



Whangarei District Council gives notice that it has prepared the following proposed plan change to the Whangarei District Plan:

Plan Change PC110 – Noise and Vibration: Plan Change 110 proposes to introduce a new chapter with objectives, policies, rules and new definitions for noise and vibration at a District Wide level. It encompasses a number of consequential changes and deletions to existing provisions in the District Plan. The provisions are based on a technical report and recommendations from Council's Noise Consultant. They are designed to make the District Plan's noise and vibration provisions consistent with best practice, and to maintain noise and vibration levels that uphold the health and safety of people and communities, and the amenity values of the Environment in which they are located. Key features of the plan change are:

- Updates to noise standards and terminology to align with best practice.
- Changes to noise limits for the Living 1, 2, 3, Countryside, Coastal Countryside, Urban Transition and Open Space Environments.
- Changes to the night time noise limits in Business 1, 2, 3 and Town Basin Environments.
- Incorporate a sound insulation requirement for bedrooms in residential units within the Business 1, 2, 3 and Town Basin Environments.
- Establish different noise limits for interface areas between Business and Living Environments.
- Introduction of noise provisions for specific activities that are currently not adequately provided for in the District Plan.
- Reference to the following documents currently not included in the District Plan: NZS 6801: 2008 "*Acoustics – Measurement of Environmental Sound*"; NZS 6802: 2008 "*Acoustics – Environmental Noise*"; NZS 6806: 2010 "*Acoustics – Road Traffic Noise – new and altered roads* and; NZS 6808: 2010 "*Acoustics – Wind Farm Noise*".

Pursuant to Section 86B of the Resource Management Act 1991, Whangarei District Council has resolved that all the rules in Plan Change 110 shall have legal effect only once the proposed plan change becomes operative in accordance with Clause 20 of Schedule 1 to the RMA Act.

Public Inspection

The proposal may be inspected at: Whangarei District Council Service Centres at Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei; Ruakaka Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka; Whangarei Central Library, Rust Avenue, Whangarei; Kamo Library, Kamo Road, Kamo; Onerahi Library, Commins Road, Onerahi; Tikipunga Library, Paramount Parade, Tikipunga; and on Council's website at

www.wdc.govt.nz/districtplan

Please contact Council's Policy and Monitoring Department if you have any questions about the proposal.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on the proposal. The submission must be in Form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of this form are available from Whangarei District Council. Your written submission must be sent to:

Whangarei District Council
Private Bag 9023
WHANGAREI 0148
Attention: Policy and Monitoring Department
Fax: (09) 438 7632

Delivered to Whangarei District Council Offices, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei or emailed to mailroom@wdc.govt.nz.

Submissions close at 4pm on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

Public Participation Process

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- after the closing date for submissions, Whangarei District Council must prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary must be publicly notified
- there must be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held
- Whangarei District Council must give its decision on the proposal (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions)
- any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court.

This notice is given pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

16 December The Leader