

Proposed Natural Resources Plan:

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FORM 3: SUBMISSION FORM – PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN FOR THE WELLINGTON REGION

This is a submission on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region pursuant to Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991 S.96

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The specific provision(s) of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is: THE COASTAL Please specify the provision/section number: PROVISIONS OF THE PNRP AS A WHOLE

My submission on this provision is: I support the provision I oppose the provision I wish to have the specific provision amended

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Reasons for my submission: SEE SUBMISSION ENCLOSED

I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): SEE SUBMISSION ENCLOSED

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Signature: CHRISTOPHER BUTLER Date: 21 September 2015 Person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission. NB. Not required if making an electronic submission



## **Attachment to the Submission of Christopher Butler**

**The specific provisions of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP) that this submission relates to are:**

The Coastal Provisions of the PNRP.

### **Submission on the Provisions**

Oppose and seek amendment.

### **Reasons for the Submission**

The Coastal Provisions of the PNRP do not adequately address and enable coastal hazard mitigation (including protection) measures, in particular for areas of significant existing development.

Such measures should be provided for as permitted or controlled activities. Where resource consent is required, there should be provisions in the objectives and policies that would enable consent to be obtained, not simply provisions that would hinder it.

The PNRP should make clear that hazard identification/risk assessment is an objective process and that scientific or expert reports need to be evidence based and neutral rather than policy-based and precautionary. Reports should cover not only forecasts but also their uncertainties, and enable submitters to participate in an informed way.

I have been informed that the PNRP may not be in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991, insofar as appropriate s 32 RMA evaluations and reports have not been undertaken, and that it may also fail to give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 and the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region.

### **Decision sought:**

Revise the PNRP to address and enable coastal hazard mitigation (including protection) activities in the coastal marine area and other relevant areas, including rivers and streams, especially for areas of significant existing development.

Include rules, objectives and policies that recognise the importance and benefits of coastal hazard mitigation (including protection) activities, especially in areas of significant existing development, and support the right of communities to integrate effectively with their environment.



Include provisions that, if a resource consent is required, provide grounds for consents being obtained, not simply provisions that would hinder consents being granted.

Provide for appropriate coastal hazard mitigation (including protection) activities to be permitted or controlled activities and ensure that none is (or could become due to other rules) a non-complying or prohibited activity. .

Revise the PNRP to clarify that hazard identification/risk assessment needs to be an objective process.

Ensure that the provisions of the PNRP comply with the Resource Management Act 1991, and give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 and the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region.

Undertake RMA s 32 evaluations and prepare revised s 32 reports, including in relation to the implications of the PNRP for coastal hazard mitigation (including protection) activities.

**This submission supports in principle that of Coastal Ratepayers United**

