

Introduction

Submission of Proposed District Plan Change 83
Kiwi Point Quarry
Form 5, Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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Trade competition and adverse effects:

I could I could not

gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

I am I am not

directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that :

- a. adversely affects the environment, and
- b. does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competitions.

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Wishes to be heard:

Yes

I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Correspondence to:

- Submitter
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- Both

Submission

The specific provisions of proposed District Plan Change 83 that my submission relates to are as follows (give details below)

Comments

We oppose the expansion and consider would like the council to consider the closing and redevelopment of Kiwi Point quarry.

My submission is that ... (You should include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended. You should also state the reasons for your views)

Comments

Going ahead with proposed District Plan Change 83 will have a negative environmental impact on houses, schools, and businesses in the surrounding areas. The quarry already generates noise and dust pollution. Extending the current quarry will mean an increase in these from more vehicle and blasting activity as well as presumably light pollution around-the-clock excavation. Blasting and excavation will surely increase the risk of landslides and seismic damage to surrounding homes, schools and businesses. We've already seen the damage recent earthquakes have done to the nearby retirement village. Can it be guaranteed that this activity won't cause more damage in the area? There are schools and a retirement home immediate vicinity of the quarry. I fail to see how an increase in quarry activity won't have an adverse impact on them and pose a health risk to children and elderly. The Ngauranga water reservoir is already at risk from earthquakes and seismic activity (https://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/whatmatters/news_feed/water-supply). This is in the immediate vicinity of the proposed expansion. Is there consideration or contingency for damage and/or pollution to this water supply from blasting and increased activity? It really feels like Kiwi Point and WCC are being disingenuous and dishonest with the way they are presenting this proposal. As well as severely downplaying (or completely omitting) the environmental and negative impact the extension could have, the language used is strongly biased to expanding the current quarry (eg. 'We received 72 submissions. The majority of submissions favoured the maximum expansion option...'). The timing of the original consultation, taking place at the end of the year (2017), was far from ideal. It meant that many people were occupied with Christmas/holidays, so missed the opportunity to submit. The current consultation also includes non-Wellington City ratepayers and non-WCC respondents. This feels entirely inappropriate at this stage of the process. I'm left with the distinct impression that this process is simply a formality and that expansion of Kiwi Point is a foregone conclusion. The current work that is already underway since the beginning of the year on the Raroa/Fraser St side of the quarry would seem to support this. The quarry has been in business for nearly 100 years and after already being extended, it has more than served its original purpose. Rather than scar the land even further and cause more environmental damage, I propose that closure and redevelopment of the site should now be considered. With re-planting there is enough space to have it used for parks and recreation, community or botanic gardens, housing and business developments. There's potential to have retail or business development in the lower basin currently occupied by quarry buildings, while the surrounding hills used for housing and recreation (hiking or mountain biking tracks for example). As the proposal says itself, Wellington needs more houses - let's build some in this area! I believe this could bring even greater revenue to the area through industry, housing and tourism. Speaking of tourism - from an aesthetic perspective; what kind of first impression of Wellington is it giving to tourists entering the city on SH1 and a massive quarry is the first thing they see?? I understand that there are big plans for development in the Wellington area and aggregates are needed for this but I believe it's time to find a new site in the region to source these. Enough damage has been done to land around the Kiwi Point quarry - it's time to try and restore it. It's been done elsewhere in the country (Te Puna quarry in the Bay of Plenty comes to mind), so why not do it in the nation's

I seek the following decision from Council (please give precise details)

Comments

We oppose proposed District Plan Change 83.

Attached Documents

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