

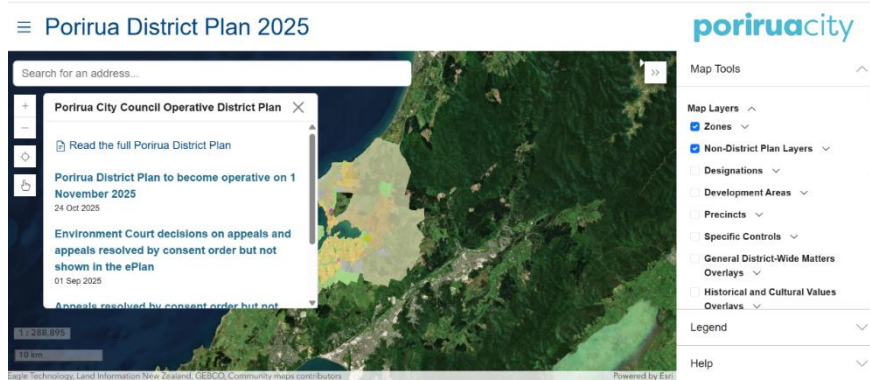
A quick guide to navigating the District Plan eplan

Go to the Porirua City website and open the page on the District Plan

<https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/city-planning-and-reporting/district-plan/district-plan-2025/>

You will be asked to agree to Terms & Conditions.

Clicking OK will open a screen containing a map of Porirua.



Type your address into the box at the top left. As you begin to type it will fill in the address options.

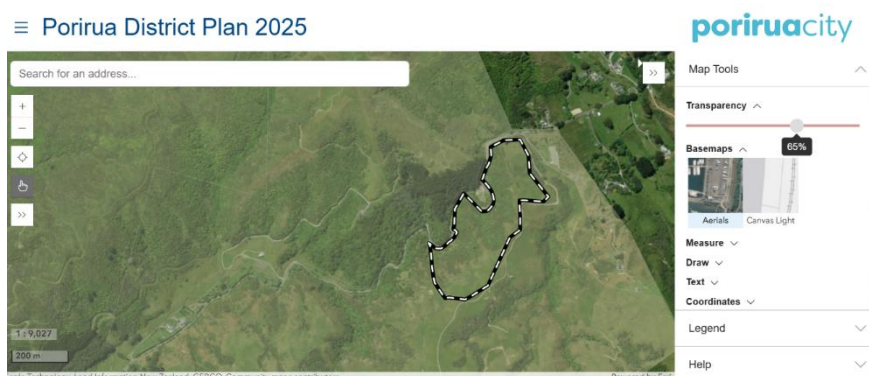
Choose your address.

You can also do this by scrolling across the map and zooming in until you recognise your property and clicking on it.

This will take you to your property which will be outlined with a dotted line.



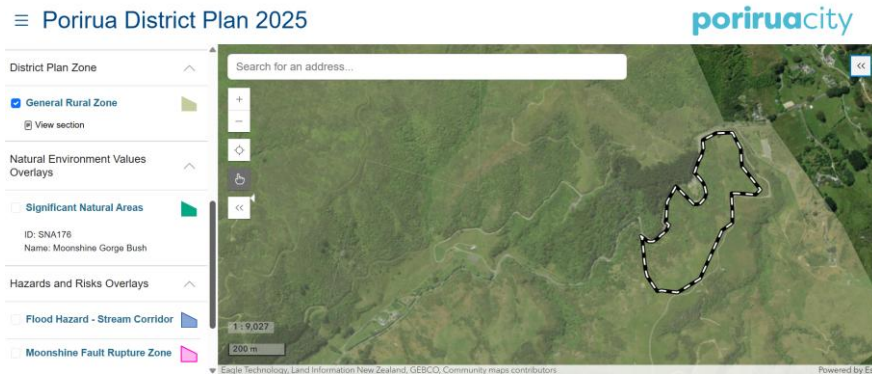
Clicking on Map Tools in the sidebar will enable you to change the level of transparency as well as take measurements, get coordinates etc.



On the left side is a bar that will tell you the Zone that your property is in – in this case the property is in the General Rural Zone. There is also the Rural Lifestyle Zone and the Rural Settlement Zone which covers the Village. Each of the zones is represented by a different colour on the map.

Also in the side bar are any designations specifically affecting your property. These may include

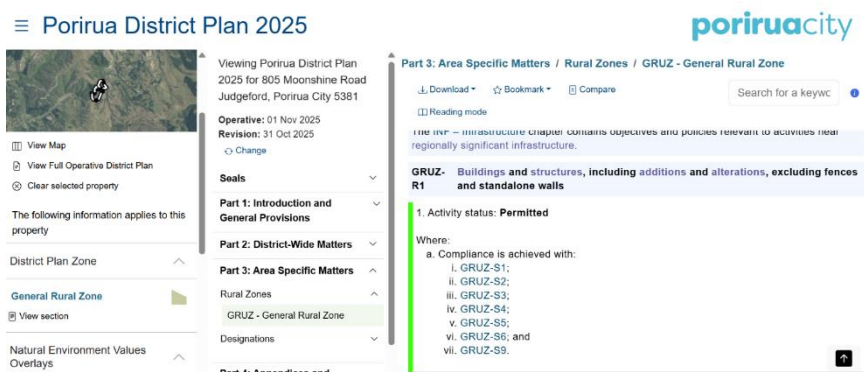
- Natural Environment designations e.g. Significant Natural Areas
- Hazards and Risks e.g. flooding
- Energy Infrastructure and Transport e.g. Transmission Lines



Turning these on by checking the little box will show the parts of your property affected by these designations.



Clicking on the “Property Specific District Plan Chapters” will open the Chapters of the District Plan that you will need to know as the property owner.



The policies and rules are colour-coded according to their activity status so that these can be quickly recognised.

Green = Permitted, Yellow = Restricted Discretionary, Orange = Discretionary, Darker Orange = Non-Complying, Red = Prohibited

Clicking on any of the text that is coloured will provide a definition. Clicking on one of the Alpha-numeric combinations will open up another link that provides more detail. For example, in the above, clicking on GRUZ-S1 will take you to the specific information for the General Rural Zone for Building Heights.

Subdivision

One of the most frequent questions people ask is “Can I subdivide?”

Subdivision is covered under “Part 2 District Wide Matters” so in the above screen, in the middle column, click on “District Wide Matters”. This will open another drop-down menu which includes “Subdivision”.

The screenshot shows the Porirua District Plan 2025 website. The left sidebar contains a map and navigation links. The main content area is titled 'Part 2: District-Wide Matters / Subdivision / SUB - Subdivision'. It lists various zones and their associated rules. The 'SUB-P9' section is highlighted, detailing rules for subdivision in the General Rural Zone, Rural Lifestyle Zone, and Settlement Zone. The rules include enabling cluster development, discouraging linear lot layouts, ensuring building platforms are sympathetic to existing landform, providing public access to rivers and coastal areas, and undertaking planting and fencing of erosion-prone land.

From the earlier screens you will know which Zone your property is within and by clicking on the different alpha-numeric combinations you can find more detail about the rules and policies related to subdivision within that zone. For example, clicking on SUB-S1, will open more information on subdivisions as below.

The screenshot shows the Porirua District Plan 2025 website, specifically the 'SUB-S1' section. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Part 2: District-Wide Matters / Subdivision / SUB - Subdivision'. The 'SUB-S1' section is highlighted, detailing rules for minimum allotment size and shape. The rules include that all allotments created must comply with the minimum allotment size and allotment shape set out in SUB-Table 1, and that all minimum allotment shape rectangles required under SUB-S1-1 must be clear of any: a. Yards; b. Access allotments; c. Right-of-way easements; d. Infrastructure, including public and private infrastructure; and e. Other easements, including any new easement to be registered.

Appendices & Schedules

On the left sidebar are also the Appendices and Schedules which will have information that applies to some properties.

The Appendices include information on Natural Hazard Risk Assessment and Biodiversity Offsetting

The screenshot shows the Porirua District Plan 2025 web application. On the left is a sidebar with a map and navigation options. The main content area displays 'Part 4: Appendices and Schedules / Appendices / APP10 - Natural Hazard Risk Assessment'. Below the title, there is a table titled 'APP10-Table 1 Likelihood guidance'.

Likelihood	Likelihood ranking
Less than 1:100 year event (1 in 100 year event) or	

The Schedules include specific information related to identified sites, for example, Significant Natural Areas (SNAs), Notable Trees, Special Amenity Landscapes and Approved Signage Sites on Council Land

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SNA001	Paekākāriki Hill Summit Bush
Site Summary	Small kohokohē-dominated forest remnant near summit of Paekākāriki Hill Road. Canopy also contains tōkai, large māhoe, Olearia solandrii, kaikomako, taupata, puka, wharangi and pigeonwood. Although very small, provides useful linkage and seed sources for regenerating forest along coastal escarpment.
Relevant values under Policy 23 of	Representativeness (RPS23A) Ecological context (RPS23D)

PRA is providing this as a quick overview for navigating the District Plan. Much more information is available through the Council and Porirua City staff are happy to help people understand the Plan and how it will affect them.

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