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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
- I **am not** 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

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)

Objectives and policies generally.

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



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My submission is:

(Include details and reasons for your position)

I found considerable over-use of the word “avoid” in isolation (i.e. no option to either remedy and/or mitigate or offset) throughout the objectives and policies.

The Resource Management Act is a broad reaching piece of legislation covering a multitude of issues affecting components making up the country’s natural and physical resources. It is based on sustainable management. I always believed that sustainable management can and does sometimes means the acceptance of some level of effect in one regard in order whilst ensuring consistency and compliance in another. The use of the word ‘avoid’ and ‘avoid’ only gives no choice, and gives no confidence that there are circumstance in which something might be acceptable (and sustainable) even though it cannot ‘avoid’ what the objective or policy says to ‘avoid’.

There are instances also where a policy states ‘avoid’ and then permitted activities in the zone or overlay clearly cannot ‘avoid’ in totality – therefore a permitted activity contradicts an objective / policy. There are also instances where two chapters, written to achieve quite different things, e.g. protection of indigenous vegetation versus wildfire risk, might both use the word ‘avoid’. This sets up a situation where it is simply not possible to be consistent with all relevant objectives and policies.

The objectives and policies are also dominated by the use of negative language where a simple change of wording could turn negativity (often regarded as restrictive and punitive) to positivity – where people can see opportunities and benefits in following a certain course of action that will still achieve the environmental outcomes sought by the Council.

I seek the following decision from the Council:

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

Review all objectives and policies that start with the word “Avoid” without any option to remedy, mitigate, or offset to ascertain if avoidance is really what is intended to the exclusion of all else.

Review all objectives and policies to see if their negative restrictive language can be replaced with more ‘enabling’ language that is less of a deterrent to trying to achieve a good sustainable result. It is far better to bring the community on board with positive and encouraging language than to set up conflict with the community.

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)

Date: 17/10/2022

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

Important information:

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
KAIKOHE 0400

Email to: pdp@fndc.govt.nz

Or you can also deliver this submission form to any Far North District Council service centre or library, from 8am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

Submissions close 5pm, 21 October 2022

Please refer to pdp.fndc.govt.nz for further information and updates.

Please note that original documents will not be returned. Please retain copies for your file.

Note to person making submission

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- 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.

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