

Section 293 of the Resource Management Act 1991 – Appeal from Northport Ltd

As part of the Urban and Services Plan Changes to the Whangarei District Plan, an appeal by Northport Ltd (Northport) seeks that new controls be included in the District Plan to:

- Amend the permitted noise levels that may be emitted from the Port Zone .
- If permitted noise levels are reached, require new and altered “noise sensitive activities” in certain areas of Marsden Point and Whangārei Heads/Reotahi, in proximity to the port, to be sound insulated. (Noise sensitive activities include residential units, marae, and education facilities).
- Require the port operator to offer noise mitigation (for example insulation or heat pumps) to existing residential units if the levels of noise from the port reach certain levels (with no time limit to accept the offer).

The inset map identifies areas where the proposed controls would apply based on the proposed Inner and Outer Control Boundaries (which is fewer properties than indicated on the map attached to Northport’s original submission on the Plan Changes).

The Council and Northport requested and received an order from the Environment Court that Northport’s appeal be notified pursuant to section 293 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to provide opportunity for further consultation with people who have an interest greater than the general public or who are directly affected by the proposed controls.

The Council and Northport have prepared a consultation package which includes the appeal and further information. The consultation package is available for viewing on the Council’s website at: <https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Services/Property/Planning/District-Plan-changes/Current-plan-changes/PC-Urban-and-Services> and at Whangarei District Council Service Centres at Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei; Ruakaka Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka and Whangarei Central Library, Rust Avenue, Whangarei.

If you have any questions about the consultation package, please contact Sarah Brownie from Council’s District Plan Department at 09 430 4200, or Greg Blomfield on behalf of Northport at 09 432 5014.

Any person who has an interest greater than the general public or who is directly affected may give notice to the Environment Court under section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991 that they wish to be a party to the appeal.

Section 274 notices can be lodged with the Environment Court until 4pm, 1 April 2021.

After the closing date, discussions or mediation between all interested parties will be scheduled.

This notice is given pursuant to section 293 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Proposed Inner Control Boundary and Outer Control Boundary in Northport's Appeal