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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  
 I **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

*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:  
 (A) Adversely affects the environment; and  
 (B) Does not relate to trade competition or the effect of trade competition
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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)*

Zone map: I oppose the zoning of Lot 1001 DP 532487 (agricultural land known as Tubbs farm, Kapiro Road) in rural lifestyle or other residential zone

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

**My submission is:**

The zoning of Lot 1001 DP 532487 (agricultural farmland known as Tubbs farm, Kapiro Road) needs to take full account of the good quality soil on this site, a finite valuable natural resource.

- A primary purpose of the RMA (s5) is to protect natural resources and safeguard the life-supporting capacity of soil.
- A large part of Lot 1001 has good quality soil (volcanic soil and LUC Class 2 land) – it is one of the few remaining large blocks of Class 2 land in the District.
- Good agricultural soil is a strictly finite natural resource. Less than 3% of the land area in the Far North District is top grade (Class 1&2).
- Retaining 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.
- Lot 1001 borders the Horticulture zone so it is logical to include it in the Horticulture zone. Or alternatively, Rural Production zone would also protect the natural resource at the site.
- Government reports have concluded that creating new lifestyle blocks and residential development on good quality land is a national problem - it fragments land and leads to the permanent loss of productive land.
- FNDC's submission to MPI on highly productive land in 2019 acknowledged the cumulative loss of good land. FNDC stated 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*".<sup>1</sup>

Residential development on Lot 1001 is inappropriate for many reasons -

- In legal terms, there is no *functional need* for residential development on this particular site. There are alternative sites on lower quality land that is more suitable for residential development.
- The council has not produced an assessment addressing all the long-term costs associated with the loss of good soil/land at this site due to adverse effects of fragmenting and losing productive land identified by MPI, MfE and expert reports.
- Development will create reverse sensitivity effects on lawfully established activities and neighbouring producers.
- Development on this site will generate many other adverse effects - such as urban sprawl in a rural environment; large amount of additional traffic on Landing Road one-lane bridge and Kapiro Road; effects on kiwi & ecological values, water quality, landscape, character and amenity values.

In conclusion: Good soil needs to be zoned for productive agricultural use. The only appropriate zone for the farmland at Lot 1001 DP 532487 is the Horticulture zone or Rural Production zone.

**I seek the following decision from the Council:**

**S444.01**

Amendment to the zone map: Lot 1001 DP 532487 (known as Tubbs farm) to be re-zoned in Horticulture zone or Rural Production zone.

- 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: Melanie Miller**  
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

**Date: 21 October 2022**  
(A signature is not required if you are making your submission by electronic means)

<sup>1</sup> FNDC submission to MPI (2019), p.2, [https://www.mpi.govt.nz/assets/dmstemp/HPL\\_submissions/2-3-21/E145.-Far-North-DC-Attachment\\_Redacted.pdf](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/assets/dmstemp/HPL_submissions/2-3-21/E145.-Far-North-DC-Attachment_Redacted.pdf)



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