

Proposed New Plymouth District Plan - Summary

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The Proposed New Plymouth District Plan was notified in September 2019. Hearings of submissions are being held July 2021 to May 2022.

The notified version of the Proposed New Plymouth District Plan can be found here: <https://proposeddistrictplan.npdc.govt.nz/>

About the Proposed New Plymouth District Plan

- **Part 1** includes definitions chapter under 'Interpretation' chapter.
- **Part 2** includes the chapters that apply District Wide - such as Strategic Direction, Overlays e.g. natural hazards, SASM, outstanding natural features, Earthworks, light, noise rules, Subdivision
- **Part 3** is Area-Specific matters, this includes the zone chapters (e.g. Rural Production Zone).
- **Planning maps** spatially define zones, areas, overlays and features referred to within the District Plan chapters.

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Provision/topic	Summary key points in HortNZ's submission
Rural Production Zone (RPROZ)/ providing for rural production	<p>The Proposed District Plan has a 'RPROZ - Rural Production Zone' and 'RLZ - Rural Lifestyle Zone' - these chapters set out the rules for activities in these areas.</p> <p><u>HortNZ's submission</u></p> <p>HortNZ sought that the definition of 'Agricultural, Pastoral and Horticultural Activities' be amended to ensure it includes greenhouses.</p> <p>HortNZ's submission support the recognition that the continued and efficient operation of rural activities in the Rural Production Zone, form part of the rural character and amenity.</p> <p>However, sought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That the plan include a definition, and rules that provide for 'Artificial Crop Protection Structures' (i.e the netting structures that are used to protect crops) in the rural zone.• Deletion of the gross floor area control for buildings associated Agricultural, Pastoral and Horticultural Activities
Earthworks (EW)	<p>The proposed NPDP includes earthworks rules - these are found in the 'EW - Earthworks' chapter in the General District Wide Matters chapter in Part 2.</p>

	<p><u>HortNZ's submission</u></p> <p>HortNZ's submission sought that 'ancillary rural earthworks' - a term used to define 'everyday farming earthworks' be provided for in the rural zone, as separate to the general earthwork rules (which specify depth, fill height standards for example).</p> <p>As well as seeking a permitted activity rule for earthworks required as part a biosecurity response.</p>
Protecting highly productive land and managing reverse sensitivity	<p>HortNZ supports the direction on the proposed plan around recognition of the need to protect and maintain 'productive, versatile land' and the need to manage potential reverse sensitivity effects, particularly in the rural zone.</p> <p>HortNZ's submissions seeks a few changes relating to ensure this direction is carried throughout the plan.</p>