



# Proposed District Plan submission form

Clause 6 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 199.

Feel free to add more pages to your submission to provide a fuller response.

To: Central Hawke's Bay District Council			
<b>1. Submitter details</b>			
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<b>2. This is a submission on the Proposed District Plan for Central Hawke's Bay</b>			
3. <input type="checkbox"/> I could <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I could not – gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission <i>(Please tick relevant box)</i>			
<i>If you could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission please complete point 4 below:</i>			
4. <input type="checkbox"/> I am <input type="checkbox"/> I am not – directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:			
(a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition. <i>(Please tick relevant box if applicable)</i>			
<i>Note: If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.</i>			
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish <input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish – to be heard in support of my submission in person <i>(Please tick relevant box)</i>			
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I will <input type="checkbox"/> I will not – consider presenting a joint case with other submitters, who make a similar submission, at a hearing. <i>(Please tick relevant box)</i>			
7. Do you wish to present your submission via Zoom? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
8. Please complete section below <i>(insert additional boxes per provision you are submitting on)</i>			
The specific provision of the plan that my submission relates to:			
<b>I do not support the proposed policy in the ONF chapter:</b>			
<i>"To recognise the regional social and economic significance of water storage within ONF-4 (Mākāroro Gorge)."</i>			



Do you:  Support  Oppose  Amend *(Please tick relevant box)*

What decision are you seeking from Council?

**I petition Council to expunge this policy from the proposed District Plan.**

**I further petition Council to desist from any further involvement, promotion, or pecuniary support for water storage, euphemistically referred to in recent times as 'water security'. This is a private sector concern for local agri-business to address. It is not core Council business, nor a matter that should consume any more ratepayer money or resources and which, in consequence, causes unnecessary division within the Central Hawkes Bay community.**

Reasons:

**As contained in submission**

Please note: All submissions will be treated as public documents and will be made available on Council's website. However, you may request that your contact details (but not your name) be withheld. If you want your contact details withheld, please let us know by ticking this box.



## **SUBMISSION**

Central Hawkes Bay District Council: Proposed District Plan

Dr Trevor Le Lievre

6 August 2021

**I do not support the proposed policy in the ONF chapter:**

*“To recognise the regional social and economic significance of water storage within ONF-4 (Mākāroro Gorge).”*

It is not apparent upon what basis this policy has been arrived at:

1. What is the “regional social and economic significance” of water storage within this catchment – this is not quantified?
2. Why support water storage within this catchment, and not others (this appears to simply be a Trojan Horse for monetising the Intellectual Property and consents for the Ruataniwha dam)?
3. Has any work been done, or existing reports consulted, by Council to quantify the conservation values in the Mākāroro Gorge, and further upstream in the Ruahine park conservation estate (i.e. a water storage project in this catchment would have adverse impacts on the environment, which do not appear to have been considered)?
4. Why have Council not included recognition of “environmental significance” in this policy proposal (i.e. it is possible that (i) there are no environmental benefits, and/or (ii) Council do not value the environment alongside social and economic values)?
5. Can Council confirm that a water storage project in this catchment would be consistent with the Resource Management Act (this seems improbable)?

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I wish to speak to this submission, and would appreciate it if Council could prepare answers to the above questions, and forward the same, prior to the date of submissions.

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Dr Trevor Le Lievre