ReZoning

Hi to the commissioners and staff. Thank you for making time for me today.

My name is Fiona king. I am a partial retired farmer and in the process of succession planning with my children in dairy, beef and horticulture. I have had to move off the farm to a small town of Awanui.

I have lived rurally all my life, on an isolated island and in the far north and I care deeply about our rural communities and our rural communities and the wellbeing of farmers and farming families. It is not easy to be a farmer these days.

The costs of farming have increased hugely and the hardest part of all has been the huge increase in regulations both from councils and central government.

Farmers must make enough money to live on, and they shouldn't have to be specialists in planning or finance to making a living, however that it what it now feels like. There are so many different regulations that are that are being heaped onto the farming and rural section, and it is pushing young people to not carry on farming and now limiting succession planning for older farmers that are retiring.

I would like to see the far north district council support our rural communities as much as possible, especially with our district plan rules, to make them as permissive as possible, to encourage the use of rural land and to not create more barriers to being a rural person in the far north.

I am here today to tell you about utilising existing infrastructure. All have good connections to town boundaries.

The Regional Policy Statement says FNDC needs to make efficient use of the existing infrastructure.

I believe 70% of the district is zoned General rural; to grow our town we need to make use of the infrastructure, and this requires some zoning changes.

More urban or rural residential zones need to be introduced.

Wireless road 1. See maps 1a to 1 d

Wireless road characteristics has already changed from a rural environment to include schools, playcentres, Bus depots for tourists and schools, welding businesses, storage sheds, Butchers.

Wireless road is also the main Top Energy distribution lines from the solar farm, and possible town water- potable or non-potable from the bores at Sweetwater for the Triboard mill. All of this being industrial, commercial or urban use.

Wireless road and the beginning of bell road have all town services available, town water, sewage scheme. Tar seal roads.

60 km intersection with the state highway 1 and 30km speed limit ay the school.

The water and sewage scheme continues to approx.1 km north of the wireless road on the state highway one.

Change to urban / industrial

Awanui Town ship bridge to dick smith loop road - see maps 2 to 2c

From the bridge on state highway one north is not in the flood plain.

This area should be rezoned from rural production to urban and industrial

It has the services of town sewage, footpaths, street lighting, schools and 50km road limits.

Change to residential

Kaitaia see maps 3 to 3c

The residential area boundaries have been limiting development. They need to change or be extended.

Development has increased into the rural production zones already. See behind the Kaitaia intermediate, Taupata place and Kohuhu street that come off North Road.

This area is putting pressure on Rural land drainage for their stormwater, having open drains around housing – apparently allowed as it is zoned rural production.

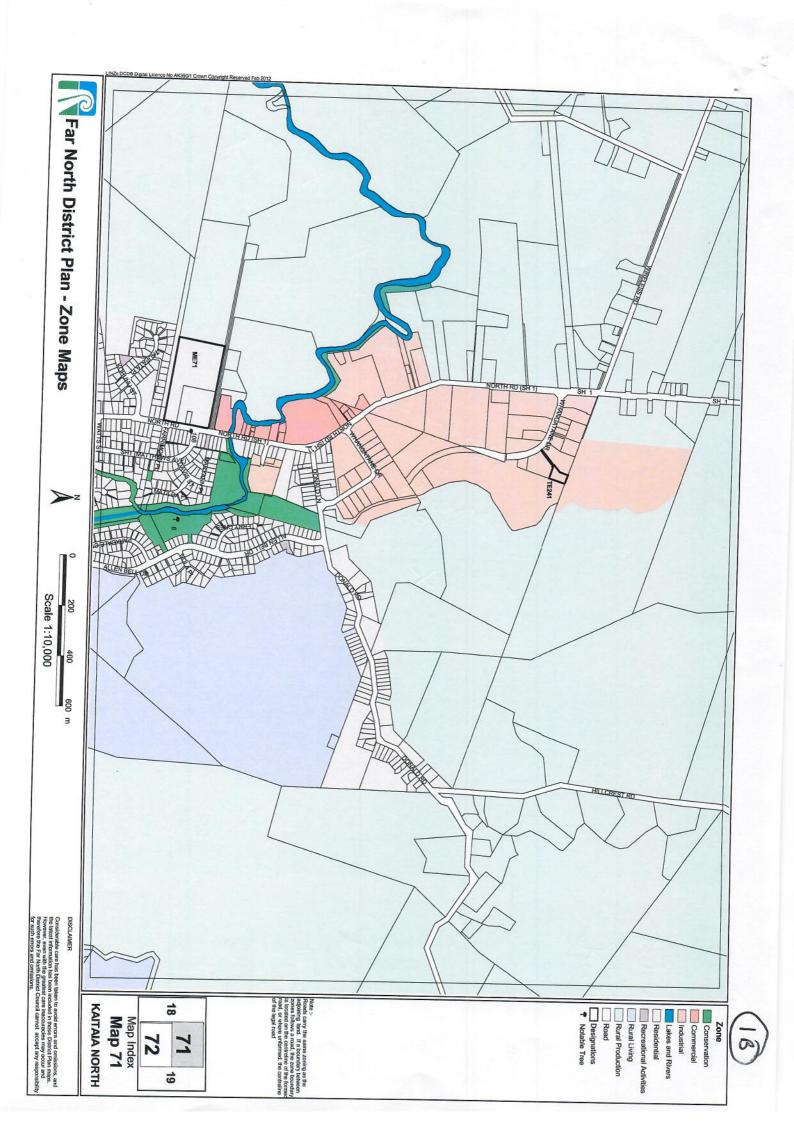
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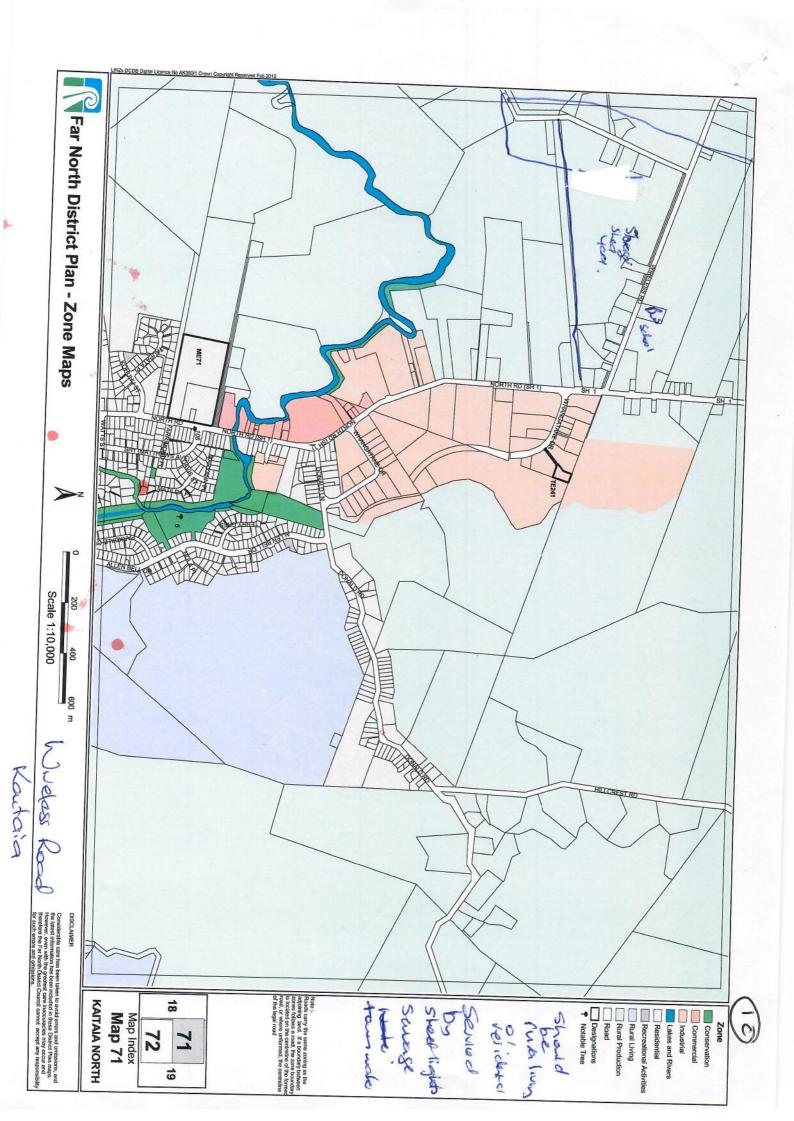
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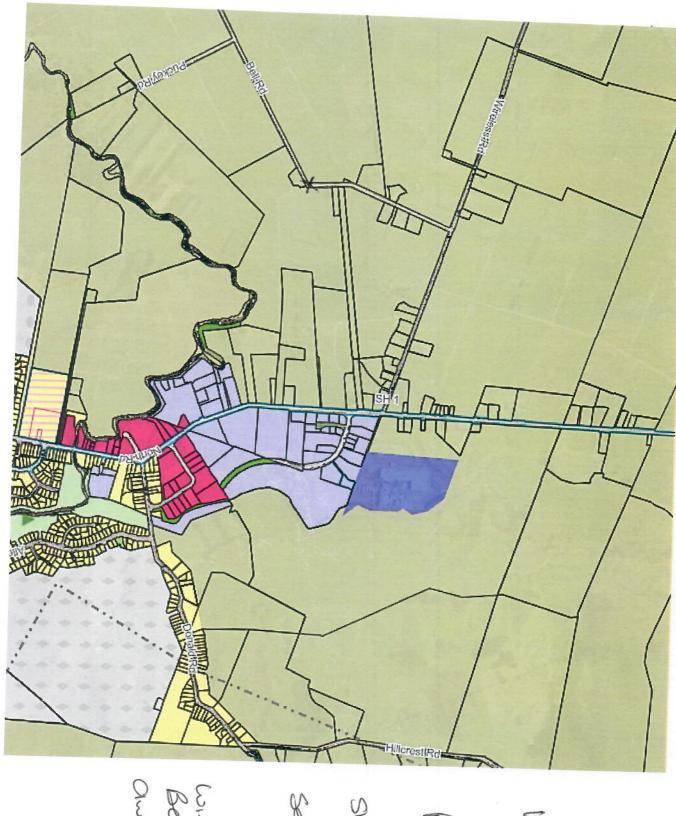


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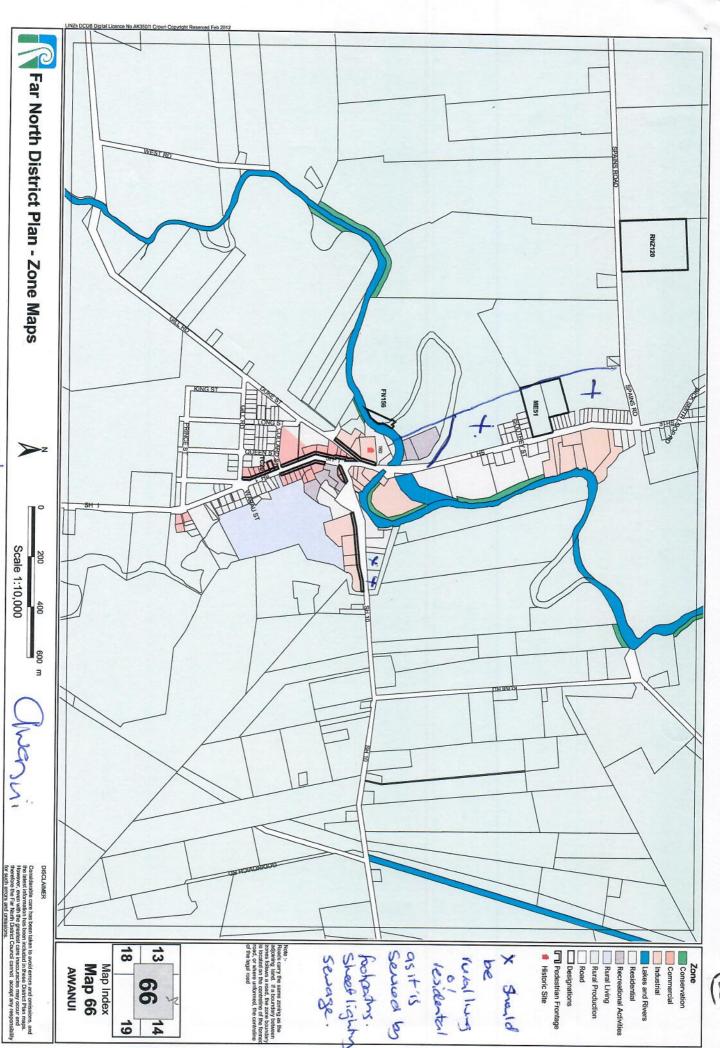
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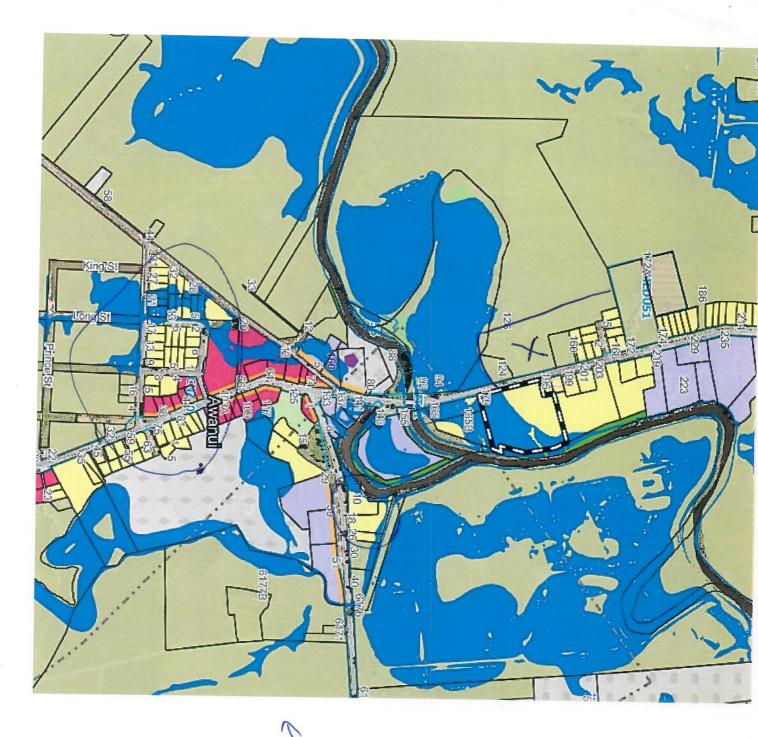
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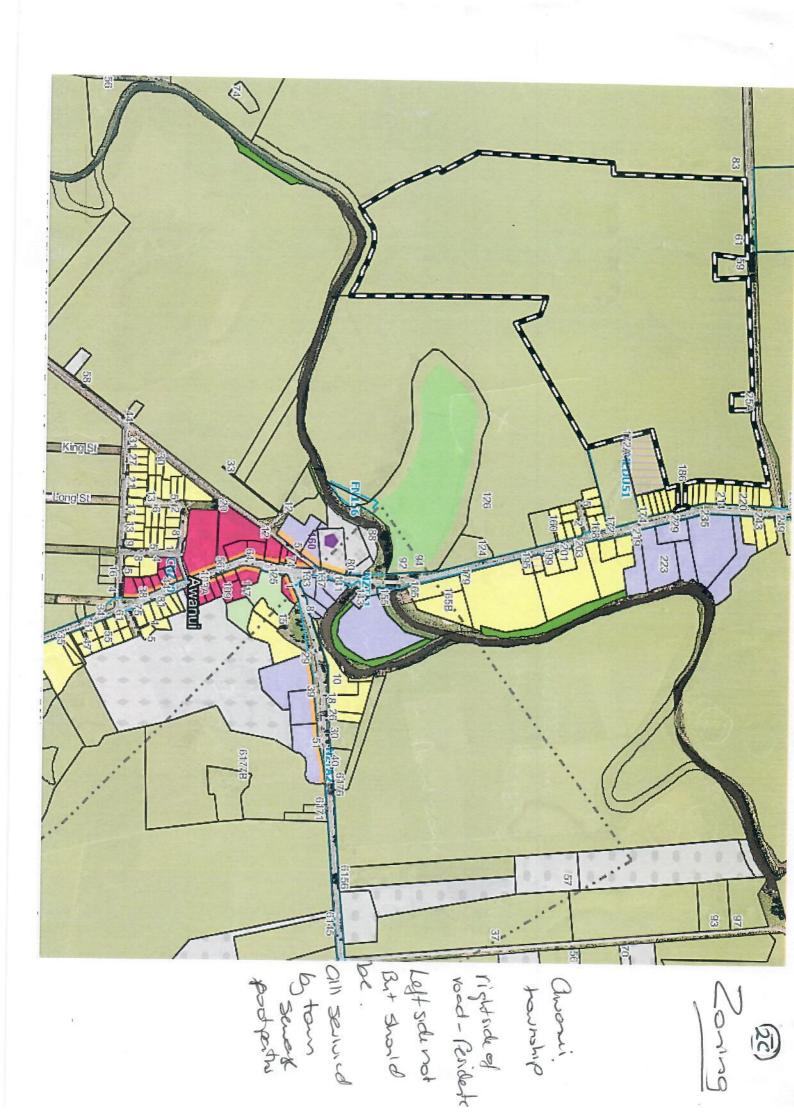
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