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Hi Josie

After my presentation yesterday afternoon, it occurred to me that I didn't fully explain why Porirua City Council believes Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Porirua District Plan addresses the intent of the NPS, albeit that the Council disagrees with the actual details in Policy 5 of the Proposed NPS (- a question from Dr Somerville).

I believe I explained the Council's view on Policies 3 and 4 adequately (i.e. the Policy 3 has too narrow-a-focus with undue focus on one narrowly defined benefit (being reversibility), and Policy 4 should not be a mandatory requirement where local authorities have identified relevant renewable electricity generation issues through an plan change already).

In regard to Policy 5 in particular, Proposed Plan Change 7 provides for small scale domestic wind turbines up to 5kW in size and a maximum of 20kW (i.e. 4 x 5kW turbines) as a permitted activity through exclusion of these from the definition of "Wind farm" in Proposed Plan Change 7. Such wind turbines are a permitted activity if they comply with relevant permitted activity conditions. This allows for a certain level of renewable generation from wind turbines on a domestic scale with a minimum of restraint.

The Council considers that wind turbines which are larger than this should be assessed under wind farm provisions in Proposed Plan Change 7, as either a discretionary activity or non-complying activity (if they don't meet the discretionary activity standard). The 4MW size in the definition of small scale facilities in the Proposed NPS is not appropriate for Porirua given the physical context of the district and the pattern of settlement.

Hopefully this provides some additional clarification for the Board of Inquiry should they feel that they need it.

Kind Regards

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