

Submission on the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan



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3. Council Hearing

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? Yes No

If you answered 'Yes' to being heard, would you be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with others who have made a similar submission? Yes No

4. Return Submission to:

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5. The specific parts of the Proposed Plan (Volume, Chapter and Provision No.) the submission relates to are as follows:

see attached

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6. My submission is: *(state the nature of your submission whether you support or oppose (in full or in part) specific provisions)*

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7. The decision I seek from Council is: *(where amendments are sought, provide details of what changes you would like to see)*

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Overview

The Blenheim Residents and Ratepayers Association (BRRRA) expresses an interest to Council on the current Marlborough Environment Plan (MEP) consultation process. Consultation with our members and meeting attendees resulted in the decision by BRRRA to submit to Council on three salient points in relation to the proposed MEP:

- Environmentally Sound Burning Practices (including fireplaces)
- Green Waste Disposal
- Industrial Air Pollution

We have included further information below.

Environmentally Sound Burning Practices

BRRRA is supportive of Council providing further education to the community on safe and sustainable burning practices, particularly in relation to the burning of wood. Scientific data shows it is cleaner and more environmentally friendly for the planet for dry wood to be burnt, rather than wet wood.

BRRRA understands Council plans to crack down on older style and open fireplaces in Marlborough homes. Whilst we have no position at this time on that proposal, we would ask Council to consider the impact of such a policy change on low/middle income families who rely on their fireplace to keep their family warm during the cooler months.

Green Waste Disposal

BRRRA understands that many in the community burn their green waste on the basis of convenience and the prohibitive cost of dumping it at Council's landfill facility. In this regard, we would encourage Council to look at options to improve the affordable access to a green waste disposal facility in Marlborough.

BRRRA also understands that green waste is often burnt on properties around the boundary of the Blenheim town zone. Such burning creates large amounts of smoke, often drifting through and across the Blenheim area. We would encourage Council to look at imposing restrictions on burning of green waste around the Blenheim area, in an effort to reduce air pollution.

Industrial Air Pollution

Whilst BRRRA accepts that industrial air pollution is a matter generally considered through the resource consent process, we would ask Council to consider further restrictions on the pollution done in the region by industry. The proposed MEP calls for restrictions on particular fireplaces for residential users and we would expect similar expectations be placed on industry.

Summary

In summary, BRRRA urges Council to:

- Increase the provision of education in relation to environmentally sound burning practices in Marlborough
- Consider the impact of restricting the use of certain fireplaces on low/middle income families, and how Council might support a transition to cleaner energy solutions
- Consider options that improve the affordable access to green waste disposal facilities in Marlborough
- Consider restrictions of green waste burning on the outskirts of Blenheim
- Consider tightening restrictions on industry

Further Information

For further information on this submission on the proposed Marlborough Environment Plan, please contact:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit.