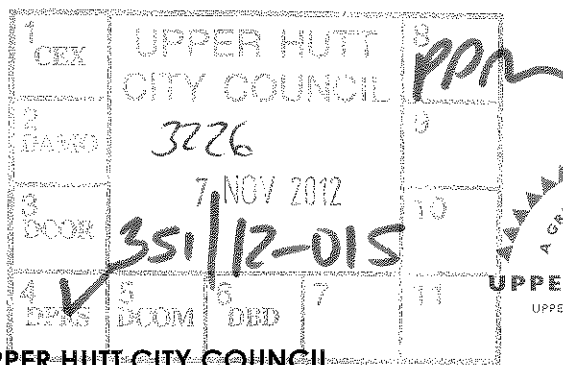


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SUBMISSION FORM (FORM 5)



**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE TO THE UPPER HUTT CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT PLAN: PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 15 – FLOOD AND EROSION
HAZARD AREAS**

To: Upper Hutt City Council

Submission on Proposed Plan Change No. 15 to the Upper Hutt City Council District Plan

Submissions can be:

File Number: 351/12/015
 Submission Number:
 (for office use only)

Delivered to: Level 2 Reception, Civic Administration Building, 838-842 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt
 Posted to: Proposed Plan Change No. 15, Upper Hutt City Council, Private Bag 907, Upper Hutt
 Faxed to: (04) 528 2652
 Emailed to: askus@uhcc.govt.nz

The closing date for submissions is Friday 9th November 2012 at 5pm

DETAILS OF SUBMITTER

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Agent acting for submitter (if applicable)		
Address for service (if different from above)		
Contact phone/fax number	Daytime Telephone:04 5268675 0274545443	Fax:N/A
I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission (Please tick one)	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only answer this question if you ticked YES: I am / am not (select one) 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.		

DETAILS OF SUBMISSION

The specific provisions of the proposed Plan Change that my submission relates to are as follows:

The dramatic increase of river flow rates for the Hutt River that move from 1-100 year event to 1-440 year event as a bases for deciding River Corridors, Overflow Paths, Ponding Areas and Erosion Hazards.

My submission is that:

I have been the Gratton Farm Forestry property owner since 1971 when local administration was by the Hutt County Council.

This is a 200Ha property with long frontages to the Akatarawa River, which at times flood, so living and coping with the river is something we are used to.

While our property is not directly affected there are a number of issues we would comment on.

- 1 Our access is from 6A Bridge Road which is affected by changes in the flood ponding and erosion hazard maps affecting properties down the Road.

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Those properties were built complying with relevant building codes placing them above flood zones in force at the time.

It is one thing to have guidelines for a 100 year flood but any changes to increase that flood event height must be seen as fair and reasonable and achievable to implement.

To go from 372 cumec to 2300, ie 3000 year flood event is not fair to those property owners.

In the 40 odd years of my experience here, we have experienced a 75 year flood event in either the Akatarawa or the Hutt Rivers. So a 100 year event has not been experienced in this region in my time. Any changes to the flood level height at the Upper Hutt twin bridges area will be magnified at the Lower Hutt River end.

If changes are necessary then increase the 100 year guideline to 150 year level, this seems a compromise level that can be accepted rather than a 3000 year event which no living person can remember.

- 3 The maps Urban Planning Map 1 and 2, Urban Hazard Map 1 and 2, Rural Planning Map 19 and Rural Hazard Map 19 seem to have an incorrect alignment for the Akatarawa River. This has been brought to the Councils attention in the past.
- 4 We also note a paper road coming on to our property which has been long closed but which the Council still has on the maps. Could this be corrected?

Section 23 – Rules for Earthworks and Vegetation Clearance.

Farmers and Foresters have a relationship with the land which at times needs the ability to have farming/forestry as a permitted activity.

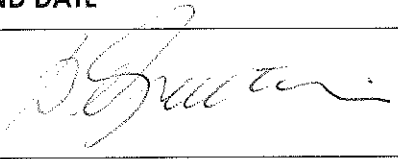
Enabling the farmer to maintain tracks and access roads from rain damage quickly, and to cut back encroaching vegetation, while also giving the farmer the ability to cut the back paddock from encroaching manuka, and tahwinau.

I seek the following decision from the local authority:

(Please give precise details and use additional sheets if necessary)

Please indicate whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission (Tick appropriate box)	I do wish to be heard in support of my submission	x
	I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission	
Please indicate whether you wish to make a joint case at the hearing if others make a similar submission (Tick appropriate box)	I do wish to make a joint case	x
	I do not wish to make a joint case	

SIGNATURE AND DATE



Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission
2 November 2012

Date 6. 10. 2012

(Note: A signature is not required if you are making your submission by electronic means)

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