

# How to navigate the Far North District ePlan

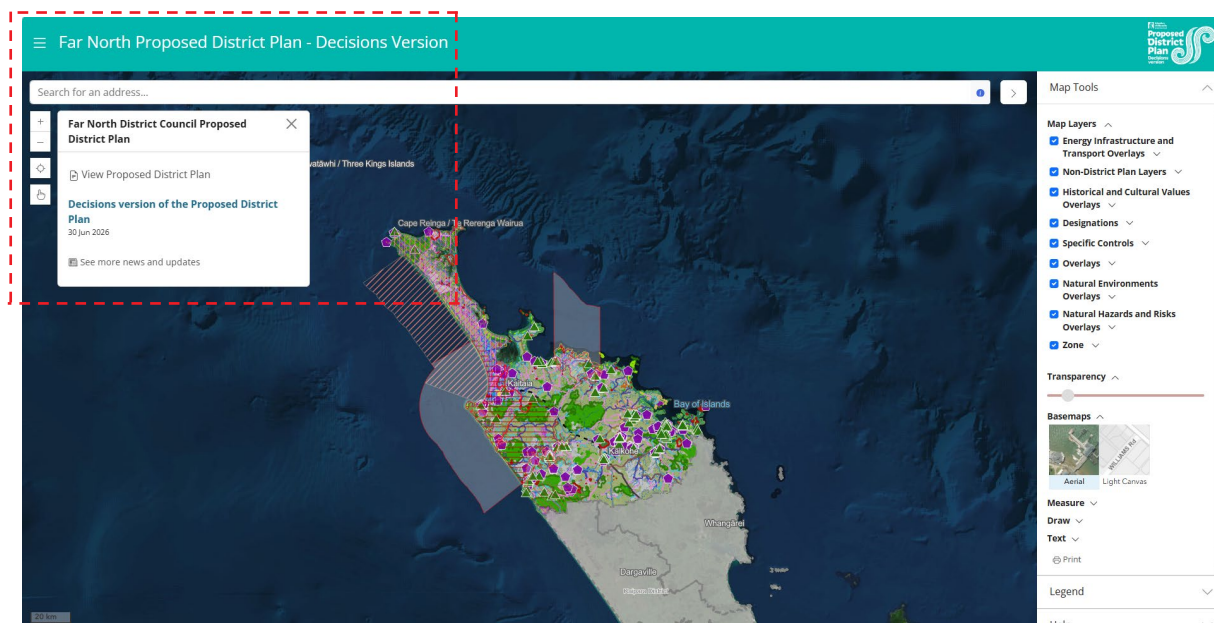
This brochure is designed to help you find your way around the Digital Proposed District Plan – Decisions Version.

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## Landing page

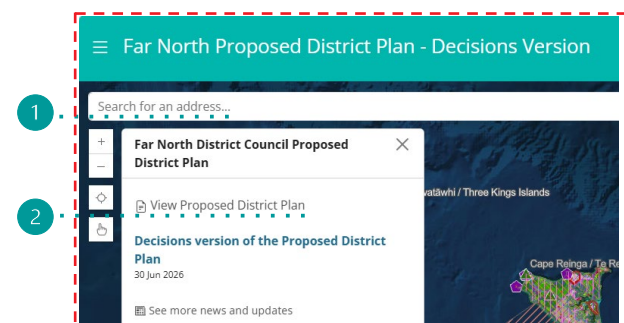
You can access the ePlan via the website [pdp.fndc.govt.nz](https://pdp.fndc.govt.nz) select the hyperlink on the home page.

- Alternatively, enter the direct ePlan web address into your web browser <https://farnorth.isoplan.co.nz>. You will arrive at the ePlan home page.



There are two main ways to navigate the ePlan:

- 1 Search for a Property – Search for information on a specific property.  
The property search bar is available when navigating the home page or interactive maps
- OR
- 2 Read Full Proposed District Plan – Decisions Version – Click here for all Proposed District Plan content.

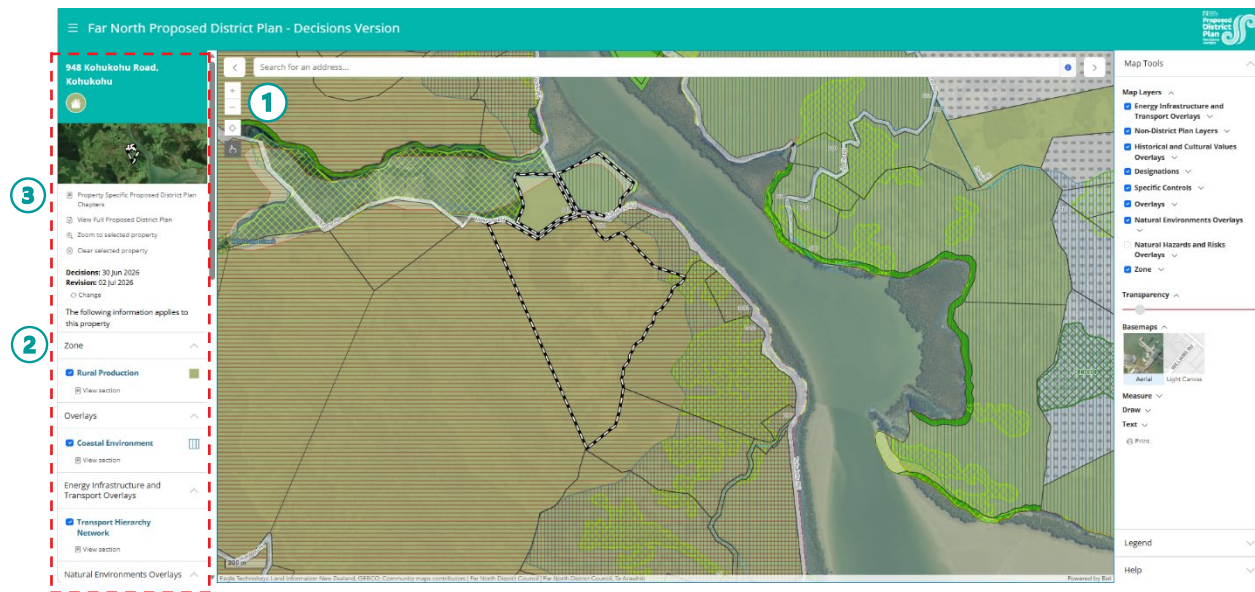


# Searching for a Property

## Left-hand Panel

There are three ways you can search for a property:

- 1 Type address into the **search bar**. Click on the **icon** for additional tips on how to search for a unit
- OR
- 2 Locate the property on the map using the **zoom function**. Zoom in or out on the map to make more features visible. Click **property** to highlight the property boundary.
- OR
- 3 Once the property is selected, the panel will display the Proposed District Plan – Decisions Version property information on the left panel and adjacent is the interactive map of the selected property boundary.



## Property zone

- 1 Property information is listed here
- 2 Property zone/s are listed here
- 3 To read Property Specific Proposed District Plan – Decisions Version chapters click here. This will open the relevant chapter.  
*\*Please note the information displayed in the left-hand panel does not comprise all relevant information for the property. Map tools must be selected also for additional features to be available. To understand all rule requirements, we recommend reading the full plan chapters relating to the property and zone.*
- 4 Click View map to return to the map view.

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View Map

View Full Proposed District Plan

The following information applies to this property

Zone

Rural Production

Coastal Environment

Energy Infrastructure and Transport Overlays

Transport Hierarchy Network

Natural Environments Overlays

High Natural Character

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Rural land is an important resource as it underpins the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of the Far North District. The historic fragmentation of rural land has undermined the integrity of the rural environment and its ability to function for its intended purpose. It is important to protect this finite resource from inappropriate land use and subdivision to ensure it can be used for its primary purpose, especially on land identified as highly productive land under the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL). In particular, primary production activities should be able to operate without experiencing reverse sensitivity effects based on complaints about noise, dust, heavy traffic and light spill (which may be temporary or seasonal in nature) that should be anticipated and tolerated in a rural environment. This is particularly relevant for rural land adjacent to the district's larger urban areas, which are subject to growth pressures and are expanding outside of urban zoned areas. Forcing primary production activities to locate further away from urban areas adds to the cost of transporting primary products, can result in primary production activities needing to move on to less suitable soils or topography, and may require people to travel further to work.

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Council has a responsibility under the RMA, NPS-HPL and the Northland Regional Policy Statement to manage the rural land resource to provide for the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of people and communities, protect highly productive land, and avoid reverse sensitivity effects on primary production activities. The Rural Production zone also contains many of our areas of indigenous biodiversity, historical and cultural values and high value landscapes and features. The protection of these resources must be managed in conjunction with the ability to undertake activities anticipated in this zone.

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RPROZ-03 Land use and subdivision in the Rural Production zone:

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RPROZ-04 The rural character and amenity values associated with a rural working environment are maintained.

- 5 You can also scroll through the left-hand panel to see relevant sections that apply to the property and click "view section" to open that chapter or section.  
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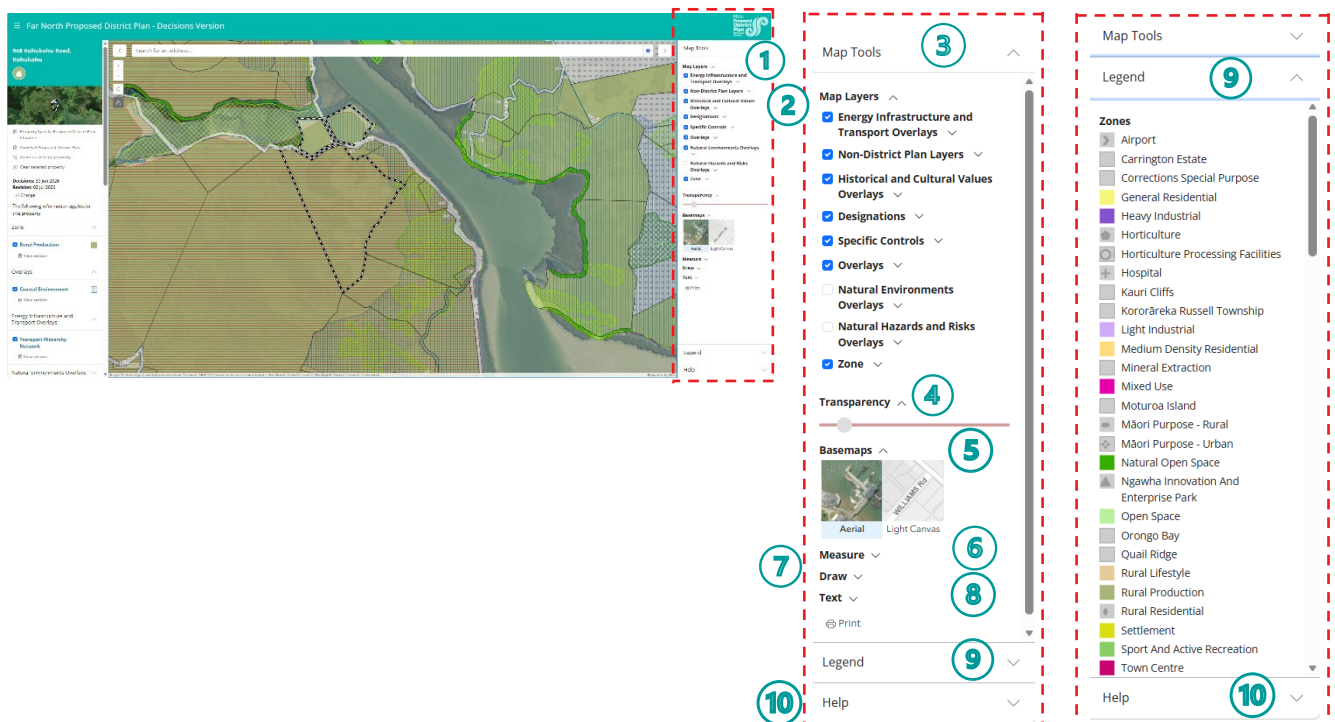
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## Right-Hand Panel

- 1 The right-hand panel allows you to choose the information you want displayed.
- 2 Some map information is displayed by default. You can use the check boxes to toggle map layers or overlays on and off.
- 3 Click on the **black arrow** beside each heading for a drop down list of the layer content.
- 4 **Transparency Tool**  
To see more details of a base map, you can adjust the map transparency.  
**Drag the slider** until you get to the desired transparency.
- 5 **Base Maps**  
You can choose the basemap you want by clicking on the map thumbnail image.
- 6 **Measurement Tool**  
Use this tool to measure an area, distance or location on the map:
  - Click on the **measurement arrow** to select the type of measurement you want.
  - To start the measure: click on the map. Continue clicking to add more measurement points. To finish measuring, double-click at the last point you wish to measure.
  - To exit the tool, click on the measurement arrow again to close.*Tip: you must exit the measurement tool to go back to the property.*
- 7 **Draw Tool**  
Use this tool to draw on an area of the map.
  - Click on the **"draw"** arrow to select the type of drawing tool you want.
  - To start drawing: **click on the map**. Continue clicking to add more drawing points. To finish drawing, double-click at the last point you wish to be drawn.
  - To exist the tool, click on the drawing arrow again to close.*Tip: you must exit the draw tool to go back to the property.*
- 8 **Text Tool**  
Use this tool to add text to the area on the map,
  - a. Type in the bar that say **"Text to add to map"** and choose your preferred colour for the text.
  - b. Click **"Add text to map"** and select placement on the map.
  - c. *Tip: Once placed on the map. You cannot move it. But you can click on erase and type it again to place in your preferred place.*
- 9 **Legend**  
The legend is a full list of all the information layers in the planning map.
- 10 **Help**  
Click here for helpful tips on getting around the planning map.



# Read the full Proposed District Plan – Decisions Version

The structure of the Proposed Plan is set  
by Ministry for the Environment National Planning Standards

## Part 1 Introduction and General Provisions

- Introduction
- How the Plan Works
- Interpretation
- National Direction Instruments
- Tangata Whenua

## Part 2 District-Wide Matters

- Strategic Direction
- Energy, Infrastructure, And Transport
- Hazards And Risks
- Historical And Cultural Values
- Natural Environment Values
- Subdivision
- General District-Wide Matters

## Part 3 Area-Specific Matters

- Zones
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- Precincts
- Development Areas
- Designations

## Part 4 Appendices and Schedules

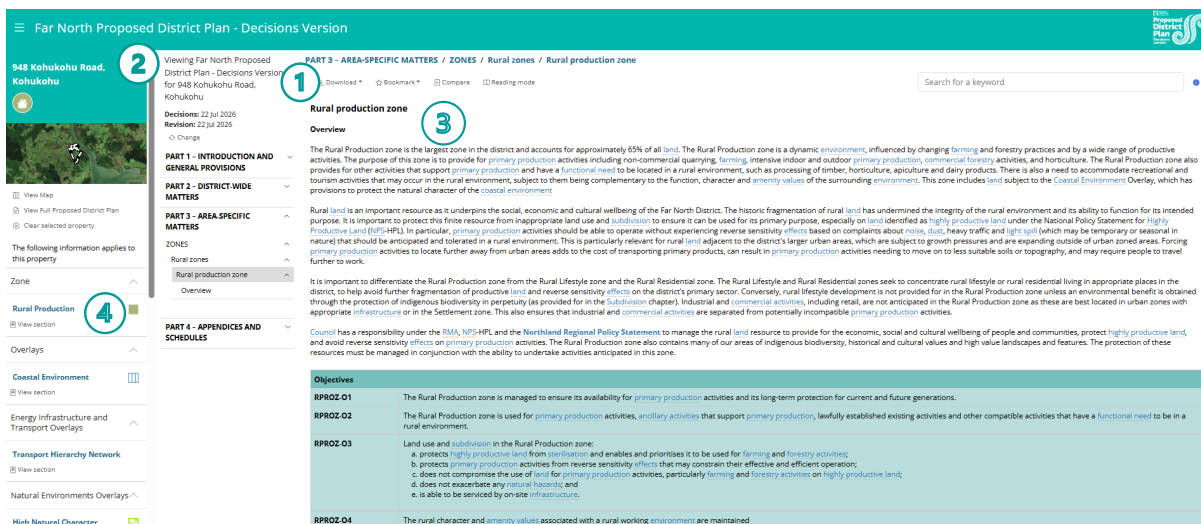
- Appendices
- Schedules

*\*Please note once you click read full Proposed District Plan in the burger menu, this will reset the interactive maps of your current search. We recommend you click on Property specific to District Plan chapter if you wish to remain on your current property search.*

## How chapters are structured

The chapters are structured as:

- 1 All chapter headings are above the selected chapter.
- 2 In the left panel, the chapter you are currently viewing is highlighted in grey.
- 3 Overview of the introductory information.
- 4 Chapter provisions (colour changes with each chapter).



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## Rule tables

- The Plan uses a traffic light system to show which activities a landowner can do as of right and which activities require a resource consent.
- A change from green to orange or red signals a greater degree of scrutiny may be applied, and the activity may not be appropriate for the zone and/or property.

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| <div>Permitted or controlled</div> <div>Restricted discretionary</div> <div>Discretionary</div> <div>Non complying</div> | <b>RPROZ-R10</b>      | <b>Rural produce retail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                          | Rural Production zone | <b>Activity status: Permitted</b><br><br><b>Where:</b><br><br><b>PER-1</b><br>The activity does not exceed <a href="#">GBA</a> of 100m <sup>2</sup> and is set back a minimum of 30m from any <a href="#">site boundary</a> other than a <a href="#">road boundary</a> .<br><br><b>PER-2</b><br>The number of <a href="#">rural produce retail</a> operations does not exceed one per <a href="#">site</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1 or PER-: Discretionary |
|                                                                                                                          | <b>RPROZ-R26</b>      | <b>Intensive indoor and outdoor primary production</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                          | Rural Production zone | <b>Activity status: Restricted discretionary</b><br><br><b>Where:</b><br><br><b>RDIS-1</b><br>Any hardstand areas, treatment systems, <a href="#">buildings</a> housing animals and any other <a href="#">structures</a> associated with an intensive indoor or outdoor <a href="#">primary production</a> activity are <a href="#">setback</a> at least 300m from any <a href="#">sensitive activity</a> on a <a href="#">site</a> under separate ownership.<br><br><b>Matters of discretion are restricted to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>odour, <a href="#">noise</a> and <a href="#">dust effects</a>;</li> <li>impacts on the transport network;</li> <li>the scale, character and appearance of the <a href="#">building(s)</a>;</li> <li>the siting of the <a href="#">building(s)</a> and outdoor areas relative to adjoining <a href="#">sites</a>;</li> <li>whether the <a href="#">building(s)</a> are visually dominant and create a loss of privacy for surrounding <a href="#">residential units</a> and their associated outdoor areas;</li> <li>the number and types of animals;</li> <li>method of effluent management and disposal;</li> <li>likely presence of vermin;</li> <li>the frequency and nature of management and supervision;</li> <li><a href="#">landscaping</a> or screening; and</li> <li>any <a href="#">natural hazard</a> affecting the <a href="#">site</a> or surrounding area.</li> </ol> | Activity status where compliance not achieved with RDIS-1: Discretionary        |
|                                                                                                                          | <b>RPROZ-R28</b>      | <b>Camping grounds</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                          | Rural Production zone | Activity status: Discretionary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Activity status where compliance not achieved: Not applicable                   |
|                                                                                                                          | <b>RPROZ-R36</b>      | <b>Industrial activity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                          | Rural Production zone | Activity status: Non-complying<br><br><b>NOTE:</b><br>If the activity is a <a href="#">rural industry</a> activity then that is controlled by <a href="#">RPROZ-R27</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Activity status where compliance not achieved: Not applicable                   |

## Definition pop-up boxes

- Words or phrases in blue with a dotted underline are definitions used in the plan.
- Clicking on the blue text will display a pop-up containing the definition. A full list of definitions can be found in *Part 1: Introduction and general provisions, Subsection: Interpretation* with a drop down to the definitions chapter.

**RPROZ-R4**  
Rural Production zone

**Visitor accommodation**  
**Activity status: Permitted**  
  
**Where:**  
  
**PER-1**  
The [visitor accommodation](#) is within a [residential unit](#), [accessory building](#) or [minor residential unit](#).  
  
**PER-2**  
The occupancy does not exceed 10 guests per night.  
  
**PER-3**  
The [site](#) does not share access with another [site](#).  
  
**PER-4**  
The [visitor accommodation](#) is set back 20m from the [boundary](#) of a [site](#) under different ownership.

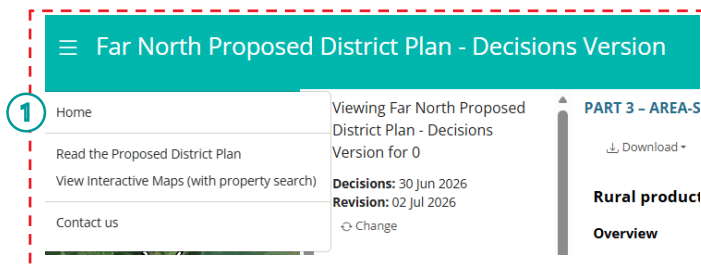
Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1, PER-2, PER-3 or PER-4: Discretionary

**VISITOR ACCOMMODATION**  
**DEFINITION NATIONAL STANDARDS**  
means land and/or buildings used for accommodating visitors, subject to a tariff being paid, and includes any ancillary activities.

# Other Helpful Tools

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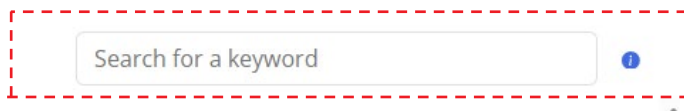
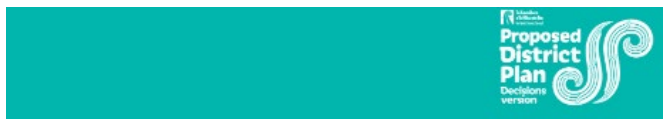
- Navigate back to the map.



## Search function

When viewing the content of the Proposed District Plan – Decisions Version use the search bar on the top right corner for specific content. The search results will display all of the chapters that contain the term or content in the left panel (and the number of times it occurs in the chapter will be highlighted).

*Tip: Click on the blue icon for additional support on how to refine your search.*



# Troubleshooting

## ePlan not loading?

If you experience problems loading the website link, you can try the following:

- Check you have the correct link [farnorth.isoplan.co.nz/eplan](http://farnorth.isoplan.co.nz/eplan)
- Make sure you use Google Chrome, Edge, Safari or Firefox browser, the ePlan does not work in Internet Explorer
- Try clearing your browser cache before trying the link again: hit **Control + H** to bring up your history and **click 'clear all browsing history'**
- If the ePlan freezes, refresh the URL in the browser and you will be taken back to the ePlan home page.

## How do I report a technical issue?

If you are experiencing a technical issue with the ePlan, please contact us via email [pdp@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:pdp@fndc.govt.nz) or phone [0800 920 029](tel:0800920029) and ask for the **District Plan team** so we can help resolve the issue as soon as possible.