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Via email to districtplanreview@napier.govt.nz

District Plan Review - Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity sections of the District Plan Review. We reserve the right to participate in further consultation regarding the District Plan Review.

We support the inclusion of Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and the goal to increase indigenous vegetation cover to 10% in accordance with the proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. We also support the inclusion of local SNAs as a method of protecting an increasing indigenous vegetation cover. These provisions will align with Objective 15 of the Hawke's Bay Regional Policy Statement.

In drafting the ecosystem and indigenous biodiversity sections of the Draft District Plan, we urge you to also consider:

- Aligning the increase in vegetation cover with the Regional Council ecosystem prioritisation where possible
- How pest control may be incorporated to bring additional benefits for indigenous fauna.

If you have any questions regarding this feedback, please direct them to Ellen Robotham via email to ellen.robotham@hbrc.govt.nz.

Thank you again for the opportunity and we look forward to working with you further through the District Plan Review process.

Yours sincerely

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