirement village, educational facility, emergency service facility or health care activity are singled out in NH-P11 and NH-R17, yet the reason for this is not clear. I assume it is considered that the occupants of these facilities will take longer to evacuate a building. However no time scale is provided. In other areas I recall reading a 30 minute requirement to get to safe ground. If this is the case, it needs to be added to the Policy.
- 25. I am concerned that 6 stories of residential apartments can still be constructed without the evacuation requirements. For example, I know several people that are not in childcare or retirement villages that have mobility issues. There are more people in our community that would have difficulty evacuating.
- 26. I note that SUB-R13 states that within a Liquefaction Hazard Overlay, subdivision for most sensitive activities is a Controlled Activity, but no mention is made to subdivision in a Liquefaction Hazard Overlay for least sensitive and potentially sensitive activities. Is this an oversight? I also note that Subdivision in the other Natural Hazard Overlays are Restricted Discretionary for Most Sensitive activities, rather than only controlled. I believe this should be consistent.

Coastal Hazard Overlays

- 27. Generally, I feel that the standards are too low in the Coastal Hazard Overlays. While the Objectives mentions risk to life, effectively any development can still occur, even to the most sensitive activities as these are only *Restrictive Discretionary* or *Discretionary*. The Rules need to be strengthened to include *non-complying* and even *prohibited*. As I have previously mentioned, there should not be any intensification in the Natural Hazard and Coastal Hazard Overlay areas.
- 28. Coastal Environment and Coastal Hazard are in the "General District Wide Matters" within Part 2 of the Plan. As they have significant rules, I consider they should be moved up a level in a similar way as "Hazards and Risks". It will also make it easier to find the rules for Coastal Overlays.
- 29. While reviewing the Plan, I have had extreme difficulty determining what can be undertaken in the Tsunami Hazard overlays, as these are difficult to locate within the Plan and are actually within the Coastal Hazard Overlays.
- 30. The Coastal Hazard Overlay covers the following overlays on the maps:
 - Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay
 - Medium Tsunami Hazard Overlay
 - High Tsunami Hazard Overlay
 - Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay, and
 - High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay

Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan

Part 1 – Introduction and General Provisions

Part 2 - District-Wide Matters

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

HAZARDS AND RISKS

Contaminated Land

Hazardous Substances

Natural Hazards

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL VALUES

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT VALUES

SUBDIVISION

GENERAL DISTRICT-WIDE MATTERS

Part 3 - Area-Specific Matters

Part 4 - Appendices

31. The High Coastal Hazard Overlay is a combination of both the High Tsunami Overlay and the High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay. Similarly, the Medium Coastal Hazard Overlay is a combination of both the Medium Tsunami Overlay *and* the Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay. Therefore the rules and maps could be simplified by combining the map overlays to the same as the rule overlays, as they appear to be extremely similar in area anyway.

High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay



High Tsunami Hazard Overlay



To simplify the Rules, I recommend creating a High Coastal Hazard Overlay based on the High Tsunami Overlay area and remove the High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay.

Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay



Medium Tsunami Hazard Overlay



To simplify the Rules, I recommend creating a Medium Coastal Hazard Overlay based on the Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay area and remove the Medium Tsunami Overlay.

32. Based on my viewing of the maps, the Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay is all within the Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay. As the Medium Coastal Hazard Overlay generally has more restrictive rules, than the Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay, I consider the Low Tsunami Overlay to be redundant, and can be removed. This will also simplify the rules.

Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay



Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay



- 33. In summary, I consider it would be easier if the Tsunami Hazard Overlays (3) and Coastal Inundation overlays (2) were simplified into simply Coastal Hazard Overlays (2) as per the following, with the rules for the most restrictive rules in each area:
 - Medium Coastal Hazard Overlay (Low and Medium Tsunami Hazard Overlay and Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay)
 - High Coastal Hazard Overlay (High Tsunami Hazard Overlay and High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay)

This would greatly simplify the rules and based on my reading of this section, will not compromise any of the standards. If the commissioners do not agree, then I raise the points in paragraph 34 to 36 also.

- 34. The Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay is only mentioned separately in CE-R9 in the heading (permitted), but is included in the detail of CE-R15 and CE-R16. As such, it would be easier for a user if the format was the same as the Natural Hazard, where you can see from the title of each Rule which zone and activity level was relevant to that rule, and that a suitable table is provided, refer paragraph 20.
- 35. My understanding of CE-R16 is that in a Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay, a childcare centre is not permitted. Yet in a Medium Tsunami Hazard Overlay (within the definition of Medium Coastal Hazard overlay) a childcare centre is permitted, provided it does not exceed 200m2. This seems to contradict itself.
- 36. CE-R16.1 permits new buildings in the Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay (with exceptions), however most of this Overlay is within the Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard overlay, meaning it forms part of the Medium Hazard Coastal Overlay. However in CE-R16.5, a new building is Discretionary, therefore contradicts CE-R16.1 due to the complex Overlay structure within this part of the plan.



37. A Discretionary Activity can get Resource Consent (with conditions) based on any relevant matter. Around 95% of Resource Consents applications get granted, with conditions. Therefore, it is important that the policies and objectives are clearly defined. CE-O3 states that the Rules "reduce or avoid increasing the existing risk" in high risk overlays while CE-O4 states to "minimise" the risk in medium risk overlays. I consider that these words should be changed to "avoid increasing" and "reduce the risk" respectively. As these are known risks, Council should not be allowing additional intensification in these areas. This means no subdivision, no building additions and no new buildings that intensify the existing conditions, eg a new building can replace an existing building of the same size, but can not be larger.

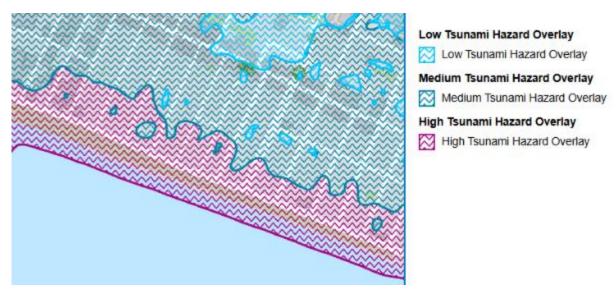
In the 2022/23 reporting year, New Zealand granted 36,134 new resource consents, a decrease from the 39,773 granted in the 2021/22 year. Land-use consents specifically experienced a 11% drop and were at their lowest level since 2014/15. Additionally, fewer subdivision consents were granted in 2022/23 compared to the previous year.

In the 2022/23 year, New Zealand councils processed a total of 38,138 new resource consents. Of those, Auckland Council processed the most with over 10,500. The vast majority of councils, 77 out of 78, processed fewer than 2,500 new resource consents. Christchurch and Mariborough were the second and third highest, respectively, among those processing under 2,500.

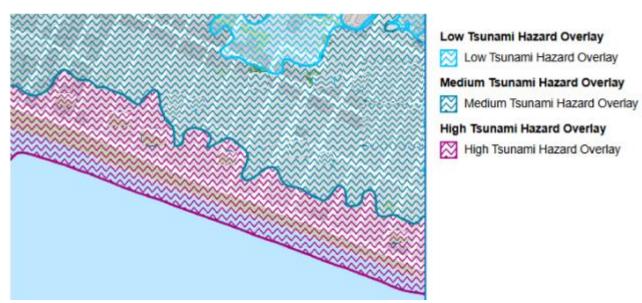
Maps

- 38. I have not read all the detailed reports that were used to create the Maps and Rules, however, the Overlay boundaries in the Maps do not make sense to me.
- 39. The Tsunami Overlays have "pockets" within different levels, eg there are pockets of Low Tsunami inside medium Tsunami areas, and pockets of medium with in the high Tsunami areas. As Petone is flat, I find it incredibly difficult to believe that the modelling is accurate to this level of detail. Also, how can a wave "jump over" one area to another. I suggest that the "pockets" of a lower risk within a larger risk becomes the same as the larger risk. Refer also to Paragraph 30 to 33.

Existing Tsunami Hazard Overlays



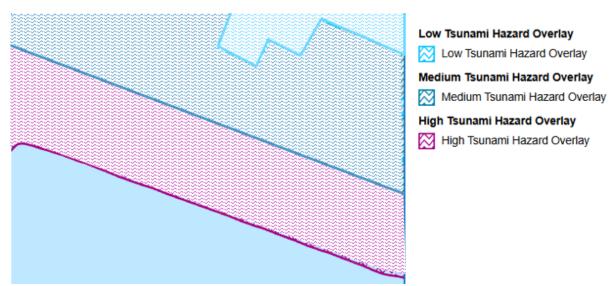
Proposed Tsunami Hazard Overlays



40. The outline of the hazard areas also split property boundaries, resulting in a property owner that can do one thing on part of their property and another on another part of their property. I

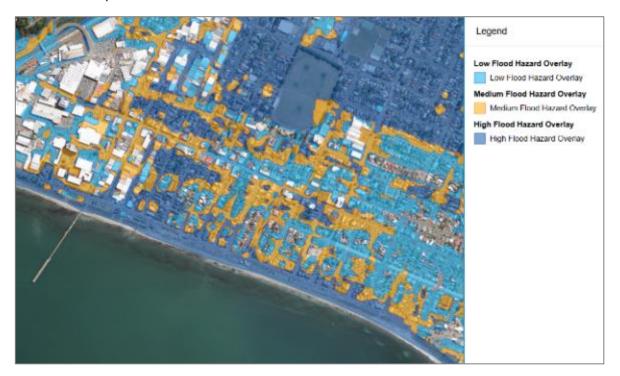
consider that the boundaries between different risk levels is made along property boundaries, and preferably along roads, ie north and south of Adelaide Street (and its extension).

Preferred Tsunami Hazard Overlays



Extending the zones, ie increasing the areas of high risk, should be considered, refer to he references within the "Natural Hazards" section of this submission.

41. Similarly to the Tsunami Overlays, the Flood Hazard Overlays also have pockets of lower risk areas within higher risk areas. Refer to paragraph 39 to 40 for how this could and I believe should be simplified.



42. Overpage is a photo of my driveway. Based on the Flood Hazard Overlays, the first third is in the Medium Flood Hazard Overlay and the rear two thirds is in the Low Flood Hazard Overlay. As you

can see, there is no noticeable difference in height, yet the rules vary by Overlay. I have greyed out the houses for privacy reasons.



- 43. I strongly recommend that the Commissioners do a site visit of Petone and other areas where the Overlays are to see that there is no noticeable difference in elevation for these risk boundaries.
- 44. I also do not agree with the small pockets of land that are zoned commercial within a residential area. While they may have a corner diary now, they also have existing use rights. I believe that the underlying zone in these individual sites should be the same as the adjacent zone so that, should the existing use transpire, it reverts to the surrounding area. Refer also to paragraph 67 to 73 regarding simplifying the five commercial zones.

Existing Zones with pockets of alternative land use



Recommended Simplified Zones



Preferred Zones Refer to paragraph 69 to 76



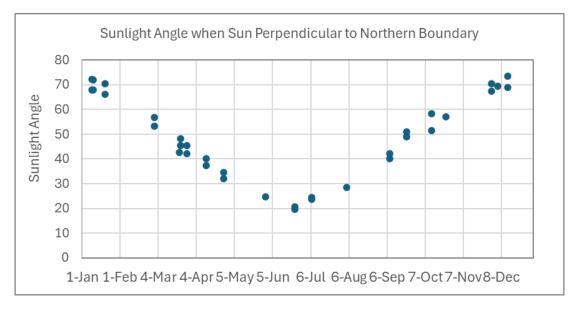
High and Medium Density Residential Zones

45. I have read the High Density Residential Zone section and flicked through the Medium Density section. Other than the difference in height, 11m vs 22m, they appear to be identical in nature. My comments in this section relate to the High Density, however the specific Decisions Request Table covers both the High Density Residential and Medium Density Residential Rules. I am also aware that the rules to a large part are due to Government Policy and outside the control of Council. I have not read the Large Lot Residential zone rules, but some of my comments may apply here also.

46. HRZ-P12.2 and HRZ-P12.3 infer that the adjacent site is not adversely affected by these rules. These policies need to be altered as there will be adverse effects. A development of 12 townhouses were recently constructed at 55 Britannia Street, Petone. They are all two story, three bedrooms, with no off street parking. As soon as the development had building consent, the southern neighbour sold their house due to adverse effects. These are only two story, not six stories that the underlying zone allows, yet the adjacent neighbours were forced to move to keep their existing living standards.

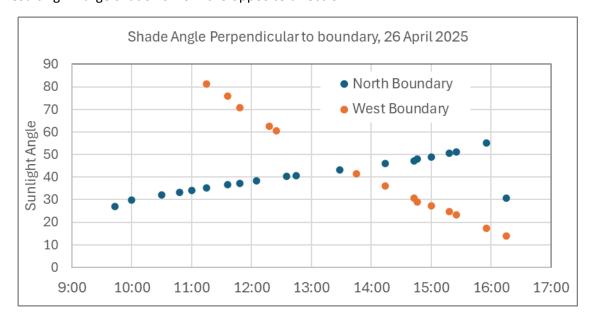


47. I am aware that the Government has set the recession plane boundaries. This was based on sun angles in Auckland. The angle of the sun in winter months is lower the further south you go. Since the Government set the High Density Rules, I have been measuring the daylight plane of the sun at various times of the year, when the sun is perpendicular to my property boundary (around mid day). The sunlight angles are graphed below.



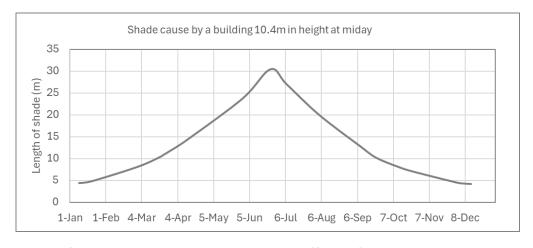
Between mid March to mid September (6 months) the shade angle is 45 degrees or less. Between late April and early August (3.5 months) the shade angle is 30 degrees or less.

As this is not the "maximum shade" I also undertook a series of measurements on 26 April 2025. The angle was greater at times of the day after the "perpendicular" angle in the previous graph, which results in less shadow, however the sun then is effected by the southern boundary, resulting in large shadows from the opposite direction.



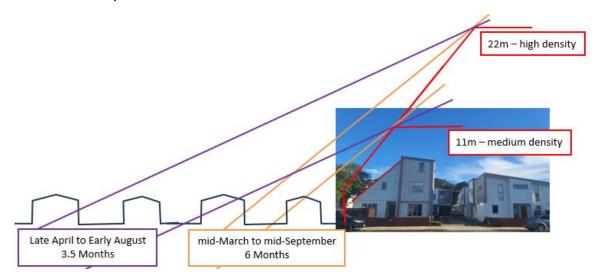
In Late April, the sun is lower than 30 degrees in either the northern or western boundary for five hours of the day, noting that before 10am the sun has not really warmed the air and after 3pm the sun is cooling down.

48. The building envelope (4m at the boundary and 60 degrees) results in a possible building 5.6m in height 1m from a boundary, or 10.4m in height 4m from a boundary. A vertical height of 10.4m will create shade over a 3m length in summer and a 30m length in winter. If the adjoining property has a house 4m from their boundary, the house I be in the shade between early March to mid October, around seven months of the year. I consider that this contradicts HRZ-P12.2 and HRZ-P12.3.



Another way of viewing the sunlight planes and the effects of the new standards on adjacent properties is by comparing the previous rules to the proposed rules. Previously the recession planes at the boundary were 2.5m and 45° which has been changed to 4.0m and 60°. The

diagram below is based on an existing building on Cuba Street that was built on the previous standards. The red lines are the recession planes for high and medium density housing. The orange lines show the level of shading that will occur under these rules for SIX MONTHS of the year. The purple lies show the level of shading that will occur for these rules for over THREE MONTHS of the year.



The shading areas shown above have a devasting effect on neighbouring properties. Yet HRZ-P12.2 and HRZ-P12.3 infer that the adjacent sites are not adversely affected by the recession planes.

The shading shown above are based on the mid day sun, but as the sun sets, these areas of shade will occur from the rear boundary also. These recession planes set by the Government should never be allowed to be breached. Any building outside of these recession planes must be *prohibited*.

- 49. For living organisms to survive, they need sunlight. A neighbour recently mentioned that her lemon tree has produced no fruit as it is located in the shade for 8 months of the year. I know that my back lawn often dies in winter due to the shade that my garage puts on it continually during the winter months. Humans are no different. We need sunlight. Sunlight is known to change the mood of people and it is the only natural source of Vitamin D. Residents in northern European countries that have long winters rely on Vitamin D tablets as they do not get enough sunlight. This should not occur in New Zealand.
 - I also find it ironic that the City Centre Zone has minimum sunlight requirements (CCZ-S1) where sunlight must be provided to 70% of the frontage for 4 hours a day. This is better than the minimum sunlight requirements for residential zones.
- 50. As such, if the Standards are not met, I believe the activity should be *Prohibited*. The existing rules, set by the Government, will adversely affect neighbouring properties, hence they should not be allowed to be breached at all. No mitigation can reduce the adverse effects of taller buildings.

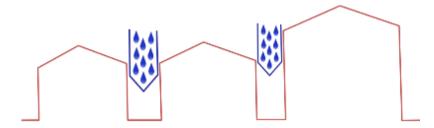
- 51. There are specific outlook standards so that homes have windows with natural daylight. However, these are only 1m for non-living areas such as bedrooms. I believe these are not enough for a standard of living that most New Zealanders aspire to. The outlook standards are similar to slums. The Principal Living Room requirement for a depth of 4m is still less than adequate, but manageable. However, there is nothing that stops an adjacent site building something that blocks existing outlook space. i.e. an existing building can have an outlook of 4m but then have another building on an adjacent property built within that 4m outlook space.
- 52. Recently I took this photo of offices in Lambton Quay, Wellington. These building provide more outlook space than the proposed living areas.
- 53. For these reasons, I consider the outlook areas to be inadequate for a standard of living that New Zealanders expect, and should be increased. Refer to my suggested addition to HRZ-P12.



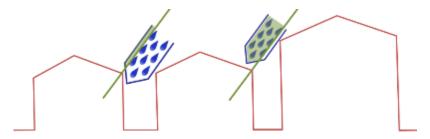
- 54. According to the definition of Papakainga, only housing and ancillary activities (including social, cultural, educational, recreational, and commercial activities) for tangata whenua on their ancestral land is allowed. Therefore, all possible commercial activities that the rules allow for should not be allowed, or at the very least be the same as the other residential standards. Compliance to noise rules should be included here also if non-residential activities are allowed.
- 55. The Transport Policies include encouraging mode shift and reducing reliance on private cars. As such, the allowance of home businesses within residential zones contradicts this. People working from home, or being a sole operator is acceptable, but employing people within the home will increase car trips as public transport services generally focus on getting people to and from commercial areas, not to residential areas. It will also add on street parking to some already congested streets. As such, I consider that the rules for home businesses should be more stringent with less employees and no retail sales, including online retail (due to increased courier trips). For similar reasons to the above, rules for visitor accommodation and supported residential facilities should be more stringent.
- 56. I note that Health Care Activities is separated out, and that no more than 4 staff can be present at any time. I assume this is due to patients that they see, and the additional parking and trips associated. For example, a health care practitioner with 20 minute appointments will have 3 appointments an hour and generate 6 vehicle trips an hour. Due to clients overlapping, each practitioner could have 3 cars associated with them (their own, and 2 customers), each needing to be accommodated either on site or on the adjacent road. Other activities that work on appointments, such as hairdressers, is the same. I consider that any business based on appointments should not be allowed in a residential zone. At the least it should be discretionary.

- 57. Cafes and restaurants should also not be allowed in a residential zone due to trip generation and parking demands.
- 58. Educational facilities generally situated on land that is designated for Ministry of Education purposes. I consider that this should remain. However HRZ-R12 effectively allows a new school with no restrictions on children numbers can operate in any residential location. This greatly affects the amenity of an area with parent drop off / pick ups and older children parking in the surrounding schools. A zone change should be required for a new school, which is publicly notified due to the adverse effects on the adjacent properties.
- 59. Emergency service facilities operate 24/7 and as such can cause noise issues within a residential area due to sirens on cars etc. I am aware that residents living close to the Hospital have relocated due to these adverse effects.
- 60. I agree with HRZ-S7 that at least 30 percent of the surface should be permeable, but I have seen breaches of this existing standard that Council has provided consent. This rule requires strengthening.
- 61. During heavy rain periods, the stormwater system can reach capacity and be over loaded. Wellington Water even say that new developments need to be neutral on stormwater, ie they can not discharge additional water into the stormwater system. This means that they must "soak" the water within the available ground (permeable surface).
- 62. I am concerned that side yards can be used as part of the permeable surface formulae. As buildings are able to be constructed 2m apart, this means that the permeable surface is only available when the rain comes vertically, which is never the case I high rain scenarios. The diagram below best provides what I mean.

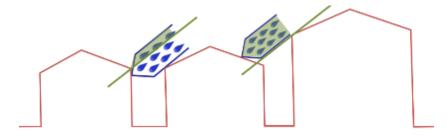
When no wind, side yards are able to absorb rain as it falls vertically.



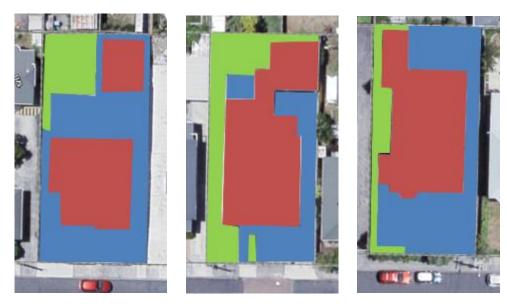
However, with wind, rain falls at an angle and amount of rain that can be absorbed by side yards reduces by the area shown in the green shading. The proportion of water that would be contributing to permeable surface that goes directly into the stormwater system is shown by the shaded green areas. As shown on the right, this effect is made worse with the increased building envelopes.



Depending on the pitch of the roof, height difference between buildings and the wind direction, there is a possibility that no rain will land on the side yards. The permeable surface is severely compromised.



63. Below are examples of consented developments in my street within recent years. I have covered the aerial photograph with different colours depicting the house, garage and covered decks (red) concrete surface (blue) and permeable surface (green). In order to mitigate the effects of these large expansive areas, Council has simply required that these properties have drains within their driveways, but all the drains lead to a stormwater system that will not cope in a large rain event, such as cyclone Gabrielle. Furthermore private drains in driveways require regular cleaning and maintenance which the property owner may not do. I believe the drain condition will not mitigate the lack of permeability in a storm event.



64. Not only does a breach of this standard need to have a prohibited status, but proximity to adjacent buildings needs to be considered. My research shows the angle of rain based on wind speed. During heavy rain events, there is normally heavy wind also, with average wind speeds of 35kph and gusts of 60 kph and over.

Wind Speed	6 m/s (22 kph)	10 m/s (36 kph)	14 m/s (50 kph)
Rain Angle	53° +/- 11°	68° +/- 8°	73 +/- 7 ⁰

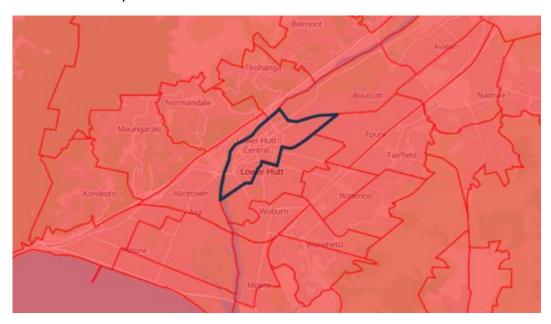
- 65. New Zealand Plumbing Codes use a rain angle of 63.40
- 66. Most of the damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle to buildings and homes in urban areas were due to reduced permeable surface. We must not let this happen in Lower Hutt.

Commercial Zones

- 67. Hutt City Council is considering spending millions of ratepayers money to "enhance" the Hutt City Centre, and make it "thrive". In my opinion, the reason the town centre is decaying is due to widespread employment and activities within other zones, changes in retail (online) and parking costs. Increasing the amount of land zoned for these commercial activities will worsen an already decaying town centre. I have not seen any evidence that we need to significantly increase the commercial land that is available in Lower Hutt.
- 68. A quick google search showed that the average business in New Zealand employs 4.3 people.

 The residential zones presently allow 4 people to work in a residential area. The google search also shows that 97 percent of businesses in New Zealand employ less than 20 people.

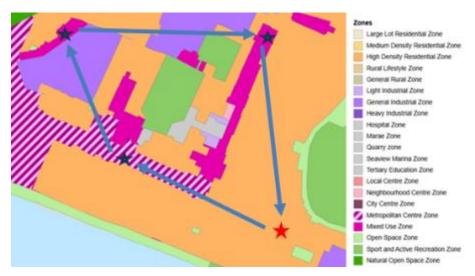
Based on the Census data⁸, the total number of people employed in the total of Lower Hutt City has increased by 41 percent between 2013 and 2023. However, for the Hutt Central area, highlighted below, the increase for the same period is only 5 percent. I believe this is due to increased employment outside of the central business district and the commercial sprawl I refer to in this section of my submission.



⁸ https://datafinder.stats.govt.nz/layer/111227-statistical-area-2-2023-generalised/ https://explore.data.stats.govt.nz/?fs[0]=2023%20Census%2C0%7CTotals%20by%20topic%23CAT_TOTALS_BY_TOPIC% 23&fs[1]=2023%20Census%2C0%7CWork%23CAT_WORK%23&fs[2]=Area%2C1%7CTotal%20-%20New%20Zealand%20by%20regional%20council%239999%23%7CWellington%20Region%2309%23&pg=0&fc=Area &snb=1

- 69. Since early 2020 there has been significant changes in the way people shop. Online shopping is becoming more and more popular, reducing the need for physical shops. I have seen several shops relocating to areas with cheaper rent and become a "warehouse" as most of their activity is online. Extending the space for retail will not improve this, and is likely to result in more empty shops in the traditional retail centres.
- 70. The introduction of paid parking in Jackson Street is already visible with less activity occurring. Retailers have commented on the downturn of customers. They stay shorter, buy only what they want, and leave without browsing for other potential items. With the additional commercial sprawl that the Proposed District plan is allowing, businesses will relocate to areas where parking is free, and create empty vacant shops and buildings in the areas that are traditionally the town centre. This is also evidenced with the malls, with people preferring to shop where there is free parking.
- 71. As mentioned under the Residential Zone, having similar activities together improves transport sustainable options, ie employment should be in employment zones and residential in residential zones. While I understand the argument that mixed use zones allow residential in commercial zones enables people to walk to their activity, but this is only if the activity is local. The commercial sprawl that the proposed plan allows effectively means that commercial is allowed almost anywhere in the valley floor. This will have a detrimental effect on both the CBD, Petone and to an extent the suburban centres in Wainuiomata, Stokes Valley etc.

In the example below, if a resident wanted to visit three businesses (blue stars) starting at their home (red star) and they were not close together, they would need to make 4 long trips and are unlikely to do this on public transport.



If the businesses were closer together a resident could walk between them and have more transport options (bus, cycle) to get to and from the main commercial hub.



As public transport is most efficient between areas of dense activity, such as to or from a town centre, the proposed increase and spread of commercial activity in the Proposed Plan will not make public transport a viable option for travel. As a transport Planner, I consider that commercial sprawl will increase the use of private cars for transport contradicting the transport policies

- 72. When reading the rules of the five different commercial centres, they are all effectively the same. The same activities are permitted, they basically have the same rules and standards. The only difference is the overlays, eg Active Street Frontage Overlay, and the reference to activities that are sensitive to private intrusion. Excluding the City Centre Zone, all the other zones have height restrictions based on the adjacent zone, which the majority is High Density Residential, i.e. 22m. While MCZ-R28 mentions a distance to a residential zone, as the MCZ zone is ribbon development, the majority is within 40m of residential.
- 73. I strongly recommend that the commercial zones are reduced in number (from five to one and continue the use of overlays) and that the commercial zones are reduced in size (retain the existing boundaries to stop commercial sprawl and potentially enhance the decay of the city centre). I also strongly recommend that the individual properties zoned commercial are re zoned to the adjacent zone (refer paragraph 44).

Transport

- 74. I fully support the Highly Constrained Roads sections as there are many roads in Lower Hutt that can not support further development, however I was surprised when I saw the how sparse the areas covered by this overlay were.
- 75. When a road (kerb to kerb) is less than 10m in width, parking on both sides of the road reduces the road to a single lane, two-way road. Vehicles need to pass each other at driveway locations. Many of the streets in Petone are less than 10m in width, with significant on street parking due to the proximity to a commercial area.
- 76. The photos below are taken 250 m from Jackson Street. As you can see, both sides of the road have on street parking, and the road is too narrow for two vehicles to pass. This is a common

occurrence on many of the older, narrow streets that come off Jackson Street. It should also be noted that trucks use the side roads to Jackson Street in Petone for access to servicing





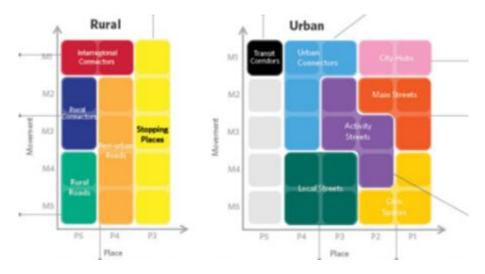
- 77. Table 3.2 in NZS4404:2010: Standard for Subdivision and Land Development, allows roads to be 9m wide for less than 20 houses, this standard is for areas wholly within residential and not adjacent to high parking areas, and it was also prior to the removal of minimum parking standards⁹. Primary access to housing for 20 to 200 houses requires a kerb to kerb width of 15m.
- 78. The constrained roads overlay should not be restricted to just narrow roads in close proximity to a commercial zone, but also to narrow roads in close proximity to other high parking generators where the parking spills to adjacent streets, such as the hospital, train stations and education facilities.
- 79. I recommended that any street with a kerb to kerb distance of 10m or less that is located either within one of the zones in the table below, or is within the distance of one of the zones in the table below, is included in the Highly Constrained Roads Overlay.

Zone	Distance
City Centre Zone	500m
Metropolitan Centre Zone	250m
Local Centre Zone	100m
Neighbourhood Zone	100m
Mixed Use Zone	50m
Sport and Active Recreation Zone	100m
Hospital Zone	200m
Tertiary Education Zone	200m
Transport Hub (e.g. Railway Station)	500m

- 80. TR-R4 states that no more than one residential unit can occupy a site in order to meet Policy TR-P6 (maintain exiting capacities on highly constrained roads). However, there is no limit to the size of the residential unit. Bigger houses can be built, with more bedrooms resulting in more vehicle trips. This rule needs to be strengthened.
- 81. The Transport and Infrastructure sections include references to a road classification, however these are not defined within the Plan. The classification names however are used in the NZTA One Network Framework (ONF), and I suspect that these are the same.

⁹ The National Policy Statement for Urban Design removed all minimum parking supply requirements

82. The ONF is based on both movement function of the road and adjacent land use. There are five Rural and seven urban classifications. TR-S5 only refers to three of these classifications, therefore there is classification priority for the other roads. TR-S6 mentions ten of the 12 road classifications.

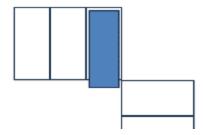


- 83. The ONF is a fluid document and can be altered by Council staff therefore the rules for a property that is based on the adjacent road classification can be altered at the whim of a Council Officer. Within my role as Transport Planner for Marlborough Roads, I can, and I have, altered the ONF within Marlborough when I have found discrepancies. Therefore a "fixed" road hierarchy needs to be in the District Plan. Furthermore, the Lower Hutt ONF has not been consulted on.
- 84. When I contacted the Council Planning Officer dealing with the Proposed Plan, he sent me a link to the Lower Hutt ONF¹⁰. I was surprised to see that some of the narrow roads in Petone are classified as Urban Connectors (affectively an arterial road). As such I will be contacting the Council Transport Team to ensure the road classifications meet the NZTA definitions. As such, the existing map is likely to change.

¹⁰ https://maps.huttcity.govt.nz/portal/apps/mapviewer/index.html?layers=664f7649579f4e9389782dad223fa11c



- 85. The New Zealand Parking Standard NZS2890.1 is in the process of being reviewed. As part of the update, the New Zealand vehicle fleet has been reviewed. The New Zealand vehicle fleet is getting bigger. The 85th percentile vehicle is 1.9 x 4.9m and the 99th percentile vehicle is 2.1 x 5.4m.
- 86. Due to the larger vehicle fleet, the parking standards have changed, requiring 90 degree parking spaces to be marked 5.6m in length. The manoeuvre space has been reduced so that the overall parking bay size is approximately the same. For large carparking areas, it is important that a space is marked 5.6m due to the potential for corner spaces to be blocked. I have tried to demonstrate this below.



- 87. The advisors to the New Zealand Standards have also recommended that accesses and driveways are designed to accommodate a 99th percentile vehicle, while the parking bays can be designed to accommodate an 85th percentile vehicle. I consider this to be sound advice.
- 88. If a driveway is designed to only accommodate an 85th percentile vehicle (TR-S10) then conflict will occur, and any corners may not be able to be driven over by larger vehicles.
- 89. Vehicles often park in front of a garage, on a driveway, so if a garage is not on the boundary, the minimum distance between a property boundary and a garage must be a least 5.4m. It is recommended to make this at least 5.6m. If it is less than this, then a vehicle could park on road reserve, and potentially block pedestrian footpath, as shown below.

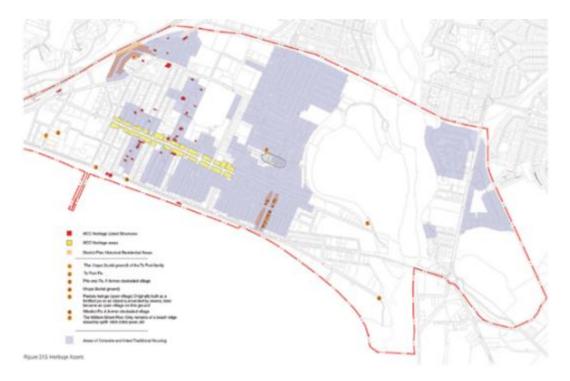






Heritage Precincts

- 90. The Hutt City Council web site showcases the Petone Settlers Museum and states that the museum "collect, care for and share our social history", however this vision does not appear to be reflected in the Proposed District Plan.
- 91. The Hutt City Council website also includes the Petone 2040 Spatial Plan and states "Petone is a unique fusion of heritage buildings, character housing, cafes and restaurants, specialist retail, large format shopping and industry, through to coastal environments."
- 92. The Petone 2040 Spatial Plan states "identification of particularly cohesive residential streets that have remained relatively intact since they were first laid down in the late 1800s and early to mid 1900s. These areas provide significant townscape value for Petone, establishing its identity as one of the earliest settled parts of the Wellington Region. It is proposed that the areas specifically identified has having a 'Constant' or 'Critical' townscape sensitivity and quality should be identified for special protection within the District Plan. The diagram at Figure 2.1.5 therefore proposes an additional layer to the DP List that identifies traditional housing that is cohesive and intact and which forms the majority of Petone's heritage."
- 93. While the Hutt City Council web page refers to the spatial plan and the cohesive and intact traditional housing, this has not been reflected in the Proposed District Plan. Figure 2.1.5 of the Petone 2040 Spatial Plan is repeated overpage with the shaded areas being identified as areas of cohesive and intact traditional housing.



- 94. In circa 2011, the former District Plan Manager identified an intention to investigate whether parts of this area should form an identified precinct with special controls, such as a 'conservation area' or 'area of special character'. This investigation has never come to pass, despite multiple documents referring to the heritage feeling of the area Petone Vision Statement 2007, An Integrated Vision for Hutt City 2014 and Petone 2040 Spatial Plan 2016.
- 95. During PC56, there was a lot of discussion on heritage. Council's specialist consultants recommended a series of Heritage Precincts to maintain unique street frontages. Not only did I support this, but in my submission I suggested that Council expand those in Petone. Council Officers agreed and the Officers Report provided to the commissioners recommended that the Petone Foreshore Heritage Precinct be expanded.
- 96. During consultation of PC56, members of the public were also told that PC56 was simply to meet Government intensification requirements and that a more detailed review would occur in 2024 / 2025 (ie this proposed plan). We were told that the more detailed review would incorporate a review of the heritage areas, however this does not appear to have been done.
- 97. The PC56 decision effectively said that the Commissioners did not consider heritage a reason to not allow intensification, and heritage or character areas would be treated the same.
- 98. I find it extremely disappointing that the heritage character areas have not been re introduced in this District Plan review.
- 99. I would like the commissioners to review the Council Officers Report for PC56 for the heritage precincts and consider reinstating these.
- 100. The rules pertaining to these areas essentially meant that street frontages of historical significance were maintained. They still allowed additions to buildings and internal alterations but the street frontage was to be maintained. Some residents on these streets misunderstood

the rules and thought they were as strict as the Heritage Precincts on Patrick Street where all alterations require consent (now called Heritage Areas).

101. For example, a renovations such as the one below is allowed as it retains the street frontage.



102.I recommend reintroducing the Petone Foreshore Heritage Precinct that was removed by the Commissioners in PC56.

Financial Contributions

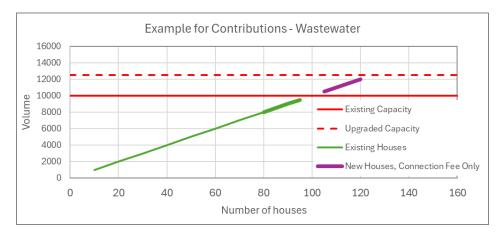
- 103. The provisions for additional housing in high and medium density environments will require significant upgrades in infrastructure. Many of the areas within Lower Hutt will need 3 waters upgrades and improved transport systems.
- 104. Are the authors of the District Plan aware of the proposed new Development Levy System¹¹ and will replace Development Contributions? Prior to finalising of the Proposed District Plan, the impact of this needs to be considered.
- 105. While the objective FC-O1 states that development contributes towards the costs of upgrading or providing services, I do not believe FC-Table 1 acknowledges this. FC-Table 1 is closely linked to the Development Contributions Policy¹². It is not clear what upgrades are already covered by the Policy.
- 106. For example, assuming that wastewater requirements is uniform, houses that have been built prior to 2025 have followed the green line below in their usage, and are under the infrastructure capacity (red line). New houses moving forward (purple line) are only required to pay the connection fee, until the capacity is reached. The next house built (blue dot), is then required to pay for an upgrade. I believe the cost of upgrade should be shared by the new houses (purple).

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 $^{^{11}\} https://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/going-housing-growth-new-and-improved-infrastructure-funding-and-financing$



107. It is also not clear the extent of the upgrade, for example does the upgraded capacity only cover that house, or does it raise the line as per the dotted line. In which case, do additional houses contribute to the upgrade, or just the connection fee?



- 108.I do not know if the development contributions already cover this, however I have made a suggested edit to the FC Table 1.
- 109.I am also aware of improvements needed to our water treatment plants and this will be greater with the new provisions, yet FC-Table 1 does not include such financial contributions.
- 110.I am also aware that developers are likely to try and <u>not contribute</u> towards an upgrade, particularly if Wellington Water is proposing an upgrade in, say, 5 years time. They will use all the matters for consideration to try and not pay for upgrades above the Development Contribution Policy, and Council could instead increase the contributions required, which is outside of the District Plan.

Noise

- 111.I read the Noise Section in the Plan to see how the noise hours related to the Commercial zone activities. I then realised that the Noise section could be significantly simplified.
- 112. The Noise section has a one to one correlation between rules and standards (not a many to one or one to many) and also a one to one relationship between the standards and the appendices.

 The Section could be simplified if each rule included the relevant standard and appendix.

- 113. The introduction also refers to the two New Zealand noise standards, yet then repeats this in every rule.
- 114. NOISE-R5 can not be monitored within the RMA, so should be deleted. Similar with NOISE-R9.
- 115. The noise standards vary for commercial and residential, however with the proposed rules, residential can be within commercial areas (not just mixed use) and commercial within residential, therefore I believe these rules should be more even and general and less zone specific and only time specific. Also the hospital has significant number of patients trying to sleep at night time so these "residents" should be able to have th same noise standards as the residential zones.
- 116. Presently construction (and associated noise) can occur from 7:30am on a weekday. The proposed plan allows this to start at 6:30am. This is far too early. I had neighbours renovating their house with commercial builders that turned up at 7:30 every morning. They worked on the house every day for 15 months. By the time the house was completed I was extremely stressed and I had counselling (paid by my employer as they could see the change in me). The intensification rules will result in long construction within residential zones and the adverse noise effects of this needs to be mitigated.

Decisions Requested

Note, wherever I have altered an activity status from Restricted Discretionary to Discretionary, please alter the words from: "Matters of discretion are limited to:" to "Matters of discretion include but are not are limited to".

#	Chapter	Provision	Position	Reasons	Relief sought
1	Table of Contents	Coastal Environment	Neutral	Include Coastal Environment in the Table of Contents. Refer paragraph 28.	Include Coastal Environment in the Table of Contents under "District Wide" not under "General" as it is an Overlay in the maps and difficult to find.
2	Definitions	NH-P8 NH-R9	Neutral	Not provided. Refer paragraph 22.	Provide a definition of "1% Flood Annual Exceedance Probability level" and explain what this means in real terms in terms of height above sea level.
3	Definitions	Road Hierarchy	Neutral	The Transport Rules refer to a classification of roads, but these are not defined, nor is there a map showing these. Refer paragraph 81 to 84. Refer to Decision Request 8.	Provide definitions of the roads classifications used in the District Plan, noting that these appear to be similar to the NZTA One Network Framework.
4	Definitions	Temporary Activities	Oppose	This is used in the noise section but allows a resident to have a loud party. Consideration also required if this includes a band playing once at a venue, but a different band playing the following night.	Add: Does not include social gatherings in private homes.

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5	All	All	Neutral	Please use the correct legal names of suburbs	Document needs to be consistent. This example Metropolitan Centre Zone in Pito One Petone a		
				in the District Plan.	·		
				Please ensure			
				consistency throughout			
				the Plan.			
6	Maps	Overlay	Neutral	Accuracy of the	Change the risk level of the "pockets" of a lower	r risk within a larger	
		Boundaries		modelling used can not	risk for the Flood and Tsunami Overlays.		
				be as good as the	Make the boundaries between different risk leve	els along property	
				Overlay boundaries	boundaries, and preferably along roads, ie north	n and south of Adelaide	
				suggest.	Street (and its extension).		
				Refer to paragraphs 38			
				to 43			
7	Maps/Zoning	Individual	Oppose	Refer paragraph 67 to	to Remove zones that only cover 3 properties or less. Make the		
		properties		73	same zone as the adjacent zone.		
		with					
		different					
		zones					
8	Maps	Highly	Oppose in Part	The number of Highly	Include any roads that have a kerb to kerb width	n less than 11m, and	
		Constrained		Constrained Roads	are within the distances of the zones or transpo	rt hubs as per the	
		Roads		needs to include	following table:		
		Overlay		narrow roads in close		Distance	
				proximity to areas with	City Centre Zone	500m	
				high parking demands	Metropolitan Centre Zone Local Centre Zone	250m	
				and no off street	Neighbourhood Zone	100m 100m	
				parking.	Mixed Use Zone	50m	
				Refer paragraph 74 to	Sport and Active Recreation Zone	100m	
				79.	Hospital Zone	200m	
				Tertiary Education Zone	200m		
					Transport Hub (e.g. Railway Station)	500m	
9	Maps	Road	Neutral	The Transport Rules	Add a Road hierarchy to the Maps		
		Hierarchy		refer to a classification			

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				of roads, but these are not defined, nor is there a map showing these. Refer paragraph 81 to 84. Refer to Decision Request 3.	
10	Maps	Active Street Frontage	Oppose in Part	The activities in the Active Frontage A is the same as the Activities in Active Frontage B, and therefore should be the same, ie "A"	Change the Street frontages for Active Frontage B to be Active Frontage A. Change the Street frontages for Active Frontage C to be Active Frontage B. Remove relevant rules for Active Frontage C.
11	Natural Hazards	Activity definitions	Neutral	Difficult to read if printed. Refer paragraph 19.	Different activities by their nature present different consequences to natural hazards. For the provisions in this chapter, activities are classified as: • Activities most sensitive to natural hazards, such as residential • Activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards, such as commercial and industrial, and • Activities least sensitive to natural hazards, such as recreation facilities. For a full list of activities in each category, refer to the definitions.
12	Natural Hazards	NR-R9	Neutral	Inconsistent with other rules	Additions to existing buildings and structures that contain activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards and activities most sensitive to natural hazards in the Low Flood Hazard Overlay

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13	Overlays	Rules	Neutral	Easier to understand. Refer to paragraph 20 and 21.	Flood Hazar The followin is intended t	d Overlays - Rung rules apply fo to assist which r	et – this is an examiles or Flood Hazard Orules are relevant e activity classifica activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards NH-R8 NH-R12 NH-R9 NH-R13 NH-R14 NH-R9 NH-R13 NH-R13 NH-R14 NH-R9 NH-R13 NH-R14	verlays. The tak based on the h	
14	Natural Hazard	NH-P8	Neutral	Separate into three policies for Low, Medium and High Flood Overlays as difficult to read and some activity levels appear to overlap. References in the Rules will also ned to be updated.	References i Only allow in controlled	in the Rules will	for Low, Medium also ned to be up t sensitive in Med sitive High Flood (odated. lium Flood Over	·
15	Natural Hazard	NH-P9	Neutral	Separate into three policies for Low, Medium and High Flood Overlays as difficult to read and some activity levels appear to overlap. References in the Rules will also need to be updated.	References i Only allow in controlled	in the Rules will	for Low, Medium also ned to be up t sensitive in Med sitive High Flood	odated. lium Flood Over	·

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16	Natural	NH-R8	Oppose	Areas within flood	1. Activity status: Permitted
	Hazard			overlays should not be	Where:
				allowed to have	a. When located within a Low Flood Hazard Overlay, the finished floor
				concrete floors.	levels of the building are located above the 1% Flood Annual
				Refer paragraph 22 to	Exceedance Probability level, plus the height of the floor joists or the
				23	base of the concrete floor slab and an allowance for freeboard.
					b. concrete floor slabs are not used
17	Natural	NH-P11	Oppose	The ability for	4. Provide for new building platforms, new buildings and structures
	Hazard			evacuation extends	and the conversion of existing buildings for child care services,
				beyond those listed.	retirement villages, educational facilities, hospitals, emergency service
				All activities should be	facilities and health care facilities within the Liquefaction Hazard
				Restricted	Overlay where:
				Discretionary.	a. It can be demonstrated that occupants will be able to evacuate
				Refer paragraph 24 to	safely following an earthquake that results in liquefaction of the local
				25	soil;
					b. It can be demonstrated that post disaster functionality can be
					maintained following an earthquake including having foundation
					designs designed by a certified engineer to prevent liquefaction
					induced deformation of the building, and
					c. For emergency service facilities, hospitals, and health care facilities it can be demonstrated that emergency vehicles will be able to service
					the impacted community by being able to enter and leave the site.
18	Natural	NH-R17	Oppose in part	The ability for	Activity status: Permitted
10	Hazard	141111127	oppose in part	evacuation extends	Where:
	1102010			beyond those listed.	The new building is not for a child care service, retirement village,
				All activities should be	educational facility, emergency service facility or health care activity.
				Restricted	2. Activity status: Restricted discretionary
				Discretionary.	Where:
				Refer paragraph 24 to	Compliance with the requirements of NH-R17.1 cannot be achieved.
				25	Matters of discretion are restricted to:
					The relevant matters in NH-P11: Subdivision, Use and Development in
					the Liquefaction Hazard Overlay.

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19	Coastal	Rules / Maps	Neutral	There are several	Merge the Coastal Hazard Overlays (single and merged) to the
	Hazard			definitions and several	following, with the rules for the most restrictive rules in each area:
				overlap and include	Medium Coastal Hazard Overlay (Low and Medium Tsunami
				other definitions, such	Hazard Overlay and Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay)
				as Medium Coastal	High Coastal Hazard Overlay (High Tsunami Hazard Overlay
				Hazard Overlay having	and High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay)
				the definition of	
				Medium Tsunami	
				Hazard Overlay and	
				Medium Coastal	
				Inundation Hazard	
				Overlay. As such, it	
				makes it incredibly	
				difficult to ascertain	
				what rule you need to	
				check to see if your	
				development is	
				permitted or not. It is	
				suggested that the	
				overlays used are	
				refined from seven	
				(single and combined)	
				to two.	
				Refer paragraphs 30 to	
				34.	

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20	Coastal Hazard	Rules	Neutral	If the Commissioners do not agree to the Decision Request 19, above, then I strongly suggest that the merged Overlay grouped are separated and this section is treated in a similar manner to the Natural Hazard, including table at the start of the Rules section similar to that mentioned in Paragraph 20. Refer paragraph 30 to 34.	Remove the Coastal Hazard Overlays (merged from other Overlays) and maintain only the Overlays shown on the maps, eg. Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay Medium Tsunami Hazard Overlay Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay, and High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay While this will lengthen the Chapter, it will make it easier to use. Also add a table at the start of the rules similar to that provided in Decision Request 13.
21	Coastal Hazard	CE-O3	Oppose in part	Objectives and Rules are not strong enough to ensure lives are not endangered in the Coastal Hazard Overlays. Refer paragraph 37.	Subdivision, use and development within the High Tsunami Hazard Overlay and High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay reduce or avoid increasing the existing risk from coastal hazards to people, buildings and infrastructure.
22	Coastal Hazard	CE-O4	Oppose in part	Objectives and Rules are not strong enough to ensure lives are not endangered in the Coastal Hazard Overlays. Refer paragraph 37.	Subdivision, use and development within the Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay, Medium Tsunami Hazard Overlay, and Medium Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay minimise reduce the risk from natural hazards to people, buildings and infrastructure

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23	Coastal Hazard	CE-P9	Oppose in part	Objectives and Rules are not strong enough to ensure lives are not endangered in the Coastal Hazard Overlays. Refer paragraph 37.	Ensure, subdivision, use and development manages the coastal hazard risk to people, buildings and infrastructure by: 1. Avoiding new buildings and activities in the High Tsunami Hazard Overlay and High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay (with the exception of the General Industrial Zone and Heavy Industrial Zone in Seaview, Metropolitan Centre Zone in Petone and Seaview Marina Zone) unless there is an operational need or functional need for the subdivision, use, or development to be located in this area and the subdivision, use, or development minimises the existing risk from coastal hazards to people, buildings and infrastructure. 2. Within the General Industrial Zone and Heavy Industrial Zone in Seaview, Metropolitan Centre Zone in Petone and Seaview Marina Zone, recognise the regional importance of these areas, while ensuring that subdivision, use, or development located in these area minimises the risk from coastal hazards in the Medium and High Coastal Hazard Overlays to people, buildings, and infrastructure. 3. Avoiding increased buildings and activities Requiring subdivision, use, or development to minimise the risk to development from coastal hazards to people, buildings and infrastructure in the Low and Medium Coastal Hazard Overlays; and 4. Enabling use, or development that have either low occupancy or low replacement value within the Coastal Hazard Overlays.
24	Coastal Hazard	CE-P14	Oppose in part	Objectives and Rules are not strong enough to ensure lives are not endangered in the Coastal Hazard Overlays Refer paragraph 37 All the Low Tsunami Overlay areas are	Additions to existing buildings and structures in the Coastal Hazard Overlays are managed as follows: 1 Allow for additions to existing buildings and structures for activities least sensitive to natural hazards in all areas of the Coastal Hazard Overlays. 2 Allow for additions to existing buildings and structures containing activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards and activities most sensitive to natural hazards in the Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay. 3 Provide for additions to existing buildings and structures containing activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards or activities most

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				within the Medium	sensitive to natural hazards in the Medium Coastal Hazard Overlays
				Coastal Overlay,	and High Coastal Hazard Overlays where:
				therefore point 2 is	a The addition is of limited size,
				redundant.	b The addition enables the continued use of the existing building,
				Refer paragraph 34.	c The addition incorporates measures that minimise the risk to people
					and buildings from coastal inundation from sea level rise, and
					d There is the ability to access safe pedestrian evacuation routes for
					occupants of the building from tsunami hazards, assuming the tsunami
					arrives within 30 minutes of fault rupture by means of walking.
					4 Provide for additions to existing buildings and structures containing
					activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards in the High Coastal
					Hazard Overlays where:
					a The addition enables the continued use of the existing building,
					b The addition incorporates measures that reduce or do not increase
					the risk to people and buildings from coastal inundation from sea level
					rise, and
					c There is the ability to access safe pedestrian evacuation routes for
					occupants of the building from tsunami hazards, assuming the tsunami
					arrives within 30 minutes of fault rupture.
					5. <u>Do not Only</u> allow for additions to existing buildings and structures
					containing activities most sensitive to natural hazards in the Medium
					Coastal Hazard Overlays and High Coastal Hazard Overlays where:
					a. The addition incorporates measures that reduce or do not increase
					the risk to people and buildings from the coastal hazard, and
					b. There is the ability to access safe pedestrian evacuation routes for
					occupants of the building from tsunami hazards, assuming the tsunami arrives within 30 minutes of fault rupture
25	Coastal	CE-P15	Oppose in part	Objectives and Rules	Subdivision, use and development in the Coastal Hazard Overlay are
23	Hazard	CE-F13	Oppose in part	are not strong enough	managed as follows:
	ilazaiù			to ensure lives are not	Allow for new buildings and structures, building platforms and the
				endangered in the	conversion of existing buildings for activities least sensitive to natural
				endangered in the	hazards in all areas of the Coastal Hazard Overlays.
					Hazarus III aii areas Of the Coastal Hazaru Overlays.

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				Coastal Hazard	2. Allow for the conversion of existing buildings containing activities
				Overlays.	potentially sensitive to natural hazards in all areas of the Coastal
				Refer paragraphs 37.	Hazard Overlays.
					3. Allow for new buildings and structures and building platforms
				All the Low Tsunami	containing activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards in the Low
				Overlay areas are	Tsunami Hazard Overlay.
				within the Medium	4. Provide for new buildings and structures and building platforms
				Coastal Overlay,	containing activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards and
				therefore CE-P15.3 and	activities most sensitive to natural hazards in the Medium and High
				CE-P15.7 is redundant.	Coastal Hazard Overlays when located in the General Industrial Zone in
				Refer paragraph 34.	Seaview, the Heavy Industrial Zone in Seaview, the Metropolitan
					Centre Zone in Petone and the Seaview Marina Zone where:
					a. The building or structure does not exceed an appropriate gross floor
					area,
					b. The building or structure incorporates measures that minimise the
					risk to people and buildings from coastal hazards,
					c. If the building is a Major Hazardous Facility, measures that minimise
					the risk from the release of hazardous goods from a coastal hazard are
					incorporated into the design of the building or the storage of the
					hazardous goods,
					d. There is the ability to access safe pedestrian evacuation routes for
					occupants of the building from tsunami hazards, assuming the tsunami
					arrives within 30 minutes of fault rupture by means of walking, and
					e. The impact of any local government or central government planned
					climate change adaptation methods on the hazard susceptibility of the
					development has been considered.
					5. Provide for new buildings and structures and building platforms
					containing activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards in the
					Medium Coastal Hazard Overlays in all other zones where:
					a. The new building incorporates measures that minimise the risk to
					people and buildings from the coastal hazard, and

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#	Chapter	Provision	Position	Reasons	b. There is the ability to access safe pedestrian evacuation routes for occupants of the building from tsunami hazards, assuming the tsunami arrives within 30 minutes of fault rupture by means of walking. 6. Only allow for new buildings and structures and building platforms containing activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards in the High Coastal Hazard Overlays in all other zones where: a. The new building incorporates measures that reduce or do not increase the existing risk to people and buildings from the coastal hazard, and b. There is the ability to access safe pedestrian evacuation routes for occupants of the building from tsunami hazards, assuming the tsunami arrives within 30 minutes of fault rupture. 7. Provide for new buildings and structures, building platforms and the conversion of existing buildings containing activities most sensitive to natural hazards in the Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay where: a. The building will not be occupied by a sensitive activity with vulnerable residents or occupants; or more than three residential units on a site unless mitigation measures are incorporated into the development to minimise the risks to people and buildings from the coastal hazard. 8. Only allow for new buildings and structures, building platforms and the conversion of existing buildings containing activities most sensitive to natural hazards in the Medium Coastal Hazard Overlays in all other zones where: a. The new building replaces an existing building and has the same or less footprint than building(s) that were on the site on 31 December 2024 incorporates measures that minimise the risk to people and buildings from the coastal hazard, b. The new development does not involve or require the removal or modification of a natural system or feature that provides protection to other properties from the natural hazard, and

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					c. There is the ability to access safe pedestrian evacuation routes for
					occupants of the building from tsunami hazards, assuming the tsunami
					arrives within 30 minutes of fault rupture by means of walking.
					9. Avoid new buildings and structures, building platforms and the
					conversion of existing buildings containing activities most sensitive to
					natural hazards in the High Coastal Hazard Overlays in all zones
					(excluding the General Industrial Zone in Seaview, the Heavy Industrial
					Zone in Seaview, the Metropolitan Centre Zone in Petone and the
					Seaview Marina Zone) unless:
					a. For activities that have an operational need and functional need to
					locate or occur within the High Coastal Hazard Overlays and locating or
					occurring outside these areas is not a practicable option:
					i. Mitigation measures are incorporated to minimise the risk of
					damage to buildings and loss of life to people associated with the
					activity, or
					b. For any other activities:
					i. The new building, building platform or conversion of the building
					does not increase the risk to life, or
					ii. The new building, building platform or conversion of the building
					incorporates measures that minimise the risk to people and buildings
					from the coastal hazard,
					iii. There is the ability to access safe pedestrian evacuation routes for
					occupants of the building from tsunami hazards, assuming the tsunami
					arrives within 30 minutes of fault rupture by means of walking,
					iv. The new building, or building platform does not involve or require
					the removal or modification of a natural system or feature that
26	Calatal	CE DO	Nantual	All the Levy Tevre and	provides protection to other properties from the natural hazard
26	Coastal	CE-R9	Neutral	All the Low Tsunami	CE-R9
	Hazard			Overlay areas are	Additions to existing buildings and structures for activities potentially sensitive to natural hazards and activities most sensitive to natural
				within the Medium	
				Coastal Overlay,	hazards in the Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay
					All Zones Activity status: Permitted

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				therefore CE-R9 is	
				redundant.	
				Refer paragraph 34.	
27	Coastal	CE-R10	Oppose	There should be no	CE-R10
	Hazard			additions to buildings	Additions to existing buildings and structures for activities potentially
				for activities most	sensitive to natural hazards and activities most sensitive to natural
				sensitive to natural	hazards in the Medium Coastal Hazard Overlays
				hazards.	
				Refer paragraph 37.	
28	Coastal	New Rule	Support	There should be no	Additions to existing buildings and structures for activities most
	Hazard			additions to buildings	sensitive to natural hazards in the Medium Coastal Hazard Overlays
				for activities most	Prohibited
				sensitive to natural	
				hazards.	
				Refer paragraph 37.	
29	Coastal	CE-R12	Oppose	There should be no	1. Activity status: Discretionary Prohibited
	Hazard			additions to buildings	
				for activities most	
				sensitive to natural	
				hazards.	
				Refer paragraph 37.	
30	Coastal	CE-R15	Neutral	All the Low Tsunami	All Zones
	Hazard			Overlay areas are	1. Activity status: Permitted
				within the Medium	Where:
				Coastal Overlay,	The new building or structure is located in a Low Tsunami Hazard
				therefore CE-R15.1 is	Overlay.
				redundant.	
				Refer paragraph 34.	
31	Coastal	CE-16	Oppose	There should be no	1. Activity status: Permitted
	Hazard			new buildings for	Where:
				activities most	a. The new building or structure or conversion of an existing building is
					located in a Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay, and

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				sensitive to natural	b. The new building is not for a childcare service, retirement village,
				hazards.	educational facility, hospital, emergency service facility or healthcare
				Refer paragraphs 37.	facility, and
					c. The number of residential units on a site is no more than three. new
				If CE-16.2 is updated as	building replaces an existing building and has the same or less
				requested, CE-16.5 and	footprint than building that was on the site on 31 December 2024
				CE-R16.6 are not	
				needed.	2. Activity status: Restricted discretionary Prohibited
					Where:
				All the Low Tsunami	The new building or structure or conversion of an existing building is
				Overlay areas are	located in a Low Tsunami Hazard Overlay, and
				within the Medium	Compliance is not achieved with CE-R16.1.
				Coastal Overlay,	
				therefore CE-R16.1a is	5. Activity status: Discretionary
				redundant.	Where:
				Refer paragraph 34.	a. The new building or structure or conversion of an existing building is
					located in a Medium Coastal Hazard Overlay.
					6. Activity status: Non-complying
					Where:
					The new building or structure or conversion of an existing building is
					located in a High Coastal Hazard Overlay.
32	High/Medium	HRZ-P12	Oppose	Effects on adjacent	2. Ensure adequate Provide minimum access to daylight for residential
	Residential	MRZ-P12		sites not adequately	activities on the site and on adjacent sites.
				catered for.	3. Ensure adequate Provide minimum access to sunlight for existing
				Refer paragraph 47 to	outdoor living spaces on adjacent sites, and public open space.
				49.	7. Ensure the outlook requirements at existing adjacent dwellings are
					not impeded.
33	High/Medium	HRZ-R3	Oppose	Effects on adjacent	Permitted
	Residential	MRZ-R3		sites not adequately	1.b. Outlook space of an existing adjacent dwelling is not in
				catered for.	accordance with HRZ-S9 for the adjacent site
				Refer paragraph 47	
				to49.	

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34	High/Medium Residential	HRZ-R3 MRZ-R3	Oppose	Effects on adjacent sites are already adverse with existing rules, so these should never be breached. Refer paragraph 47 to 50.	Activity status: Restricted discretionary Prohibited Where: Compliance is not achieved with HRZ-R3.1.
35	High/Medium Residential	HRZ-R4 MRZ-R4	Oppose	Effects on adjacent sites are already adverse with existing rules, so these should never be breached. Refer paragraph 47 to 50.	2. Activity status: Restricted discretionary Prohibited
36	High/Medium Residential	HRZ-R5 MRZ-R5	Neutral	Provide definition in title for printed versions.	HRZ-R5 Papakāinga (housing and ancillary activities for tangata whenua on their ancestral land).
37	High/Medium Residential	HRZ-R5 MRZ-R5	Oppose	Permeable surface must be complied with in all activities.	g. Compliance is achieved with: i. HRZ-S8: Outdoor living space,-and ii. HRZ-S7: Permeable surface, and iii. HRZ-S9: Outlook space. 2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary
38	High/Medium Residential	HRZ-R6 MRZ-R6	Oppose	Rules not strict enough and conflict with Transport policies. Refer paragraph 55.	b. No more than two four people may work onsite at the home business at any one time. c. Retail activities are not undertaken on site, including online retail limited to: i. Goods produced on the site, or ii. Goods retailed online and not resulting in customer visits to the site, or iii. Goods ancillary to a service provided by the home business. 2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary

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39	High/Medium	HRZ-R7	Oppose	Rules not strict enough	Where:
	Residential	MRZ-R7		and conflict with	The maximum occupancy, including staff and visitors, is limited to five
				Transport policies.	10 persons at any one time.
				Refer paragraph 55.	2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary
40	High/Medium	HRZ-R8	Oppose	Rules not strict enough	2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary
	Residential	MRZ-R8		and conflict with	
				Transport policies.	
				Refer paragraph 55.	
41	High/Medium	HRZ-R9	Oppose	Rules not strict enough	Where:
	Residential	MRZ-R9		and conflict with	a. The maximum number of people accommodated at the supported
				Transport policies.	residential care facility, including staff and residents, does not exceed
				Refer paragraph 55.	<u>five</u> 10 .
					2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary
42	High/Medium	HRZ-R10	Oppose	Rules not strict enough	2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary
	Residential	MRZ-R10		and conflict with	
				Transport policies.	
				Refer paragraph 55.	
43	High/Medium	HRZ-R10	Oppose	If kept as Restricted	a. The total gross floor area of the commercial activities does not
	Residential	MRZ-R10		Discretionary (refer	exceed <u>100</u> 200 m2 per site.
				Decision Request 38 to	d. The hours of operation are not outside:
				42), to minimise	i. 7.00am to 9.00pm <u>8.00am to 7.00pm</u> Monday to Friday, and
				adverse effects on	ii. 8.00am to 7.00pm <u>9.00am to 6.00pm</u> Saturday, Sunday, and public
				residential, I suggest	holidays.
				the following changes.	iii. Closed public holidays
				This should also be	e. No more than four staff may work on the premises at any one time.
				relocated to the end of	
				the commercial	
				activities.	
44	High/Medium	HRZ-R11	Oppose	Covered under HRZ-	Delete entire Rule
	Residential	MRZ-R11		R10 and MRZ-R10.	
				Delete rule.	
				Refer paragraph 56.	

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45	High/Medium	HRZ-R12	Oppose	Effects on adjacent	1. Activity status: Restricted discretionary Prohibited
	Residential	MRZ-R12		sites not adequately	
				catered for.	
				Refer paragraph 58.	
46	High/Medium	HRZ-R16	Oppose	Effects on adjacent	Matters of discretion are limited to:
	Residential	MRZ-R16		sites not adequately	1. The effects on the residential amenity of the surrounding area,
				catered for.	including noise from sirens from emergency vehicles during the night.
				Refer paragraph 59.	
47	High/Medium	HRZ-R21	Oppose	Effects on adjacent	c. storage/work does not require truck movements
	Residential	MRZ-R21		sites not adequately catered for.	2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary
48	High/Medium	HRZ-S2	Oppose	Decks should be	2. Does not apply to:
	Residential	MRZ-S2		included as (a) they are	a. Decks less than 500mm in height,
				often covered and (b)	b. All structures less than 1.2 metres in height, and
				they are often covered	c. Any scaffolding or falsework erected temporarily for construction or
				at a later date. This	maintenance purposes.
				effectively increases	
				the roof area. Refer	
				also to my concerns	
				about permeable	
				surfaces.	
49	High/Medium	HRZ-S4	Oppose	Conflict with HRZ-S1	1. Where up to 3 residential units occupy the site:
	Residential	MRZ-S4		and MRZ-S1.	1. a. All buildings and structures must not project beyond a 60°
				Effects on adjacent	recession plane measured from a point 4 metres vertically above
				sites are already	ground level for all side and rear boundaries (as shown in the diagram
				adverse with existing	HRZ-Figure 2).
				rules, without	2. Where 4 or more residential units occupy the site:
				increasing them for 4	a. For the first 21.5m of a side boundary, as measured from the road
				units.	frontage, buildings and structures must not project beyond a 60°
				The height plans	recession plane measured from a point 8 metres vertically above
				should not be	ground level (as shown in the diagram HRZ-Figure 2), and

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				increased when there	b. For all other boundaries and the remainder of the side boundary,
				are 4 or more units.	buildings and structures must not project beyond a 60° recession
				Refer paragraph 47 to	plane measured from a point 4 metres vertically above ground level
				50.	(as shown in the diagram HRZ-Figure 2).
50	High/Medium	HRZ-S4	Oppose	Sunlight planes will	4. 1, 2 and 3 do not apply to:
	Residential	MRZ-S4		affect houses on the	a. A boundary with a road if the road reserve is more than 12m wide,
				opposite side of the	
				road if the road reserve	
				is narrow.	
				Refer paragraph 47 to	
				50.	
51	High/Medium	HRZ-S7	Oppose	Proximity to adjacent	1.The minimum permeable surface area of a site is 30%. Side yards
	Residential	MRZ-S7		features will reduce	between two adjacent buildings are excluded from this calculation.
				the effectiveness of	Matters of discretion if the standard is breached:
				side yards for	1.The effects on the stormwater system.
				permeable surfaces.	2.The potential for increased surface ponding and flooding.
				Refer to paragraph 60	3.The mitigation of additional stormwater runoff through means such
				to 66.	as onsite stormwater disposal or retention.
					4. Any positive effects that cannot be achieved while meeting the
					standard.
					4. The height and proximity of other buildings, and the effect these
					have on rain direction with wind.
52	High/Medium	HRZ-S7	Oppose	If this standard is	There are no matters for discretion. If the Standard is breached, the
	Residential	MRZ-S7		breached, it should be	activity is prohibited.
				prohibited. Refer to	Matters of discretion if the standard is breached:
				paragraph 60 to 66.	1. The effects on the stormwater system.
					2.The potential for increased surface ponding and flooding.
					3.The mitigation of additional stormwater runoff through means such
					as onsite stormwater disposal or retention.
					4. Any positive effects that cannot be achieved while meeting the
					standard.

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53	High/Medium Residential	HRZ-S8 MRZ-S8	Oppose	Implies that a unit above ground can have no balcony, patio or roof terrace	1. A residential unit at ground floor level must have an outdoor living space that is at least 20 square metres and that comprises ground floor, balcony, patio, and/or roof terrace space that 2. A residential unit located above ground floor level must have an outdoor living space in the form of a balcony, patio, and/or roof terrace that: a. Is at least 8 square metres and has a minimum dimension of 1.8 metres, b. Is accessible from the residential unit, c. May be: i. Grouped cumulatively by area in 1 communally accessible location, in which case it may be located at ground level, or ii. Located directly adjacent to the unit.
54	High/Medium Residential	HRZ-S9 MRZ-S9	Oppose	Effects on adjacent sites not adequately catered for. Refer paragraph 51 to 53.	New clause 2. Outlook space for residential units on adjacent sites must be maintained to a provide the minimum depth as shown in the diagram HRZ-Figure 3 for all windows on the adjacent site.
55	High/Medium Residential Commercial	HRZ-S9 MRZ-S9 CCZ-S9 MCZ-S10 LCZ-S10 NCZ-S10 MUZ-S6	Oppose	As there are 1m setbacks, this change should not change anything but will strengthen the requirement for outlook space. Refer paragraph 51 to 53	2.a. All other habitable rooms must have an outlook space with a minimum dimension of 1m 2m deep and 1m wide.

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56	Commercial	CCZ MCZ NCZ LCZ MUZ	Neutral	The rules for these zones are all effectively the same as they rely only on the overlays to distinguish them. By consolidating them, it will simplify the Plan and make it easier to read. Refer paragraph 67 to 73	Am Centre point of window Reduce the number of commercial zones from five to one.
57	Commercial	CCZ MCZ NCZ LCZ MUZ	Neutral	An increase in commercial zone land will have a detrimental effect on the Lower Hutt CBD. Refer paragraph 67 to 73	Retain the areas that are presently zoned Residential and are proposed to change to commercial.

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58	Commercial	CCZ MCZ NCZ LCZ MUZ	Neutral	Maintain the underlying zone if non residential activities occur in a residential zone. Refer paragraph 67 to 73	Change the zoning of individual properties within residential back to residential.
59	Commercial	CCZ-R16/R17	Neutral	Consolidate rules	Duplicate
60	Commercial	CCZ-R7 CCZ-R8 CCZ-R9 CCZ-R11	Neutral	CCZ-O1 states that the city centre is the primary commercial centre for Lower Hutt, yet the first land use activities in the list are all residential. Move to the end.	Applies to all five commercial zones, only CCZ covered here Move CCZ-R7 CCZ-R8 CCZ-R9 CCZ-R11 to after CCZ-R19, light manufacturing
61	Commercial	CCZ-R16	Neutral	Any rule that includes a heading "not otherwise provided for" should be at the end of the activities, not in the middle.	Applies to all five commercial zones, only CCZ covered here Move CCZ-R16 to after CCZ-R26
62	City Centre	CCZ-R27	Oppose	Outdoor Storage detracts from a thriving CBD	1.Activity status: Permitted Non-complying 2.Activity status: Restricted discretionary Prohibited
63	Commercial	CCZ-R28 MCZ-R28 NCZ-R23 LCZ-R23 MUZ-R28	Neutral	Needs checking as businesses in Petone can not have deliveries. MCZ-R28 conflicts with MUZ-R30 Hours are too long.	a. The servicing is not within 40 metres of a site in a Residential Zone, Mixed Use Zone, or Marae Zone, or b. The servicing occurs only between 78:00am and 106:00pm if the site is within 40 metres of a site in a Residential Zone, Mixed Use Zone, or Marae Zone

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64	Heritage	All	Support	Refer paragraph 90 to	Reinstate the Petone Foreshore Heritage Precinct as per the Council
				102.	Officer Report in PC56.
65	Transport	TR-R3	Partial support	Effectively TR-R31.c.i	c. Alteration or expansion of an existing high trip generating activity
				increases the trip	does not:
				generating activities by	i. Increase motor vehicle trip generation by greater than 5%,
				5%.	ii. Alter, remove, or increase the number of, vehicle crossings which
					provide access to the activity, and
					lii. Remove the ability for vehicles to enter and exit the site in a
					forward direction.
66	Transport	TR-R4	Partial support	Rule TR-R4 needs to be	1. Activity status: Permitted
				strengthen.	Where:
				Refer Paragraph 74 to	a. It is a residential activity and no more than one residential unit
				80.	occupies the site, and there is no increase in the number of bedrooms
					or rooms that can accommodate additional people on the site on 31
					<u>December 2024,</u> or
					b. It is a non-residential activity and is ancillary to an existing on-site
					activity.
					2. Activity status: Non-complying Prohibited
					Where:
					Compliance is not achieved with TR-R4.1.
67	Transport	TR-S5	Partial Support	Include a minimum	3. Vehicle crossings at the point of intersection with the kerb and
				vehicle crossing	<u>channel must have a minimum width of</u>
				requirement. If too	a. For vehicle crossing on au urban road that is not an urban
				narrow and a vehicle	connector: 3.0m
				can not easily turn into	b. For a vehicle crossing on an Urban Connector: 3.5m
				the driveway, then the	43. Vehicle crossings at the point of intersection with any footpath or
				vehicle will need to do	shared path must have a width not exceeding:
				multiple turns and	a. For single vehicle crossings: 6m, and
				potentially block	b. For combined vehicle crossings: 9m
				through traffic. This is	
				undesirable,	

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				particularly on Urban Connectors.	
68	Transport	TR-S7	Partial Support	Access must be able to	1. The minimum design vehicle used for driveway design under this
				accommodate all	standard is a 5.4m x 2.1m 4.91m x 1.87m vehicle (99 85th percentile
				vehicles. Refer to	vehicle).
				paragraph 85 to 88.	
69	Transport	TR-S8	Neutral	Consistent wording	Design requirements for motor vehicle car parking, circulation, and
				needed. Motor vehicle	manoeuvring
				includes trailers and	
				mobility scooters	
				TR-S9 and TR-S10 deal	
				with truck parking	
				(loading)	
70	Transport	TR-S8	Oppose	A residential site that	2. Carparking spaces must:
				meets all the required	a. Comply with the minimum dimensions of Figure 3: Motor vehicle
				standards should not	parking and Table 5: Design requirements for motor vehicle parking,
				need a resource	b. Have a maximum gradient of 5% in any direction,
				consent if they do not have electric vehicle	c. Have a minimum height clearance of 2.3m, and d. For residential on-site carparking spaces, whether covered or
				charging.	uncovered, be electric vehicle-charging-ready by being serviced with
				charging.	an electrical cable conduit from the electricity supply to the edge of
				Turntables are	the carpark
				acceptable in small	the carpanx
				carparks. They enable	5. On-site parking, circulation and manoeuvring must not include
				better manoeuvring.	ramps, turntables , lifts or stackers
					6. Manoeuvring space must not be obstructed by any parking or
					loading space, or any other permanent object.
71	Transport	Table 4	Partial support	Cars park in front of	The traffic lane must have a minimum length of 6m extending into the
				garages, so must be	site from the property frontage, which must be unobstructed but may
				clear for at least 1 car	be enclosed by a garage or a carport. unless a garage or carport is
				length.	constructed on the boundary.
				Refer paragraph 89.	

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72	Transport	Table 5 and	Partial Support	Update to meet the	Update to meet the NZS2890.1 update.
		Figure 3		NZS2890.1 update.	Change "b" in "Parallel" and "perpendicular" to "a" to be consistent
				Refer to paragraph 85	with "Angle".
				to 88.	Clarify that "Minimum aisle width" = manoeuvring (refer TR-S8.4 etc)
				Refer Appendix A	Simplify the table. Refer Appendix A
73	Transport	Figure 3	Neutral	Consistent title needed	Figure 3 – Motor vehicle <u>Car</u> parking
74	Infrastructure	INF-S13	Oppose in part	Road signs, such as	1. Signs are exempt from this standard if they are located on a site and
				give way, and direction	are not visible beyond the site on which they are located.
				signs should be	2. Signs are exempt from this standard if they are erected by Hutt City
				exempt, noting that	Council in their role as the local Road Control Authority in accordance
				some directional signs	with the requirements of the Traffic Control Devices Manual.
				installed by Council will	32. All signs associated with construction, maintenance and repair, or
				be larger than 3m ^{2.}	upgrading of infrastructure must
75	Subdivision	SUB-R13	Oppose in part	Make consistent with	1. Activity status: Controlled
				SUB-R14.	Where:
					a. The subdivision will result in building platforms for activities most
					sensitive activities least sensitive to natural hazards or activities
					potentially sensitive to natural hazards to natural hazards located
					within the Liquefaction Hazard Overlay
					2. Activity status: Restricted discretionary
					Where:
					a. The subdivision will result in building platforms for activities most
					sensitive to natural hazards located within the Liquefaction Hazard
					<u>Overlay</u>
76	Subdivision	SUB-R18	Oppose	Standards for Activities	4. Activity status: Discretionary Non-complying
				Most Sensitive to	
				Natural Hazard too low.	
77	Subdivision	SUB-R19	Oppose	Standards for Activities	3. Activity status: Non-complying Prohibited
				Most Sensitive to	
				Natural Hazard too low.	

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78	Subdivision	SUB-R23	Oppose	Standards for Highly Constrained Roads too low. Consistent with TR-R4. Refer Paragraph 74 to 80.	1. Activity status: Discretionary Prohibited
79	Subdivision	SUB-S4	Neutral	Concerned that the relevant standard may alter. Government Changes to Three Waters may override the document referred to. Proposed wording may require tweaking.	1. Where a connection to a publicly owned reticulated water supply systems is available, all new allotments must: a. Be provided with a water supply connection at the allotment boundary, that meets the requirements of the Wellington Water Regional Standard for Water Services December 2021 (Chapter 6, Tables 6.1 and 6.2), relevant Water Board and
80	Subdivision	SUB-S5	Neutral	Concerned that the relevant standard may alter. Government Changes to Three Waters may override the document referred to. Proposed wording may require tweaking.	1. Where a connection to a publicly owned reticulated wastewater systems is available, all new allotments must be provided with a connection at the allotment boundary that meets the requirements of the Wellington Water Regional Standard for Water Services December 2021 (Chapter 5, section 5.2.3) relevant Water Board. 2. Where a connection to a publicly owned reticulated wastewater systems is not available, all allotments must be provided with on-site wastewater systems or an approved alternative means to dispose of sewage in a sanitary manner within the net site area of the allotment in accordance with the Wellington Water Regional Standard for Water Services December 2021 (Section 5.2.6) relevant Water Board.
81	Subdivision	SUB-S6	Neutral	Concerned that the relevant standard may alter. Government Changes to Three Waters may	2. Where a connection to a publicly owned stormwater management systems is available, all new allotments must be provided with a connection at the allotment boundary, that meets the requirements of the Wellington Water Regional Standard for Water Services December 2021 (Chapter 4 Stormwater, Tables 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3) relevant Water Board.

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				override the document referred to. Proposed wording may require tweaking.	
82	Financial Contributions	FC-Table 1	Oppose in part	Refer to paragraph 105 to 110. Relief sought is for Water supply, Stormwater Disposal and Wastewater disposal, only one example provided in "relief sought".	 Where an existing Council water is available, the cost of connection with the existing system. Where an existing Council water supply is available, but the capacity and pressure of the system is inadequate to meet the additional demand by the proposed subdivision or development, the costs of connection and proportion of capacity and pressure upgrading of the existing system to meet the additional generated demand Where the existing Council supply is not available, the cost of providing for the supply of water
83	Noise	All	Neutral	NZS 6801:2008 and NZS6802:2008 is mentioned in the introduction, is it necessary to repeat it in every standard?	Remove excessive references to repeated use of NZS 6801:2008 and NZS6802:2008
84	Noise	NOISE-R1	Neutral	Easier to read and understand document. Refer paragraph 112.	Consolidate NOISE-R1, NOISE-S1 and NOISE-APP1 into a single rule in a single location.
85	Noise	NOISE-R2	Neutral	Easier to read and understand document. Refer paragraph 112.	Consolidate NOISE-R2, NOISE-S2 and NOISE-APP2 into a single rule in a single location.
86	Noise	NOISE-R3	Oppose	The definition of temporary activity is too ambiguous.	Delete NOISE-R3, NOISE-S3 and NOISE-APP3. Refer also Decision Request 4.
87	Noise	NOISE-R3	Neutral	Easier to read and understand document.	If commissioners do not agree with Decision Request 86:

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				Refer paragraph 112.	Consolidate NOISE-R3, NOISE-S3 and NOISE-APP3 into a single rule in a
					single location.
88	Noise	NOISE-R4	Neutral	Easier to read and	Consolidate NOISE-R4, NOISE-S4 and NOISE-APP4 into a single rule in a
				understand document.	single location.
				Refer paragraph 112.	
					Note, if commissioners do not agree, then the following error needs to
				Note, the error in	be fixed:
				NOISE-R4 highlights	1.Activity status: Permitted
				the difficulty in reading	Where:
				this section.	Compliance is achieved with NOISE-S3 NOISE-S4: Emission of noise
					from temporary activities.
89	Noise	NOISE-R5	Neutral	Delete as this will be	Delete
				impossible to monitor.	
				Also relates to	
				vibration, not noise	
90	Noise	NOISE-R6	Neutral	Delete as this should	Delete
		NOISE-R7		all be contained in the	
		MOISE-R8		Building Code.	
		NOISE-S5		If not in the Building	
		NOISE-S6		Code, it should be in	
		MOISE-S7		the Council Code of	
		NOISE-APP5		Practice. Refer	
		NOISE-APP6		NZS4404:2010	
		NOISE-APP7			

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91	NOISE	NOISE-R9	Neutral	There appears to be an error in the "zone" list in the left hand column. Hospitals can only use helicopter pads in "unforeseen circumstance" – this needs reconsidering. Is this rule really needed as the other rules regarding noise cover this.	Review rule in its enti	rety.		
92	Noise	NOISE-APP1	Oppose	With the allowance of	Replace entire table with:			
				residential in <u>all zones</u> , all the zones should	Daytime Limit (7:00am - 7:00pm)	Evening Limit (7:00pm - 10:00pm)	Night Limit (10:00pm - 7:00am)	
				have the noise restrictions at the boundary of the property.	55 dB L _{Aeq (15min)}	50 dB L _{Aeq (15min)}	40 dB L _{Aeq (15min)} 70 dB L _{AFmax}	

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93	Noise	NOISE-APP2	Oppose	With the allowance of	Replace	entire ta	able wit	h:				
				residential in all zones,	Time period	Time period		work (3 days or less)	lypical w	Typical work (4 to 14 days) Long term work (n		work (more than 14 days)
				all the zones should			dBA Lee	dBA	dBA	dBA	dBA	dBA
				have the noise restrictions at the	Weekdays	Weekdays 6.30am-7.30am		dard as NO SE APP1	Leq	Leax	Leq	Lmax
					neemays	7.30am-6.00pm	80	96	75	90	70	85
				boundary of the		6.00pm-8.00pm 8.00pm-6.30am	Same Stand	Same Standard as NUN -A-P1				
				property.	Saturday	(next day) 6.30am-7.30am	_					
				Construction should	Saturday	7.30am-7.30am 7.30am-6.00pm	80	96	75	90	70	85
				NOT be allowed to		6.00pm-8.00pm	Same Stand	dard as NOISE-APP1				
				start prior to 7:30am or		8.00pm-6.30am (next day)						
				after 6:00pm.	Sunday and Public Holidays	6.30am-7.30am 7.30am-6.00pm						
				Periods for "short",		6.00pm-8.00pm						
				"typical" and "long		8.00pm-6.30am (next day)						
				needs to be shortened								
				from 14 days, 14 days								
				to 20 weeks and over								
				20 weeks to 3 days, 3								
				to 14 days and over 14								
				days respectively.								
				Refer paragraph 116								
94	Noise	NOISE-APP3	Neutral	With the allowance of	If commissioners do not agree with Decision Request 86:							
				residential in all zones,								
				all the zones should	Can be s	Can be simplified as all columns are the same for 7:00-19:00 and					00 and 19:00	
				have the noise	to 22:00							
				restrictions at the								
				boundary of the	Receivin	g Zones	need to	be check	ed. Re	sidential i	n Mixed	Zone is
				property.	differen	Receiving Zones need to be checked. Residential in Mixed Zone is different to residential zones.						
				Appears to be								
				inconsistent for								
				commercial zones								
95	Light	LIGHT-	Neutral	Needed for ease of use	Please in	nclude th	ne time	periods fo	r outsi	ide and du	iring res	tricted
		TABLE1		Refer to SIGN-S9 also.	lighting period							

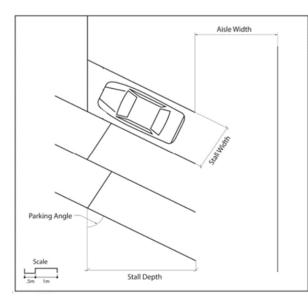
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96	Signs	SIGN-R1	Neutral	SIGN-R1.1b is duplicate	SIGN-R1.1
				of SIGN-R1.d.vii	b. The sign is an election sign and complies with SIGN-S7: Election
					signs, or
97	Signs	SIGN-R3	Oppose	There are no positive	SIGN-R3.1
				effects of a digital sign	Matters of discretion are restricted to:
					7. Any positive affects of the digital sign that can not be achieved with
					a sign other than a digital sign
98	Signs	SIGN-S1	Oppose	Signs should be smaller	1. No one sign may be larger than $\frac{2m^2}{1}$
				in a residential zone	
				unless it is temporary.	
				Businesses requiring	
				signs should not be	
				permitted in residential	
				zones.	
99	Signs	SIGN-S1	Oppose	Hospital and Tertiary	7. No one sign may be larger than 5m ² 4m ²
				Education should be	
				treated the same as	
				Mixed use.	
				Merge SIGNS-S1.4 and	
				SIGNS-S1.5	
100	Signs	SIGN-S2	Oppose	Signs should be smaller	1. The maximum total area of signs per site(other than official signs,
				in a residential zone	temporary signs and election signs) is $\frac{2m^2}{1}$
				unless it is temporary	2. The maximum total area of signs per site(other than official signs,
				Remove "official signs"	temporary signs and election signs) is 20m ²
				from all zone	3.
				descriptors.	4. The maximum total area of signs per site(other than official signs,
					temporary signs and election signs) is 20m ²
					5. The maximum total area of signs per site(other than official signs,
					temporary signs and election signs) is 4m ²
101	Signs	SIGN-S3	Oppose	Signs should be	1. There must be no more than one sign per site (other than official
				restricted in a	signs and temporary signs)

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				residential zone unless it is temporary. Businesses requiring signs should not be permitted in residential zones.	
102	Signs	SIGN-S3	Neutral/Oppose	Consistency between SIGN-S3.2 and SIGN-S3.3. Definition not required in the rule.	 There must be no more than two signs per site frontage. For corner sites, each side of the corner counts as a separate frontage. There must be no more than one sign per site frontage where that frontage is opposite a site in a Residential Zone, Rural Zone, Open Space and Recreation Zone, or the Marae Zone.
103	Signs	SIGN-S4	Oppose	Sign height too high. Distraction to motorists should not be seen from a residential zone. Merge SIGNS-S4.2 and SIGNS-S4.3	2. A freestanding sign must not exceed 10 6 metres in height
104	Signs	SIGN-S5	Neutral	Standards the same.	Standard in first row for certain zones, and second row for remaining rows appears to be the same. This looks like an error.
105	Signs	SIGN-S5	Neutral	Clarify "if" not "where"	3. Where signs If signs are attached to a veranda
106	Signs	SIGNS-S7	Oppose	Election signs should be minimised. Add additional requirement	4. No more than one election sign per site.
107	Signs	SIGN-S8	Neutral	Please add pedestrian crossing for safety purposes	Signs must not obstruct the line of sight of any corner, bend, intersection, vehicle crossing, pedestrian crossing or railway crossing
108	Signs	SIGN-S9	Neutral	Standard mentions restricted lighting period, but LIGH- TABLE3 does not	Clarify this Standard and lighting periods

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				include any lighting	
				periods.	
109	Signs	All Standards	Oppose	There are no positive	Matters of discretion if the standard is not met
				effects of a sign	X. Any Positive effects that can not be achieved while complying to this
					standard
110					

Appendix A – Carpark Dimensions

As 30° and 45° degree parking is inefficient and difficult for drivers to use, it is recommended that they are not included in the table, but a note added below. However, if they are to be retained in the table, suitable values have been included.



Parking Angle	Type of User ¹	Stall Width ⁵	Stall Depth⁴	Aisle Width (manoeuvre space)6
90	Class 1	2.5	5.6	5.8
90	Class 2	2.6	5.6	5.8
90	Accessible Parking	3.6	5.6	5.8
0 (parallel)	Class 1	2.1	6.5 ²	3.0 ³
	Class 2	2.1	6.3 ²	3.3 ³
60	Class 1	2.5	6.1	4.6
60	Class 2	2.6	6.2	4.3
45 ⁸	Class 1	2.5	5.8	3.7
45 ⁸	Class 2	2.6	5.8	3.5
30 ⁸	Class 1	2.4	5.0	2.9
30 ⁸	Class 2	2.5	5.0	3.5

Notes for Table:

- 1. Class 1 is for medium to long term parking, such as employee parking. Class 2 is for short term parking, such as retail and commercial, and where good can be expected to be loaded into vehicles.
- 2. The stall depth (length) is to be increased by 300mm where one side is obstructed by a wall or landscaping. If free on BOTH sides, the stall depth can be reduced to 5.6m.
- 3. One way Aisle. For two way aisles, this needs to be doubled. Where the aisle is two-way, but parking is on one side only, the total aisle width shall be a minimum of 5.8 m.
- 4. If a footpath is adjacent to the car park and vehicle overhang may obstruct part of the footpath, then either wheel stops are required, or the footpath width increased to ensure a minimum throughfare of 1.5m. Wheel stops are always required if the kerb height is less than 90mm or greater than 150mm.

- 5. The stall width shall be increased by 300m if the parking space is adjacent to a wall.
- 6. Where there is angle parking on one side of an aisle only and the other side is confined by a wall or other high vertical obstruction, the aisle width shall be increased by 300 mm.
- 7. At blind aisles are only permitted for 90 degree parking. At blind aisles, the aisle and end parking space shall be extended a minimum of 1.0 m beyond the last parking space. In car parks open to the public, the maximum length of a blind aisle shall be equal to the width of six (on each side of aisle) spaces plus 1.0 m, unless provision is made for cars to turn around at the end and drive out forwards.
- 8. Parking angles less than 60 degrees are discouraged.
- 9. Where there is parallel parking on one side, and angle parking on the other side, the aisle width will be as specified in Table 2.X for the angle parking, plus an additional 0.5m.
- 10. Circulation areas and ramps will be designed in accordance with the 99th percentile car.