

WELLINGTON CITY DISTRICT PLAN – DPC77

Submission form on publicly notified Proposed District Plan Change 77

Curtis Street Business Area

FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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| Posted to | District Plan Team Wellington City Council PO Box 2199 Wellington 6011 |
| Delivered to | Ground floor reception Civic Square/101 Wakefield Street Wellington |
| Faxed to | 801 3165 (if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses) Please use additional sheets if necessary. |
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| We need to receive your submission by 5pm, Monday 11 March 2013. | |

YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS *(select appropriate)*

I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

I am / am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

(a) adversely effects the environment, and

(b) does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competitions.

Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 77 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO ARE AS FOLLOWS *(Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)*

The presumption that commercial development and subsequent commercial activity of any sort is necessary or advantageous for the site.

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. Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)

The bulk of the section 32 report is predicated on the assumption that zoning should change from the current Outer Residential and Open Space zoning to a Business 2 Area. As a consequence, the specialist reports focus on the details of HOW to manage the zone changes, rather than whether they are necessary at all. My strong belief is that these proposed zone changes are not necessary or in any way advantageous to the local or extended community. Because the basic premise of the Section 32 report is flawed, my submission does not address any of the specialist reports contained therein.

Previous errors by Council in allowing rezoning without consulting residents, and the somewhat puzzling development of a large ECE enterprise to the immediate south of this zone, must not be allowed to obscure the fundamental issue – that the valley should not only be retained as Open Space, but should be restored as far as possible to its natural state.

The peacefulness of the valley is currently only disturbed by the very welcome sound of the birds from the sanctuary, and sports people on Ian Galloway Park. Many residents have settled in the area precisely because of these particular features. The last few years have seen a dramatic increase in the variety and quantity of birdlife, and local valley residents take great pride and pleasure in their growing numbers.

The special nature of this valley was championed by the late Sir Paul Callaghan, who described it as a ‘thin finger of green’ extending from the Karori Sanctuary to Kaiwharawhara. Sir Paul’s vision was to extend current ecological reserves, starting with Kariri Sanctuary, so that our native species can again survive outside of controlled environments. It is therefore crucial that we retain this green belt for native flora and fauna, and for Wellingtonians and visitors to enjoy.

Previous zoning divided the area into Open Space and Outer Residential. Part 4 (p 7) of the Section 32 Report claims that the Outer Residential area was not developed for residential purposes as a consequence of the deep gully and overhead transmission lines. The latter feature would also seem to preclude any sort of commercial development that has groups of people regularly gathering and working beneath the transmission lines.

WE SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION FROM THE COUNCIL *(Please give precise details.)*

In the interests of both local and extended Wellington communities, I ask that Council, in partnership with the local residents, return the valley to Open Space (and zone the previous Outer Residential zone as Open Space), negotiate with the current owner to re-purchase the land, and restore it to its natural state. This would include restoration of the stream from the culvert. There would be considerable community interest and support for such a venture—Creswick Terrace residents have shown their enthusiasm for working with Council on restoration of roadside reserves, and this model would work well on a significantly bigger project.

Lastly, I recommend that this project be undertaken in the memory of the late Sir Paul Callaghan, and the resulting park be named in his honour. What better way to recognise one of Wellington’s (and New Zealand’s) most committed conservationists?

PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION

I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

JOINT SUBMISSIONS

If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW

Yes, I have attached extra sheets.

No, I have not attached extra sheets.

SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.

Signature K J Hunt

Date 11/03/13

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