

Public Notice of Proposed Plan Change

Clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Proposed Plan Change 47

Matamata-Piako District Council has prepared a proposed plan change to the Matamata-Piako District Plan.

Proposed Plan Change 47 looks at the planning controls and the extent of zoning for Matamata, Morrinsville and Te Aroha. Council needs to ensure that the right amount of land is zoned for housing and to accommodate new business or industrial activities.

The plan change may be viewed at any Council office or library, or online at www.mpdc.govt.nz/plan-your-town.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission. However, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the plan change that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Matamata-Piako District Council itself may also make a submission.

You may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to the Matamata-Piako District Council. The submission must be made using (prescribed form) Form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard. Copies of this form are available at www.mpdc.govt.nz/plan-your-town or at any Council office or library. Submissions can be returned to PO Box 266, Te Aroha 3342 or emailed to submissions@mpdc.govt.nz.

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 16 December 2016.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the plan change under the Resource Management Act 1991 is as follows:

• After the closing date for submission, Matamata-Piako District Council must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where the summary and submissions can be inspected.

• There must be an opportunity for the following persons to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:

- Any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest.

- Any person who has an interest in the plan change greater than the general public has.

- Matamata-Piako District Council itself.

- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held.

• Matamata-Piako District Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within two years of notifying the plan change and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time.

- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the plan change to the Environment Court if, in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the plan change.

Please contact Mark Hamilton at mhamilton@mpdc.govt.nz or phone 07 884 0060 if you have any questions about the plan change.

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