

Proposed District Plan Change 70

Wellington City District Plan
Clause 5 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

Proposed District Plan Change 70 – Earthworks

Proposed District Plan Change 70 is a change to the objectives, policies and rules that manage earthworks in all areas of the City.

Plan Change 70 places all provisions relating to earthworks in two new Chapters of the District Plan (and deletes existing earthworks provisions from the Operative Plan).

The proposed new provisions address the following issues:

- Stability
- Erosion, dust and sediment control
- Flood Hazard Areas
- Character and amenity of streams and wetlands
- Visually sensitive areas
- Transport of material
- Cultural and archaeological sites.

The Key aspects of the new rules are:

- Cuts and fills are permitted to a height of 1.5m (subject to conditions relating to distance from boundaries, slope angle and maximum area); OR Cuts and fill are permitted up to 2.5m if a structure authorised by a building consent is to retain the cut or fill (subject to a maximum area condition);
- Cuts and fills are permitted up to 2.5m for farm tracks in the Rural Area;
- In visually sensitive areas (the Urban Coastal Edge, Ridgelines and Hilltop Overlay areas, Open Space B and Conservation Sites) cuts and fills are permitted to a maximum height of 1.5m (subject to conditions relating to distance from boundaries, slope angle and maximum area);
- Activities which do not meet the permitted activity standards are discretionary (restricted) activities.

Details of Proposed District Plan Change 70 and the associated section 32 report may be inspected at:

- **the Council Service Centre, 101 Wakefield Street**
- **electronically at city libraries**
- **www.Wellington.govt.nz/plans/index.html**

Anyone may make a submission on these proposals by sending a written submission to the Council using one of the options outlined below:

Post to: City Planning Team, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington
Deliver to: Ground floor reception, Council offices, 101 Wakefield Street
Fax to: 801 3165 (if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses)
Email to: district.plan@wcc.govt.nz

The submission must be on form 5 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003, or similar, and must state whether or not you wish to present your views at a Council hearing. Copies of this form are available from the above locations or will be mailed to you if you phone 499 4444.

Submissions close at 5pm, Monday 14th September 2009

The process for public participation in the consideration of the plan change and variations is as follows:

- after the closing date for submissions, the Council will prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary must be publicly notified
- there will be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held
- the Council will give its decision on the proposed Plan Change, including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions

- anyone who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the proposed Plan Change to the Environment Court.

Garry Poole
Chief Executive Wellington City Council

Date: 18 July 2009

For further information please telephone Alison Newbald on 801 3706

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS Monday 14th September 2009

And

Withdrawal of Proposed District Plan Change 65

Clause 8D of First Schedule, Resource Management Act

Withdrawal of Proposed District Plan Change 65 Earthworks

In response to the submissions received the Council undertook a review of Proposed District Plan Change 65. To address many of the concerns raised in the submissions it was considered appropriate to respond by withdrawing Plan Change 65 and introducing a new Plan Change (District Plan Change 70). The consequential changes to the Rural Provisions in Variation 6 are also to be withdrawn.