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Proposed Far North District Plan further submission form

Form 6: Further submission in support of, or in opposition to, submission(s) on the notified Proposed Far North District Plan

Clause 8 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: **Far North District Council**

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This is a further submission in support of or in opposition to submission(s) on the Proposed Far North District Plan.

1. Further submitter details (<i>mandatory information</i>)	
Full name of individual/organisation making further submission:	Gareth Raymond Anthony Doull
Contact person (<i>if different from above</i>):	
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Postal address:	0293
Preferred method of contact:	Email Post
Phone contact:	Daytime: Mobile: 027 3744932

2. Eligibility to make a further submission (*for information on this section go to RMA Schedule 1, clause 8*)

I am:

A person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest. In this case, also specify below the grounds for saying that you come within this category; or

A person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the interest that the general public has. In this case, also specify below the grounds for saying that you come within this category; or the local authority

My reasons for selecting the category ticked above are:

This proposal directly affects our health, our livelihood, the archaeological and historic value of the region, disrupts the delicate balance and quality of a critical watershed, reduces the size and quality of the significant natural environment (SNA) putting more pressure on an already diminished and soon-to-be extinct guild of local vulnerable species, and puts more pressure on an already congested and damaged roadway, posing a safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, also leading to increased maintenance costs for the local authorities, burdening taxpayers and diverting funds from more pressing community needs. Not to mention the significant impact it has on our community's serene environment and peaceful ambience that would be irreversibly compromised, causing a decline in property values and impacts on livelihood (eco-tourism, AirBnB horse-riding, etc.) making the area less attractive for residents and potential investors alike. We encourage the exploration of alternative economic development strategies that prioritize sustainability, the well-being of residents, and the preservation of our environment. By investing in industries that align with these values, we can ensure a brighter and more promising future for our community

For example: Any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest would likely include public interest environmental groups

Any person that has an interest in the proposed policy statement or plan greater than the interest that the general public has is likely to include owners of land and users of resources directly affected by plan provisions. It is also likely to include iwi and hapu where their interests are directly affected.

3. Request to be heard at hearing

Yes, I wish to be heard at the hearing in support of my further submission; or

No, I do not 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 Yes No

Signature of further submitter:

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of further submitter)

_____Gareth R A Doull_____

Date: 3rd Sept, 2023

(A signature is not required if you are making your further submission by electronic means)

Important information:

1. A copy of your further submission must be served on the original submitter within five working days after it is served on Far North District Council.
2. The Far North District Council must receive this further submission before the closing date and time for further submissions (**5pm Monday, 4 September 2023**)
3. Please note that further submissions, including your name and contact details are treated as public documents and will be made available on council's website. Your further submission will only be used for the purpose of the District Plan review.
4. Submitters who indicate they wish to speak at the hearing will be emailed a copy of the planning officers report (please ensure you include an email address on this further submission form). If you don't have an email address, it will be posted.

Please note that your further submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the further submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious:
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the further submission (or the part) to be taken further:
- it contains offensive language:
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

Send your further submission to:

Post to: Proposed Far North District Plan
 Planning and Policy, Far North District Council
 Private Bag 752
 KAIKOHE 0400

Email to: pdp@fndc.govt.nz

Or you can also deliver this further submission form to any Far North District Council service centre or library (check the Council website for opening hours).

Please refer to pdp.fndc.govt.nz for further information and updates.

Please note that original documents will not be returned. Please retain copies for your file.

The specific submission(s) on the Proposed Far North District Plan that this further					
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<i>Example</i> John Smith	<i>Example</i> 60 Kerikeri Road Kerikeri 0230	<i>Example</i> 600	<i>Example</i> 600.001	<i>Example</i> Support	<i>Example</i> I support because believe
Ventia Ltd Steven Sanson	PO Box 318, Paihia 0247	S424	S424.001	OPPOSE	See Attached section S424 FS540.001
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Attachments related to Further Submissions in relation to: Submissions S424.001, S424.002 & S424.003 for RT NA 97B/387.

Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposal for Quarry Expansion

Reference: RT NA 97B/387

Submissions S424.001, S424.002 & S424.003

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed expansion of the Puketona quarry operation in our community in reference to submissions S424.001, S424.002 & S424.003 of RT NA 97B/387. While I understand the economic benefits that such an expansion may bring, I firmly believe that the negative impact on our environment, quality of life, local ecosystem, archaeological significance, watershed function, vulnerable species, and neighbourhood, far outweigh any potential gains.

Archaeological Significance:

Our community takes pride in its rich cultural heritage, and the potential destruction of any artifacts, historical sites, or indigenous remains would be a tremendous loss. These resources are not only a connection to our past but also an educational asset for future generations.

The area under consideration for quarry expansion holds significant historical, archaeological, and cultural value to both Māori and non-Māori cultures.

This relatively unstudied field of stone mounds and associated remains (Furey, L. 2006 – see appendix) in this Lot are considered an important Māori heritage site with significant cultural importance, and are part of larger archaic horticultural system in the region belonging to the archaeological site complex 'NZAA Site Record No. PO5/756' subject to protections by the NZ Historic Places Trust under Section 17 of the Act (Ref: HP 11036/11013-014). It contains mountain Pa, garden mounds, terraces, heaps and stone alignments, trenches, ditches and wetland modifications relating to kumara and taro cultivation dating to pre-European times and possibly back to the 12th Century and the arrival of Polynesian settlers and introduction of the first crops in New Zealand. Due to the relatively unstudied nature of this site, there is a significant possibility that it contains undiscovered Taonga or recognised Māori culture remains.

Watershed Function:

The quarry expansion will disrupt the delicate balance of our local watershed. The quarry's excavation will interfere with the current swamp and stream systems in this Lot and runoff will lead to erosion, sedimentation, and contamination of our water bodies. This will harm aquatic ecosystems, disrupt natural water flow patterns, and increase the risk of flooding downstream. The proposed footprint of the site impinges upon the delicate and untouched waterway, marshland and mature native forest and will no doubt have a significant affect on the survival of local swamp species, such as kiwi, pukeko, weka, morepork, hawks, frogs, eels, stick insects, geckos, aquatic plants, etc.

Images of watershed area included in the Proposal for expansion of the quarry



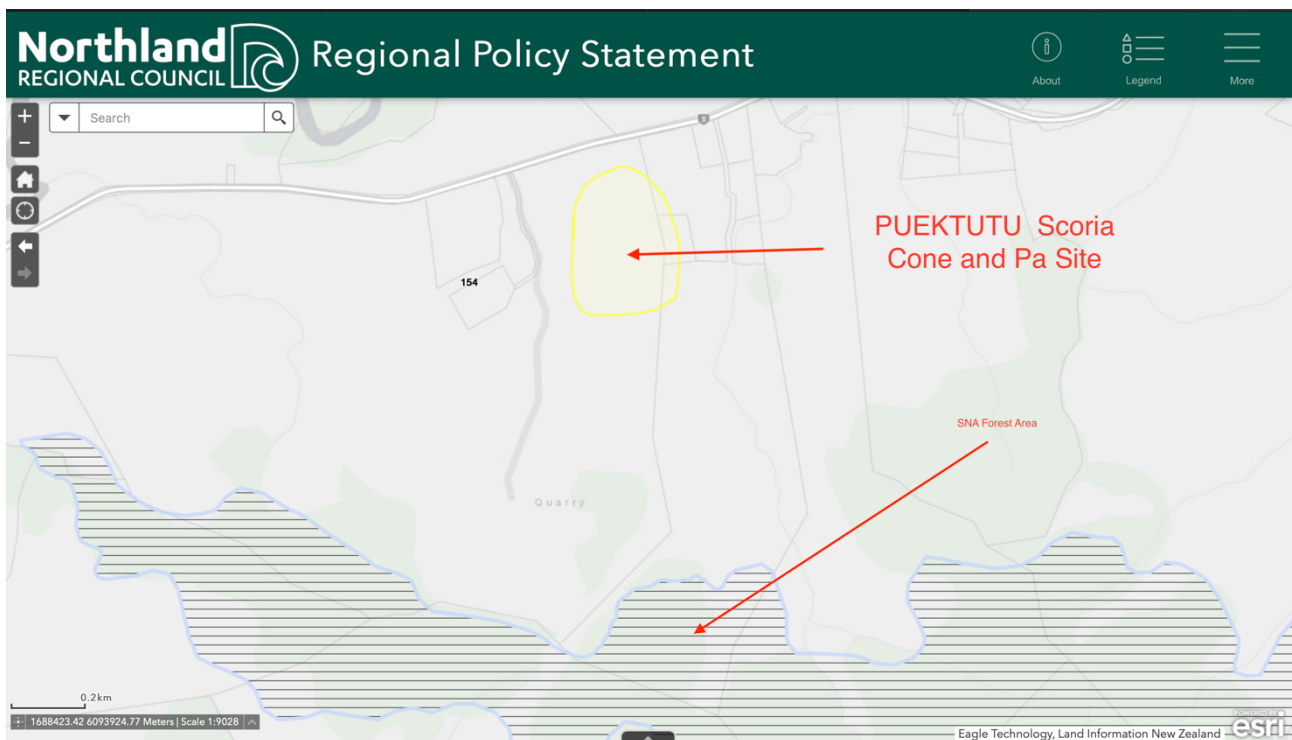
We must prioritise the protection of our water and forest resources for the well-being of both our environment and our community.

Loss of Vulnerable Species:

Our region's unique ecosystem supports a variety of plant and animal species, some of which are endangered or vulnerable. The proposed expansion area provides crucial habitat for these species - especially the northern brown kiwi, native gecko and a number of plant species which have been raised in this area with the effort and stewardship of the local community and numerous NGOs such as Bay Bush Action and the Forest & Bird Society.

The proposal seeks subsume a large portion of forest that is an important component of the Puketona Forest chain and is protected by the Significant Natural Areas (SNA) Act.

Below: SNA Area in relation to the proposed quarry expansion area.



This forest contains some rich and untouched primary temperate rainforest with some of the largest specimens of totara, rimu and tree fern in the entire region and a struggling population of northern brown kiwi. The disturbance caused by quarry activities could push these species further toward extinction, negatively impacting the overall biodiversity of our environment.

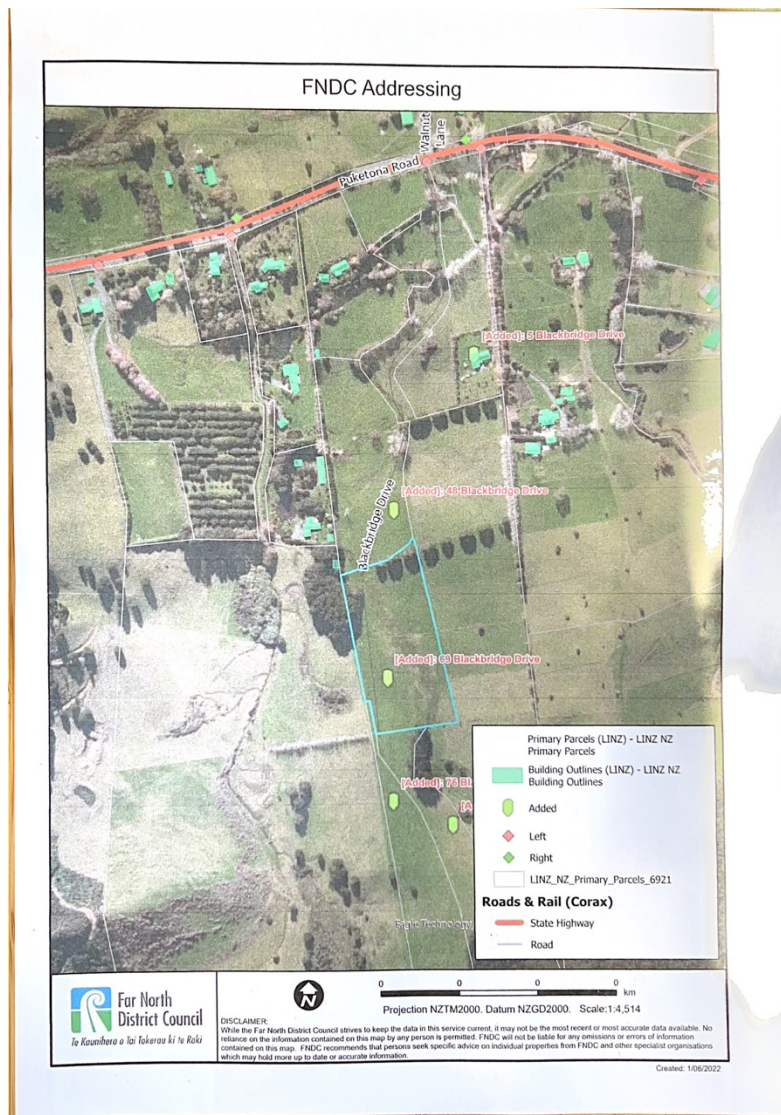
Below: Photos showing the portion of SNA forest and Watershed proposed to be subsumed in expansion.



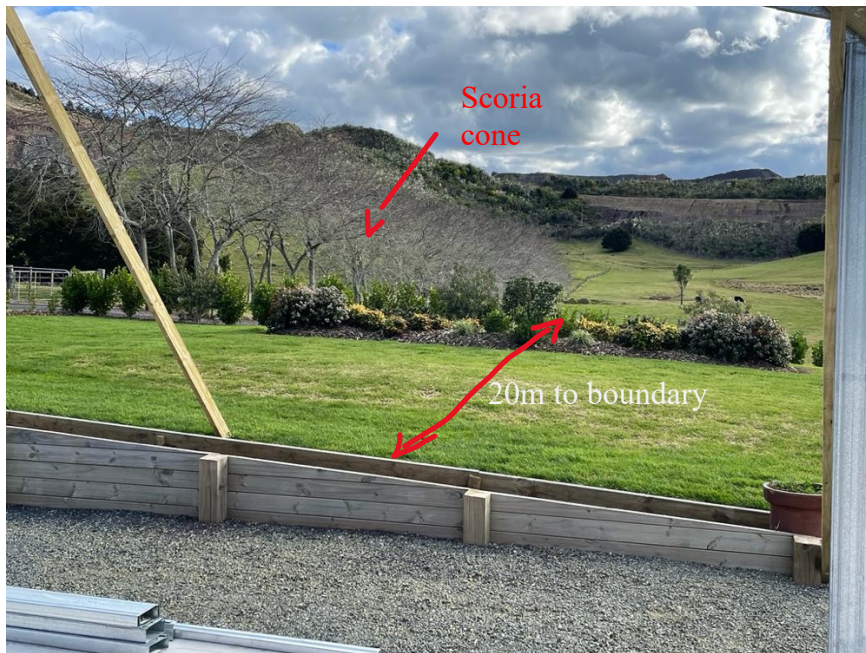
Environmental and Social Impact:

There is a significant community living directly adjacent and in close proximity to the proposed expansion site - people who have settled in the area with the understanding and assurance that expansion of the quarry activities would not occur in the proposed direction.

The below shows all the properties affected by the proposed plan for expansion of the quarry. The yellow 'Added' symbols in the document indicate the location of new properties which have largely been occupied since this document was issued in 2022.



There are a number of private properties immediately adjacent to the Lot in the proposed expansion plan and in many cases, windows of the buildings are no more than a few metres from the boundary of potential quarry and auxiliary activities.



View from one property showing proximity of lounge window to proposed quarry location.



View from another property showing proximity and view of proposed quarry expansion.



View from another property showing proximity and view of proposed quarry expansion.

The expansion of the quarry would likely result in increased noise levels, heavy traffic congestion, and dust pollution in the surrounding areas. Our community's serene environment and peaceful ambiance would be irreversibly compromised, causing a decline in property values and making the area less attractive for residents and potential investors alike.

Moreover, the environmental repercussions of this expansion cannot be ignored. The disturbance to the natural landscape and habitats could threaten the local flora and fauna, potentially leading to the extinction of some species.

As a majority of the significant number of inhabitants of this community derive their potable water from rainfall collection, the release of harmful particulates and pollutants into the air and water contaminate our natural resources, affecting not only our health but also the health of future generations.

Furthermore, the increased transportation of materials to and from the quarry would strain our already congested and damaged roadway, posing a safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. This could also lead to increased maintenance costs for the local authorities, burdening taxpayers and diverting funds from more pressing community needs.

In light of these concerns, I urge you not to approve the proposal for quarry expansion. Instead, I encourage the exploration of alternative economic development strategies that prioritize sustainability, the well-being of residents, and the preservation of our environment. By investing in industries that align with these values, we can ensure a brighter and more promising future for our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective and taking into account the best interests of our community and its long-term prosperity.