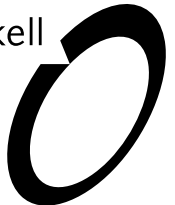


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Attention: Alicia-Kate Taihia – Submissions & Hearings Administrator

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Dear Alicia-Kate

**ARA POUTAMA AOTEAROA THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS: FAR NORTH
PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN – LETTER TO BE TABLED AT HEARING 15D**

Ara Poutama Aotearoa the Department of Corrections (**Ara Poutama**) lodged submissions on the Far North Proposed District Plan (**PDP**), being submitter number S158 and further submitter FS42.

Ara Poutama has opted not to attend Hearing 15D, and requests that in lieu of attendance this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration.

The further submission points made by Ara Poutama of relevance to Hearing 15D (FS42.002-006) were not assessed within the Hearing 15D Section 42A Report. This oversight was acknowledged by Sarah Trinder (Senior Policy Planner, FNDC) in an addendum addressed to the Hearings Panel dated 17 September 2025 (copy **attached**). The addendum goes on to assess Ara Poutama's further submission points FS42.002-006.

Ara Poutama confirms its support for Ms Trinder's recommendation for the inclusion of a new rule enabling permitted activity status for "community corrections activity" within the Town Centre Zone, as this reflects the relief sought by Ara Poutama in its further submissions. The rationale for this is set out in the 17 September 2025 addendum, with the following rule being included in the updated Appendix 3 to the Hearing 15D Section 42A Report ("*Appendix 3 – Officers Recommended Amendments to Town Centre Chapter as sought by Kāinga Ora*"):

TCZ-RXX	Community Corrections activity¹	
<u>Town Centre zone</u>	<u>Activity status: Permitted</u>	<u>Activity status where compliance not achieved: Not applicable</u>

Ara Poutama appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the PDP process. Should there be any queries raised in relation to the matters set out in this letter, please contact Sean Grace via the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment: Copy of *Addendum to Hearing Report for Hearing 15D – Submission Point FS42.002-006*

CC: Andrea Millar – Manager, Resource Management and Land Management
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MEMO

To: The hearings panel – Far North Proposed District Plan

Robert Scott - Chair

CC: James Witham - Team Leader District Plan FNDC

From: Sarah Trinder -Senior Policy Planner FNDC

Date: 17th September 2025

Subject: **Addendum to Hearing Report for Hearing 15D – Submission Point FS42.002-006**

To the hearings panel,

I have been made aware that further submission points to S561 (Kianga Ora) being FS42.002-006 (Ara Poutama) that were initially allocated to Hearing 14 (Urban) and 'reallocated' to Hearing 15D (Kerikeri-Waipapa Rezoning) were not addressed in my s42A report for that hearing. This was due to an administrative error in Council's submission tracking software. Please find below an addendum to my s42A report which analysis and makes recommendations for the missing submission points. I have discussed the matter with the submitter and have advised them of my position.

Submission Point Overview

The further submitter is neutral on the relief sought by Kainga Ora but requests that community corrections sites support offenders living in the community. Under proposed rule TCZ-R10, this activity would default to discretionary status.

The submitter typically locates its sites in areas that are easily accessible to offenders and close to other supporting government agencies. As such, sites are commonly located within central business areas (i.e., Town Centre zones). Demand for both community corrections activities and the submitter's residential activities is expected to increase due to residential intensification and resulting population growth. It is therefore important that the relevant plan provisions enable this.

Analysis

I have assessed the inclusion of community corrections facilities as part of Hearing 14, with my Right of Reply recommending a Permitted Activity status for Community Corrections facilities (excluding trades training) within the MUZ. In assessing this submission I similarly recommend that community correction facilities should be included within the Town Centre zone framework and support that inclusion as a permitted activity for the following reasons:

- During the Urban Zones hearing, we received further information and clarification about the nature of community corrections facilities and their potential effects which demonstrated their suitability in commercial type zones.

- I addressed community corrections facilities in the Urban Zone Right of Reply, where I recommended that they be permitted activities in the Mixed Use zone.
- I consider it appropriate that the same activity status be applied to community corrections facilities in the Town Centre zone, excluding the limitation on trade training as there is less likelihood of conflicts between this and residential activities when compared to the MUZ.

Recommendation

Accept FS42.002-006 and add community corrections facilities as a permitted activity in the Town Centre zone framework.

Appendix 3 – Officers' Recommended Amendments to the Medium Density Residential Zone Chapter (as sought by Kāinga Ora) has been updated to reflect this recommendation.