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**Subject:** Proposed Plan Change 64 Submitted

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Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission?: No

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter that: a) Adversely affects the environment; and b) Does not relate to trade competition or the effect of trade competition: Yes

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are as follows (please give details): 6. Consequential amendment to the Explanation for the Rural Zone and Nodal Areas in Section 4 of the District Plan to remove reference to kennels as a non-complying activity in the Nodal Areas.

I wish to oppose the specific provision to remove reference to kennels as a non-complying activity in the Nodal Areas, or, alternatively, specifically to that Nodal Area which is within 1km of Pohangina Hall. I live in the Pohangina Nodal Area. There are already quite a few dogs in this Nodal Area, and the number of barking and aggressive dogs is increasing. This means that when locals are out and about - for instance going for a walk around what we call the "big block" (the loop consisting of Pohangina, Kuku and Finnis Roads) or the "short block" (the loop consisting of Finnis & Pohangina Roads plus Ruru & Kiwi Streets) currently involves being barked at by quite a number of dogs aggressively rushing up to their fences at pedestrians. Quite a lot of locals, including myself, frequently walk these routes. This creates stress and fear of attacks and intimidation by dogs. This is worsened by the increasing number of dog owners taking their unrestrained dogs for a walk around the Nodal Area, so that pedestrian members of the public using both streets/roads and public facilities (including but not limited to the Pohangina School Reserve, Domain with its picnic tables and carpark, Pohangina Hall, Pohangina Cemetery, County Fayre, Libray & Civil Defence Centre, Community/Methodist Church, Wetlands, Branch Road Walkway, etc) are also increasingly subjected to being approached by unrestrained dogs and an increasing fear, stress and intimidation by dogs. Dog owners who take these dogs walking in the Pohangina Nodal Area are not restricted to people who live in the Pohangina Nodal Area. Rather it includes quite alot of people who drive to Pohangina Nodal Area

My submission is that (Summarise the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons):

specifically to walk their dogs around this Nodal Area because they perceive it to be an appropriate environment to walk their dogs - because there are restrictions on walking dogs in DoC and Totara Reserve walkways, and some dog owners often live on smallish properties - too small to exercise their dogs on their own property - along narrow, winding country roads or 100 kph roads such as Pohangina Road, Pohangina Valley East Road, Valley Road etc, which are neither pleasant nor safe for dog-walking, and these dog owners will drive considerable distances to come and walk their dogs in Pohangina Nodal Area, usually unrestrained and without doggy-do bags. As a consequence the sheer number of dogs in Pohangina Nodal Area in public streets and amenities is already disproportional to the number of dogs living here. Local dogs behind fences and gates rush up and bark aggressively as each of these other dogs and their owners pass by. The effect is dangerous, stressful and intimidating to all those in hearing range who live here. Locals have been discussing these worsening dog problems for some time now with each other. Some residents have ceased the enjoyable past-time of walking around the Nodal Area for fear of encountering and being rushed at by dogs both unrestrained and restrained behind fences and gates and on the streets, roads and public amenities. These include parents and care-givers of babies and small children who live here who choose no longer to walk their little ones or take their prams and strollers around, and adults who have simply had enough of the fear and intimidation, and the anxiety experienced. Even on Branch Road Walkway off Kuku Road, which is clearly signed "No Dogs", some dog-owners regard it as their right to take their unrestrained dogs, which is also stressful and intimidating to walkers enjoying this very pleasant amenity. I have read much of the documentation about this proposal to remove the reference to "kennels" as a non-complying activity in the Nodal Areas, and yet I cannot find any reasoned arguments for doing so as part of this Proposed Plan Change 64. The Pohangina Nodal Area doesn't need any more dogs than it already has, whether in kennels or not, and whether "boarding, breeding and training" or any other kind of kennels or dog ownership. I don't have any other objection to the Proposed Plan Change 64, but I do strongly disagree with removing reference to kennels as a non-complying activity in the Nodal Area within 1km of Pohangina Hall (and quite probably all the Nodal Areas in Manawatu District Council, though I can only speak for my own experience here in Pohangina).

Remove the following Specific change from Plan Change 64 "6. Consequential amendment to the Explanation for the Rural Zone and Nodal Areas in Section 4 of the District Plan to remove reference to kennels as a non-complying activity in the Nodal Areas"

I/we seek the following decision from the Manawatu District Council (give precise details):

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission:

Yes

If others make a similar submission, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing?:

Yes