

Proposed Natural Resources Plan:

Submitter:

Lowry Bay Yacht Club

Submitter Number:

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Electronic communication

Wellington Regional Council has a preference for providing information about the Proposed Natural Resources Plan via email. We will send you updates on the process, information and provide you with details of any meetings and the hearing. Please tick here if you do not agree to receive communication via email.

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Trade competition

I/we **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. [Go straight to **Your Submission**]

I/we **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
 If you **could** gain an advantage please complete one of the following:

I/we **are** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of my submission that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

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Your submission

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

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	Reasons for my submission: →	Our club (in conjunction with Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club) wishes to place moorings for casual use that are outside of the designated mooring areas. These are not intended to be for the permanent mooring of vessels but are for casual, "social" use by Club members to encourage more recreational boating on the Harbour. Our clubs previously laid moorings like this in the 1990s and we wish to place and maintain new morings to give our newer members an opportunity to visit various parts of the harbour and be able to safely and securely moor their vessel for a short period of time. These moorings have not in the past restricted public access to the water and in fact have enhanced it so we are unsure why public notification would

		be required. The moorings are constructed to a standard that would make them suitable for a vessel in trouble to use as a point of safety, either by themselves or if placed there by emergency services. We have attached letters of support from the NZ Police and the Coastguard. Public notification of a consent for this purpose would push the costs significantly beyond our Club resources and make this type of activity prohibitively expensive and for no environmental or social benefit.
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	We ask that the Public Notification requirement is removed from Rule 181. The decision as to whether it should be publically notified or not should be assessed on a case by case basis.

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If you have more submissions you wish to make, please find more boxes at the bottom of this document

Attendance and wish to be heard at hearing(s)

- I/We do wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
[Note: This means that you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing(s).]
- I/We do not wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
[Note: This means that you cannot speak at the hearing. However, you will still retain your right to appeal any decision made by the Wellington Regional Council to the Environment Court.]
- If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

[Person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission. NB. Not required if making an electronic submission]

Publication of details

Wellington Regional Council is legally required to notify a summary of submissions, including your name and address for service as provided on this submission form. Your name and address are included so that a person making a further submission is able to serve you with a copy of it.

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8 June 2015

Gareth Edwards
Commodore
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PO Box 30533
Lower Hutt 5040

Dear Gareth

RE: PROPOSED MOORINGS IN WELLINGTON HARBOUR

The Management Committee of Coastguard Wellington would like to offer our support with your proposal of laying new, robust moorings in Wellington Harbour. Not only will these moorings supply your club members with secure facilities, Coastguard also see these as ideal safe moorings for boats we often tow in inclement weather. The proposed positions you have indicated would mean regardless of there being a northerly or a southerly, we could get boats to a safe, sheltered mooring.

We wish you well in your funding application, and we look forward to being able to use these moorings in the near future.

Yours sincerely



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President
Coastguard Wellington
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10th June 2015

Lowry Bay Yacht Club
Seaview Marina
Lower Hutt
Wellington

Dear Gareth,

I write in reply to your letter dated the 3rd June 2015.

We are in support of the moorings that were laid at North end Somes Island, South end Somes Island, Kau Bay and Scorching Bay.

When they were still in service we used them on occasions where we had multiple SAR incidents in the harbour. For example, we would place a vessel that was being towed to safety and put them on to a mooring when another, more urgent, job would come in and then return or arrange for that vessel to be dealt with some other way.

The moorings were very good for all boat users of the harbour, providing a safe place for those that weren't experienced in anchoring to moor instead and not become a risk by dragging an anchor.

The moorings provided recreational and some commercial vessels a place to relax and enjoy our harbour any weather conditions. We ourselves would use the moorings to place the Launch in position where we could respond to any situation that might occur on the harbour or south coast.

In conclusion we support any proposed reinstatement of the moorings.

Yours Sincerely

David Houston
Senior Sergeant
Wellington Police Maritime Unit.

