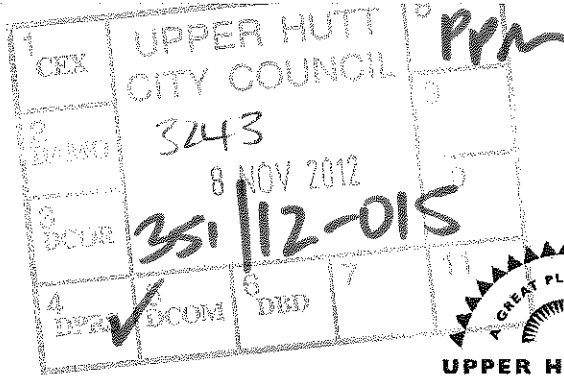


SUBMISSION FORM (FORM 5)



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**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE TO THE UPPER HUTT CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT PLAN: PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 15 – FLOOD AND EROSION
HAZARD AREAS**

To: Upper Hutt City Council

Submission on Proposed Plan Change No. 15 to the Upper Hutt City Council District Plan

Submissions can be:

File Number: 351/12/015
Submission Number:
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Delivered to: Level 2 Reception, Civic Administration Building, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt
Posted to: Proposed Plan Change No. 15, Upper Hutt City Council, Private Bag 907, Upper Hutt
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The closing date for submissions is Friday 9th November 2012 at 5pm

DETAILS OF SUBMITTER

Name of submitter	Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc, Upper Hutt Branch		
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Agent acting for submitter (if applicable)	Graham Bellamy		
Address for service (if different from above)			
Contact phone/fax number	Daytime Telephone: 526 3053		Fax:
I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission (Please tick one)	NO	X	Only answer this question if you ticked YES: I am / am not (select one) 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.
	YES		

DETAILS OF SUBMISSION

The specific provisions of the proposed Plan Change that my submission relates to are as follows:

Forest & Bird are the major conservation organisation in NZ and wish to "Give Nature a Voice" in regard to this proposed plan change. Forest & Bird recognise that many Upper Hutt residents will be impacted by this plan change and we are willing to mentor and work with all parties to assist with ensuring that the impact of these proposed changes are environmentally neutral.

We are particularly concerned about any work carried out in relation to The Mangaroa River that will have a negative impact on the environment of this river. We are willing to be included in any discussions and work on this river to ensure that water quality and the environment of the river is improved.

My submission is that:

Forest and Bird are concerned about the current health and state of the water ways in all parts of New Zealand and we have concerns within the Upper Hutt area. Many of our freshwater resources are in a poor state and need to be addressed to ensure they do not deteriorate any further and are brought back to being a healthy ecosystem to support all who use them. This includes surface water, ground water, estuaries and wetlands.

We support the plan changes as long as they have a neutral impact on the environment but we do oppose any major flood protection and water flow work being carried out on the Mangaroa, Whakaiti, Pukuratahi Rivers and the Wainui Stream.

Water will find its own path and follow its natural course when in flood, so any major flood protection work may have a limited effect.

Another major contribution to flooding is the sedimentation of streams and rivers from land run off, which will raise the height of the water in the river/stream and therefore increase the impact of any flooding of the river/stream. By using riparian planting along these water ways, the impact of flooding can be limited and the impact of sedimentation is lowered. Raising of stop banks may not be the answer.

We wish to see limitation of impermeable surfaces that will contribute to water run off contributing to increased water into water ways within the Upper Hutt City. This includes the development of rural land for commercial and residential purposes.

We would like to see the Waipango Wetland area protected and work done to restore this important and unique wetland.

Any work carried out in relation to the Southern Hills proposal must be environmentally neutral to avoid any flooding impact from this area.

We support the current ponding areas as designated on St Pat's land and the land adjacent to the Eastern Hutt Road south of the rail bridge up to Reynolds Bach Drive.

(Please state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons. Please use additional sheets if necessary)

I seek the following decision from the local authority:

That all work carried out on future flood plan work be environmentally neutral and used as an opportunity to have a positive impact on water quality.

Forest and Bird are willing to work with all parties (Regional and local councils and property owners) to assist with work to mitigate flood damage.

(Please give precise details and use additional sheets if necessary)

Please indicate whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission (Tick appropriate box)	I do wish to be heard in support of my submission	A F&B representative
	I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission	
Please indicate whether you wish to make a joint case at the hearing if others make a similar submission (Tick appropriate box)	I do wish to make a joint case	X
	I do not wish to make a joint case	

SIGNATURE AND DATE

For Forest & Bird, Upper Hutt Branch

_____ Graham Bellamy _____

Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission

____ 07 November 2012

Date

(Note: A signature is not required if you are making your submission by electronic means)

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