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## ARA POUTAMA AOTEAROA THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS: FURTHER SUBMISSION ON THE FAR NORTH PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

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Ara Poutama Aotearoa the Department of Corrections (**Ara Poutama**) makes further submissions on the Far North Proposed District Plan (**PDP**) in the **attached** document.

Ara Poutama is a submitter on the PDP (#158), and as a Central Government agency administering custodial and non-custodial corrections services in the Far North District, has an interest in the PDP greater than the interest that the general public has.

Ara Poutama would like to be heard in support of its further submission at a hearing. If others make a similar submission, Ara Poutama will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Please note that Ara Poutama made an earlier further submission on the PDP, dated 4 September 2023. This is an additional further submission which relates to a primary submission point requesting rezoning that was not shown on the 'FNDC PDP Submissions Explorer', and thus was not identified by Ara Poutama until engagement (outside of the formal PDP process) was entered into with the submitter.

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**Andrea Millar – Manager, Resource Management and Land Management**

For and on behalf of Ara Poutama Aotearoa the Department of Corrections

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2023

## Further Submissions

Submitter's name, address and email who Ara Poutama are further submitting on	Submission no and point	Support / neutral / oppose	Submission description	Reason for support or opposition	Decision sought
<p>Ngawha Generation Limited C/- Taryn Collins and David Badham <a href="mailto:taryn.collins@topenergy.co.nz">taryn.collins@topenergy.co.nz</a> / <a href="mailto:davidb@barker.co.nz">davidb@barker.co.nz</a></p>	<p>S432.001 and S432.029</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>Ngawha Generation Limited (<b>NGL</b>) has sought that the land located adjacent to the Northland Region Corrections Facility (<b>NRCF</b>) be rezoned to Light Industrial or Special Purpose. If the land is zoned as Special Purpose Zone, NGL have sought to include a bespoke set of provisions in the Plan which make light industrial activities and activities related to the construction, operation and maintenance of structures associated with renewable electricity generation and the activities undertaken by NGL as permitted activities. The provisions themselves have not been proposed / outlined.</p>	<p>Under the PDP the land subject to NGL's submission is zoned as Rural Production and Sport and Active Recreation. A change in the zoning to Light Industrial, or a Special Purpose zoning which is akin in nature to Light Industrial, would likely enable a range of activities to establish as of right which could impact Ara Poutama's ability to operate the NRCF in accordance with its designated purpose (as per designation <i>MCO230</i> under the Operative District Plan and <i>MCOR2</i> under the PDP).</p> <p>Effects typically associated with industrial activities, such as noise emissions, light emissions, odour and air discharges, have the potential to impact inmates and staff who reside and work at the NRCF site on a full time ('24/7') basis. Likewise, future development or expansion of facilities on the NRCF site could be affected by industrial activities being enabled and undertaken on the adjacent land.</p> <p>As such, any rezoning of the subject land must be subject to appropriate controls to manage effects on the NRCF site – recognising that NRCF is subject to a designation enabling full time accommodation activities (and a range of other activities associated with operating a major prison facility), as well as its status as "regionally significant infrastructure" under the Regional Policy Statement for Northland and the PDP.</p> <p>There is currently not enough detail in the relief sought by NGL to suggest that any mitigation of effects on the NRCF site would be provided for through the rezoning.</p>	<p>Ara Poutama seeks that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The rezoning proposals in their current form be rejected.</li> <li>If rezoning of the NGL land is to be implemented, that specific provisions be procured to recognise NRCF's designation and its status as "regionally significant infrastructure", and manage the potential effects associated with the activities enabled in the zone.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">FS571.001-.002</p>