

Form 5 Submission on notified proposal for policy statement or plan,  
change or variation

*Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991*

**To:** Whakatāne District Council

**Name of submitter:** *Matata Residents Association*

**This is a submission on the following change proposed to the plan:**

*Whakatāne District Plan - Plan Change 1: Awatarariki Fanhead, Matatā*

**Trade Competition**

*I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.*

**The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:**

*All of plan change 1*

**My submission is:**

- *We the Matata Residents Association oppose the plan change*
- *We the Residents Assc. want plan change 1 to be put aside until alternative engineering solutions are fully investigated.*

**I seek the following decision from the local authority:**

*We believe that a combination of engineering mitigation, partnered with connected early warning systems would enable the majority of Awatarariki residents to stay where they are*

*We request that the Whakatane District Council fully investigate a combination of bunding on the Awatarariki Stream coupled with an early warning system including rainfall gauges instruments and ground moisture content monitors.*

*The bunding would be on the properties of those who have indicated that they wish to be paid out and leave. This would only require a buyout of 3 houses (#5 and #8 Clem Elliot, #96 Arawa St and 1 section (#4 Clem Elliot st}) and the swapping of houses of those those Living in # 3 Clem Elliot St To #8 Clem Elliot St thus taking ownership of #3.*

*This will allow room to create the bunding required, using the material at no cost, that is still sitting in heaps that were never cleaned up after the debris flow.*

*The early warning system could be connected to alarms in the individual houses to notify residents of impending danger and the need to self-evacuate, Thus making the area safe to live in for the majority of those now living in the Awatarariki area*

**Hearing submissions**

*I wish to be heard in support of my submission.*

*If others make a similar submission, I will not\* consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.*

Signature of submitter *Gavin Dennis*

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### **Note to person making submission**

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.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.