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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 23 – CENTRAL AREA NOISE  
INSULATION RULES**

WELLINGTON CITY DISTRICT PLAN  
*Clause 5 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991*

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The Wellington City Council has prepared the following proposed change to the Wellington City District Plan:  
Proposed District Plan Change 23 – Central Area Noise Insulation Rules.

The purpose of Proposed District Plan Change 23 is to introduce a re-worked rule (following the withdrawal of Proposed District Plan Change 16) to the Central Area requiring new buildings and conversions of existing buildings for noise sensitive activities to be protected against external noise. To achieve this, the Plan Change:

- € defines “noise sensitive activities” to include residential activities, accommodation activities and childcare centres;
- € requires habitable rooms in buildings used by noise sensitive activities to be acoustically insulated (and in some cases mechanically ventilated) in accordance with the performance standard;
- € provides criteria for the evaluation of noise sensitive activities as a discretionary restricted activity if the proposed development does not meet the permitted performance standard.

The Plan Change also proposes to amend the existing acoustic insulation requirements for the Te Ara Haukawakawa Precinct (the rail-yards site) within the Central Area to be consistent with the new performance standard as proposed above.

Details of Proposed District Plan Change 23 may be inspected at:

- € **Wellington City Council Service Centre, 101 Wakefield Street**
- € **ECBU Tawa, 5 Cambridge Street**
- € **Wellington Central Library, 65 Victoria Street**
- € **All suburban branch libraries**
- € **[www.wcc.govt.nz](http://www.wcc.govt.nz)**

Any person may make a submission on this Proposed District Plan Change. You may do so by sending a written submission to the Wellington City Council using one of the options outlined below:

- Posted to:** District Plan Team, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington  
**Delivered to:** Ground Floor Reception, Council Offices, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington or ECBU Tawa, 5 Cambridge Street, Tawa  
**Faxed to:** 801 3231 (if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses)

The submission must be in form 5 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003 or similar, and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Submissions close at **5pm on Monday 22 September 2003**. Copies of this form are available from the above locations or will be mailed to you if you phone 499 4444, or email [aruna.bhikha@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:aruna.bhikha@wcc.govt.nz).

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

- € after the closing date for submissions, the Council will prepare a summary of the submissions and this summary must be publicly notified; and
- € there will be an opportunity to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made; and
- € if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and

- € the Council will give its decision on the Proposed Plan change (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions); and
- € any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the proposed plan change to the Environment Court.

**Garry Poole**  
**Chief Executive Wellington City Council**

**Date 23/8/03**

**For further information please telephone Paul Kos on 801 3820.**

***THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 5PM ON MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2003***