

### SUBMISSION FORM 5

Submission on Private Plan Change 8 to the Hastings District Plan –  
Hawke’s Bay Regional Council

Submissions can be:

- Electronic:** [www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz](http://www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz)
- Posted to:** Plan Change 8, Environmental Policy Manager, Hastings District Council, Private Bag 9002, Hastings 4156
- Delivered to:** Civic Administration building, Lyndon Road East, Hastings
- Emailed to:** [policyteam@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:policyteam@hdc.govt.nz)

**We need to receive your submission by 5pm, Friday 3 October 2025**

**1. Your details:**

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**2. The specific parts of Plan Change 8 that my submission relates to are: (Give Details).**

HBRC Earthworks Exemption

**3. My submission is that:**

*(State the nature of your submission, clearly indicating whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons. Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).*

We support the proposed planz change to allow HBRC to carry out earthworks for flood protection in principle - please see attached.

**4. I/We seek the following decision:** (Please give precise details, this section must be completed to ensure a valid submission).

That the proposed plan change is approved to allow HBRC to carry out flood protection works efficiently but that safeguards are in place so that works do not cause unnecessary disruption to the natural habitat. For example; targeted and small scale excavation timed carefully to minimise disruption to ecosystems, proactive, regular maintenance, and responsible placement of spoil to prevent contamination of other habitats.

(see attachment)

**5. Please indicate whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission:**

I wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission; or

I do not wish to speak at the Hearing in support of my submission.

**6. Please indicate if you wish to make a joint case:**

If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you would consider presenting a joint case with them at the Hearing.

**7. Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission**

*(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means).*

f. J. Rae

**Date:** 5 / 19 / 25

If you have used extra sheets for this submission, please attach them to this form and indicate this below:

Yes, I have attached extra sheets

No, I have not attached extra sheets

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We support the proposed plan change to allow HBRC to carry out earthworks for river control and drainage, without needing a resource consent, in principle.

Our property neighbours the small lagoon on Grange Road South (number 20) which essentially is the final catchment point for Haumoana's increasing wastewater runoff. This lagoon suffers the back flow of water when the Haumoana Pump Station cannot keep up. Our property was severely affected in Cyclone Gabrielle.

We recently advocated for maintenance to be carried out on this waterway (funded through our rates) – which had not been done for years. The excavation of the lagoon/pond last year to remove debris/raupo and minimize flooding was extremely successful. It prevented flooding onto our property in subsequent heavy rain events, and improved water quality. We are grateful this work was finally undertaken but we stress the need for regular, ongoing maintenance to ensure flood resilience.

This is not just an issue for our family – it is clear from Cyclone Gabrielle that flood resilience is necessary and urgent for the wider Haumoana community. We therefore strongly support HBRC being enabled to carry out these works efficiently.

At the same time, we ask that Council ensures robust safeguards are in place so that flood protection works do not cause unnecessary disruption to the natural environment. In particular we support:

- Targeted and small-scale excavation, timed carefully (e.g outside breeding seasons for fish and birds) to minimize disruption to ecosystems
- Proactive, regular maintenance carried out at appropriate intervals to prevent blockages, rather than infrequent large-scale works
- Responsible placement of spoil, above flood levels and away from sensitive habitats

We want to reinforce the importance of these measures to ensure this plan change delivers the best possible outcomes for both flood protection and the natural environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and for the hard work being done by Council staff on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jamie and Matt Rae