

Living Waters BOI submission on Proposed Far North District Plan

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- *BOIMP is a volunteer-led charity that works to restore the ecological health and natural character of the Bay of Islands and its catchments*
 - *through the development of best-practice exemplars of riparian, floodplain, coastal and marine restoration (eg Wairoa Stm, Tangatapu) and*
 - *by assisting Councils to develop more effective plans to implement these RMA matters of National Importance (e.g. Proposed Northland Regional Plan Appeals on Vehicles on Beaches, Fishing Controls)*

Outline of submission by Council point #

- 88.1 sought rezoning of Conservation Covenants & native-vegetated Unformed Legal Roads adjoining water margins (Queen's Chain protection of natural character)
- 88.2 sought correction of the mistranscribed unique identifiers in Schedule 7 of units of High Natural Character, linked to the RPS
- 88.3 sought correction of the mistranscribed unique identifiers in Schedule 8 of units of Outstanding Natural Character, linked to RPS
- FS310.1 & 2 supported RF&BPS submissions seeking consistency with RPS mapping of NC

88.1 Rezoning requests

- Problem with PDP is that some coastal zonings are inadequately protective of the natural values present
- Apparent issue appears to be a protocol that only one zoning can be applied to each property/allotment
- This means that QEII permanent conservation covenants and Unformed Legal Roads with native vegetation adjoining waterbodies do not qualify for Natural Open Space zoning
- While each of these do not have a surveyed allotment number they do have an FNDC Parcel Number as a unique identifier
- Relief sought: Apply Natural Open Space zoning to Parcels which are protected by QEII or FNDC permanent covenants and to ULRs with indigenous vegetation adjoining rivers, lakes or the CMA to give effect to natural character protection and restoration imperatives in the RMA and NZCPS

Rezoning anomalies:

e.g. The Boathouse at #5 Beechy Street, Opuia is zoned Rural Production not Residential (over the CMA)



Natural Character Schedules 7 & 8

- Inclusion of these Schedules is supported as it provides info about the terrestrial parts of natural character units measured and mapped in the RPS
- However, most of the Unique Identifier numbers have been mistranscribed from the RPS data, making it impossible to dig into the underlying maps, worksheets & tables in the RPS for info about the unit
- eg HNC541 is given identifier Sep-36 instead of 09/36 and ONC73 has Feb-18 instead of 02/18, because an intermediate spreadsheet has used date formatting in the third column rather than the default format
- Relief: Correct these to "unit number/map number"

FS 310.1 & 310.2 supporting RF&BPS subs s511.071 & 511.072

- The methodology to assess/identify areas of high & outstanding natural character should be based on that used in the RPS, because many lowland river, lagoon & estuarine margin units are already described & mapped in the RPS.
- <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/media/en5buclz/naturalcharactermappingmethodology.pdf>