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Proposed District Plan submission form

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

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Form 5: Submission on Proposed Far North District Plan

TO: Far North District Council

This is a submission on the Proposed District Plan for the Far North District.

1. Submitter details:

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2. (Please select one of the two options below)

- I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission
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If you could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission, please complete point 3 below

3. I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
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Note: if you are a person who could gain advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

The specific provisions of the Plan that my submission relates to are:

(please provide details including the reference number of the specific provision you are submitting on)

CEMETERY – RO IHO in PAKANAE

In the scope of:

1. Protecting Historical Heritage- Sites of Cultural Significance to Maori
2. Developing District Facilities

Confirm your position: Support Support In-part Oppose
 (please tick relevant box)



My submission is:

(Include details and reasons for your position)

~~My submission is that the District Council should~~
See Attachment : pakanāe urupā

I seek the following decision from the Council:

(Give precise details. If seeking amendments, how would you like to see the provision amended?)

I would like council to provide support and resourcing
in their draft plan to preserve the cultural heritage
and Taonga that is Ro ho urupā

S452.001

I would like council to provide support and resourcing
to māori people of the area in developing a māori
cemetery in their local area.

S452.002

- I wish to be heard in support of my submission
 I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

(Please tick relevant box)

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

- Yes No

Do you wish to present your submission via Microsoft Teams?

- Yes No

Signature of submitter:

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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Date: 21.10.22

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

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1. The Council must receive this submission before the closing date and time for submissions (5pm 21 October 2022)
2. Please note that submissions, including your name and contact details are treated as public documents and will be made available on council's website. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the District Plan Review.
3. 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 submission form).

Send your submission to:

Post to: Proposed District Plan
Strategic Planning and Policy, Far North District Council
Far North District Council,



Private Bag 752
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Email to: pdp@fndc.govt.nz

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Submissions close 5pm, 21 October 2022

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- It is frivolous or vexatious
- It discloses no reasonable or relevant case
- It would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the 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.

SUBMISSION NUMBER

Pakanae Urupā

There is no public cemetery in the Opononi area . The Pakanae cemetery , known as “Ro Iho” is the only cemetery in the area from Koutu to Waiwhatawhata and it is a Maori cemetery . The names of the Urupā have changed over the centuries. Nga Hapu o Te Wahapu have authority to make decisions about who is buried there , where they are buried and upholding Tikanga .

The founding date of the Urupā dates back to the early 1800's .It has been named three times and each name was significant to the Urupā . Cheryl Turner (Pakanae marae spokesperson) , says the first name given was “Ruaputa” ; it was given in 1820 and the name came from a little stream that surrounded the Urupā . However, when the stream dried up it was given a new name, “Makapera” which I haven't been able to get much background on. All I have been able to find out is that it had some form of significance to the Urupā at the time (1900's) . Around 1930 it was renamed to “Ro iho” .

“Whiria overlooks the burial place on the shoreline of the harbour waters . This is in fact the place Kupe chose as his living place when he left his landfall Pouahi . This is where Pakanae began , the first permanent occupation , the alpha kainga of te Wahapu o Hokianga. Pakanae was the first central feature of Te Wahapu o Hokianga” - John Klaricich

It's about the cultural and historical significance of this place to Maori . What is noticeable when walking around the cemetery is there are big open spaces that look as if they are available. But they are not.

It is the Māori people who look after the Urupā . There is some contribution from the families when their loved one passes but there is no public funding it is all done out of Koha . For the last three to five years The Urupā has been maintained by multiple

families where each Whanau gets one month of the year to help keep the Urupā looking tidy . Before this system was brought up there was a committee that maintained the grounds .

The cemetery is a record of Tangata Whenua .There are a total of four Marae that are involved with Ro iho . Maraeroa , Te Whakarongotai , Te Kai Waha and Whakamaharatanga they represent Ngati korokoro , Ngati Wharara and Te Pouka . There are people who live as far as Maunganui Bluff who have the right to be buried here .

In developing my leading question for my investigation several issues emerged . One issue is that not only Maori people are buried there but also Europeans. The question I ask is , What is this cemetery ? It seems as if the cemetery is working as a public cemetery. Unlike a public cemetery though this Maori Urupā is on Maori land. In fact it is on the site of Kupe's kainga . Another issue is that the headstones tell us the story of the past and these are being threatened by the rising sea levels . A further issue is , it is nearly full . So what now ? How do we preserve what is there and where does the next one go ?

The stories and the history that are stored in the cemetery have to be preserved . It is imperative that the history of those before us are passed down to the many generations to come and the only way to make that happen is if we come to a solution .The headstones on many of the graves is what connects most whanau to their family who have passed . Moving the graves to a bigger area and further inland to protect them from the rising sea levels is definitely the first move to make . Who will fund the move ? Will maintenance still be the responsibility of Maori?

It was difficult finding information from written sources as the history of the cemetery has been passed down via word of mouth rather than written document.

What interests me most is what will happen once the Pakanae Cemetery is no longer functioning. Will families involved in that particular cemetery be able to organise moving the graves and bodies to a different safer location? Who will fund all this?

Sources :

Interview with Cheryl Turner, Maraeroa Marae Committee and Urupā Submission written by Kaumatua, John Klaracich to the Treaty of Waitangi Tribunal .

Interview with Kono Hau - Grave digger



In the years of about 180-187, our ancestral people of those times, led by the tohunga people of Iraia Toi (Ngati wharara) and Tamaho Kawiri (te Hikutu), Led the uplifting and re-interment of some 327 remains from 2.

