

Submission form

PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 4 TO THE ROTORUA DISTRICT PLAN

Form 5 - Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5:00PM ON TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017

| Full Name Of Submitter: Full Postal Address: | Mokioa Community Association 297 Vaughan Road Rotorua | Address For Service: [Agent if applicable] | 297 Vaughan Road Our speaker to the submission will be Andy Woolhouse, Board member |
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A MCA Representative wishes to be heard in support of our submission.

If others make a similar submission, we **will not** consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing. We **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

We are directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that -

- (a) Adversely affects the environment, and
- (b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition. (delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission)

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Signature of submitter Date

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THIS IS A SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 4 TO THE ROTORUA DISTRICT PLAN:

| PROVISION | SUPPORT / OPPOSE | SUBMISSION | DECISION SOUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL |
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| Please refer to the rule number or heading reference | Clearly indicate whether you support, oppose or support with amendment the provision | Include the nature of your submission and reasons for your views. You may use additional paper but please ensure you put your name and address on each page, and securely attach them to this form. | State clearly the decision sought and /or suggested changes you want the council to make in relation to the provision. |
| Plan Change 4 Noise | Support | Mokoia Community Association (MCA) generally supports the proposed plan change 4 with some minor changes and addressing the points of clarification listed below. | Adopt the proposed Plan Change 4, but addressing the questions and comments listed |
| | | The MCA rohe or area of concern includes from the Puarenga Stream to Waiohewa Stream. Eastside residents across this rohe were badly affected by the noise issues related to Lumbercube Mill resulting in significant noise complaints to Rotorua Lakes Council. A lot was learnt from the Lumbercube Mill experience, specifically: • the negative impacts which can be experienced from having residential and industrial sites in close proximity to each other. • Understanding that there can be noise issues related to a site that extend beyond this site – ie, the constant stream of large and heavily laden trucks travelling to and from the Lumbercube Mill. • How the caldera effects atmospherics and temperature needs to be taken into account when factoring how noise will travel and behave. • That there are different "kinds" of noise that travel/behave differently from each other. • The previous inflexibility in how noise could be measured, which in turn limited the action that could be taken to reduce or remove the noise nuisance. • Having clear and timely steps for identifying and dealing with noise issues in a timely way It is these lessons in mind by which MCA has considered the proposed plan change 4. MCA supports the recognition of adverse effects on noise particularly in cross boundary situations where Industrial and Residential zones interface. It also supports the long-term objective in the RLC Spatial Plan objective of removing heavy industry away from residential areas. | |
| | | Much of the proposed plan change focuses on reference to linkage within the ODP rules to appropriate noise standards (NZS 6802 and others), these documents are not | |

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available online and the at a cost of \$135 NZS 6802 which will be beyond the financial resources of most submitters to purchase. For this reason, MCA is seeking confirmation that the proposed plan change will provide the necessary legal tools for RLC to be able to address the issues and adverse effects on residents such as those that resulted from the Lumbercube Noise discharge. By way of example, it will be useful if RLC can explain how the Lumbercube noise issues would have been managed if the proposed plan change was in place at the time.

MCA has the following comments on the proposed plan change;

- A11.3.2.4. Reverse Sensitivity Policy add the word <u>Industrial</u>
 lawfully established <u>industrial</u>, rural industries....
 Reason to prevent the establishment new residential zoning adjacent to current industrial zones.
- A11.6.2. Noise Generated and Received within different zones.
 when measured at any point within the receiving site
 Confirmation sought that Standard NZS 6802 provided for the measurement of noise at elevations other than ground level, specifically adjacent to windows in multi storey dwellings. This is particularly relevant to evening noise levels where bedrooms are likely to be located at other than ground floor levels.
- A11.7.1 Assessment Criteria. Part 16 refers to;
 Any other relevant standards, codes of practice....

 This implies there is reference elsewhere to specific standards, but there are none listed in this section. MCA suggests that a further criterion is added above '16' listing the name and number of the specific standards referenced in this plan change, namely NZS 6801:2008 and NZS6802;2008

Re Shoulder period -ie an intermediate noise level rating around before the 10pm daytime/nighttime levels.

The S32 assessment Part 4.2 Shoulder Period states that 'no issues have been raised from community that suggest a more fine-tuned approach is warranted. MCA received feedback during Lumbercube's operation specifically related to children being affected by lack of sleep as a direct result of the Lumbercube noise proceeding late into the night. The inability of children to sleep during this noise resulted in tired children, increase family stress, children finding it difficult to engage in school, time off school to catch up on sleep.

MCA believes that where a residential zone containing a high proportion of young families is located adjacent to an industrial zone, the 10 pm cutoff is too late to

provide adequate sleep provision for children. MCA would like to see the nighttime period to begin at 7pm. MCA gives credit to RLC for providing Eastside residents the opportunity to hear what the proposed changes could mean. As expressed at the consultation meeting at Lynmore School, there are a number of steps that residents need to undergo in order to be involved in consultation. One way to assist residents to participate in consultation is to provide timely notice that consultation is taking place and to have information disseminated in "layman's" terms with examples of how changes would impact on residents' lives. MCA reiterates that it is happy to assist RLC with the dissemination of information to its Eastside residents