

To: Far North District Council
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Form 6: Further submission in support of, or in opposition to, submission(s) on the notified Proposed Far North District Plan 2022 (Clause 8 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991)
This is a further submission in support of or in opposition to submission(s) on the Proposed Far North District Plan (PDP)

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I am a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest that the general public has, based on the following grounds:

I own property which is affected by various provisions in the Proposed District Plan which have been the subject of original submissions.

- I may wish to be heard at the hearing in support of my further submission.
 If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

FURTHER SUBMISSION 1

I support the following original submissions¹ that seek re-zoning of Lot 1001 DP 532487 (farmland known as tubbs farm) as Rural Production or Horticulture zone:-

S526 Vision Kerikeri
S444 Kapiro Conservation Trust
S529.110 Carbon Neutral Trust
S181 C & M Sawers
S68 D Putt
S83 C Baker
S88 D Pope
S144 T Clarke
S564 J Christensen
S558 J Nieson
S76 J Putt
S89 I Pope
S145 F Clarke
S162 D Pope
S537 K & A Panckhurst

I also support related submission points that seek to prevent fragmentation or loss of productive land; to avoid urban/residential sprawl in rural areas and/or protect amenity values:-

S522.005, S522.011-S522.012, S522.014, S522.016, S522.024, S522.047-S522.050, S522.090,
S522.046 Vision Kerikeri
S338.037 Our Kerikeri Trust

Reasons for support:-

It is clear that urban/residential development at Lot 1001 DP 532487 (productive farmland) and the

¹ Original submissions on Proposed District Plan in 2022 - <https://www.fndc.govt.nz/Sites/Proposed-District-Plan-home/Content/Proposed-District-Plan/PDP-submissions/Original-submissions>

surrounding rural area would be inappropriate for many reasons –

National Policy Standards recognise the need for district plans to support a well-functioning urban environment in towns such as Kerikeri and achieve a compact urban footprint that is accessible by active transport (i.e. walking, cycling), and protect productive rural land from inappropriate urban/residential sprawl.

Lot 1001 has a large area of good quality soil. It has one of the few remaining large blocks of Class 2 soil/land in the District. This is a strictly finite resource.

Keeping good land for agricultural production is essential for feeding ourselves and a growing world population in future decades, and necessary for local jobs and economic well-being.

FNDC has recognised that: "Kerikeri has converted large areas of horticulture land into residential and rural lifestyle activities over the last 20 years. Therefore it is vital to protect this remaining finite resource and other rural land that is highly productive" (FNDC (2019) submission to MPI on productive land).

Government reports and studies have concluded that the creation of lifestyle blocks and residential development on productive land should be avoided because it fragments rural areas and leads to the permanent loss of productive capability.

Lot 1001 adjoins the Horticulture zone on its west and southwest boundaries, so it is logical to include it in the Horticulture zone. Alternatively, Rural Production zoning would also protect the essential natural resource at this site.

Lot 1001 lies adjacent to a large irrigation pipeline (underground network) that serves productive land on Kapiro Road; this irrigation infrastructure is a valuable economic asset for the area.

In legal terms, there is no 'functional need' to build residential development on this particular site. There are alternative sites more appropriate for residential development. e.g. S522.004 Vision Kerikeri noted a large alternative site next to SH10 Sports Hub that would provide a compact urban footprint and would actually improve connectivity with central Kerikeri.

Residential development of Lot 1001 farmland would create reverse sensitivity effects on lawfully established activities and neighbouring orchards.

Residential/urban development in this location will generate cumulative adverse effects - including urban sprawl in a rural environment that lacks appropriate infrastructure; school at capacity; large volumes of traffic; one-lane bridge in Landing Road; effects on at-risk native species, kiwi & ecological values, water quality, landscape, rural character and amenity values.

I seek:

- Re-zoning of Lot 1001 DP 532487 in Horticulture zone or Rural Production zone.
- Stronger provisions for Rural Production, Horticulture and Rural Lifestyle zones to prevent urban/residential sprawl, and protect productive soil, rural character and amenity values etc.
- Stronger provisions for assessing and preventing cumulative and long-term adverse effects on productive areas, rural areas, areas visible from public land, ecological values, freshwater, etc.

Relevant sections of Proposed District Plan: Definitions (e.g. productive land, versatile soil), Strategic direction (e.g. Urban form and development, Rural environment, Natural environment), Infrastructure, Ecosystems & indigenous biodiversity, Subdivision including traffic issues, Rural zone provisions, Horticulture zone, Planning maps.

FURTHER SUBMISSION 2

I oppose the following submissions:-

S349 Neil Construction Ltd.

S286, S284.004, S288.004, S22.003, S24.001, S24.002, S28.001, S174.001, Simpkin (Ardine, Kaitaia).

Reasons for opposing:-

These submissions seek inappropriate changes, such as re-zoning Lot 1001 DP 532487 (tubbs farmland), Blue Penguin Drive, Fernbird Grove and Kingfisher Drive, to Rural Residential. Some points seek to weaken the policies and rules/standards for Subdivision, Management plans, Rural

Lifestyle zone and Rural Residential zone, e.g. S349 seeks to delete references to 'rural character' and 'amenity' for the Rural Residential zone.

The scale and intensity of urban/residential development sought by these submissions would create a new township in the rural areas at the eastern end of Kapiro Road at a scale and density of development that is not anticipated in the Operative and Proposed District Plans.

It would generate urban sprawl in a rural area that lacks relevant infrastructure, and would fail to provide a compact urban footprint for Kerikeri town in future.

Their proposed changes would generate a large number of cumulative adverse effects, such as a large increase in traffic, effects on one-lane bridge, and other adverse effects noted under my Further Submission 1 above.

I seek:

- Re-zoning of Lot 1001 DP 532487 (tubbs farmland) in Rural Production or Horticulture zone.
- Other sites mentioned in these submissions should be protected by Rural Lifestyle zoning and improved provisions relating to the protection of the coastal environment, ecological values, wetlands/saltmarshes, and areas that are visible from coastal waters.
- Stronger provisions for Rural Lifestyle zones to prevent urban/residential sprawl, and protect productive soil, rural character, amenity values etc.
- Stronger provisions for Rural Residential zone to protect rural character and amenity values in particular.
- Stronger provisions for assessing and preventing cumulative and long-term adverse effects on key factors such as productive soil/land, rural areas, sensitive environments, coastal environment, ecological values, freshwater, wetlands and saltmarshes, areas that are visible from coastal waters or public land, traffic volumes.

Relevant sections of Proposed District Plan: Definitions, Strategic direction (e.g. Urban form and development, Rural environment, Natural environment), Ecosystems & indigenous biodiversity, Subdivision, Coastal environment, Rural zone provisions, Horticulture zone provisions, Planning maps, Appendix 3 Subdivision management plan criteria.



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