

## **ROTORUA DISTRICT PLAN Proposed Plan Change 4**

Public notice under Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 of proposed plan change to the Rotorua District Plan

Description: Proposed Plan Change 4: Noise

Rotorua Lakes Council has proposed the following changes to the Rotorua District Plan (2016): Proposed Plan Change 4: Amendments to the Noise provisions of the District Plan (PC4);

The primary reason for the Plan Change is to improve the working of the District Plan's noise-related provisions so that noise is more effectively managed across the District. More specifically the reasons for the Plan Change are:

- To strengthen provisions to assist implementation and reduce ambiguities;
- To reduce repetition of the same material, streamlining the District Plan; and
- To reduce inconsistencies between similar provisions.
- The approach to the management of noise is clearly discernible through an articulation of relevant objectives, policies and environmental outcomes that preface noise rules. This enhanced policy framework is commensurate with the importance of noise as an issue and will aid interpretation.

Closing Date for Submissions: Tuesday 18 July 2017

### **More Information**

Details of PC4 can be viewed at:

- [www.rotorualakescouncil.nz](http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz)
- Customer Service, Rotorua Lakes Council, 1061 Haupapa Street
- Rotorua Library, 1238 Pukuatua Street

Additionally, should you wish to discuss any of the proposed changes please contact Council on 07 348 4199 or email [kate.dahm@rotorualc.nz](mailto:kate.dahm@rotorualc.nz)

### **Making a Submission**

Any person can make a submission on PCA, but, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal that:

- adversely affects the environment; and
- does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Submissions can either be:

- posted to the Rotorua Lakes Council, 1061 Haupapa Street; or
- e-mailed to [anita.galland@rotorualc.nz](mailto:anita.galland@rotorualc.nz); or
- delivered to the Council offices.

Submission forms are available from Council offices, library or on the Council website [www.rotorualakescouncil.nz](http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz)

Please use the submission form provided or a similar format that complies with the Resource Management Regulations Form 5.

### **Process once Submissions Received**

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- after the closing date for submission, Rotorua Lakes Council must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of where this information can be inspected; and
- there must be an opportunity for the following persons to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:
  - any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
  - any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has;
  - the local authority itself; and
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and
- Rotorua Lakes Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within two years of notifying the proposal and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time; and
- any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court if:
  - in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal; and
  - in the case of a proposal that is a proposed policy statement or plan, the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.

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on behalf of Rotorua Lakes Council

Note: Rotorua Lakes Council is the operating name of Rotorua District Council