

# **FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

*(Incorporating Fish Hoek, Clovelly and Sun Valley)*

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE METHOD OF  
DELIVERY OF NOTIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN APPLICATIONS IN  
TERMS OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL PLANNING BY-LAW (MPBL)

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We have no problem with notifications switching from registered mail to email. We receive notifications via email now anyway whether the City sends them to us or the owner, architect or plans walker. The City said it was going electronic and we switched over.

We, the Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association, are a community based organisation. We prefer the owner, architect or plans walker to send us an email ([FishHoekRRA@gmail.com](mailto:FishHoekRRA@gmail.com)), rather than the City contacting us.

Why - when the City sends registered letters (and email to us), we don't know the neighbours opinion. So, we object by default in order to support any objecting neighbour.

After the closing date of notices, the City most often informs us that no one else objected and wants us to withdraw our objection. This results in double work for us.

Previously, "no objection" forms had to be completed. This is preferable to the lazy default of no action meaning approval, which isn't the same. The public needs to have a voice in local matters and to understand the issues.

## Summary

We, the Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association, recommend the following:

- Switch all communications of notification to email sent by the owner, architect or plans walker to the City identified neighbours and commenting bodies and NOT the City; and
- Require each recipient to complete a “no objection” form. If they don't complete a form, it should be considered to be an objection for review by the Planning Tribunal.

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