



Submission on Proposed Far North District Plan

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Far North District Council - District Planning

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Proposed Far North District Plan

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I wish to be heard: Yes

I am willing to present a joint case: No

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- **No**

Are you 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 effects of trade competition

- **Yes**

Submission points

Point 46.1 **S156.001**

Section: Urban form and development

Sentiment: Oppose

Submission:

I oppose the whole approach of the Far North District Council to urban design, and protecting our built heritage.

The Far North has many towns that have been neglected by council and its planners for too long. Many towns have wonderful examples of good urban design and well designed buildings but Council has been blind to the fact that those buildings need recognition and protection through urban design overlays. Auckland Council finally did this in the Unitary plan by putting overlays over many traditional town centres

in an effort to protect their essential elements before it was too late. The overlays look at each individual building in the town centre from an architectural perspective and a urban design perspective which looks ay at how the buildings as a whole create good urban design. I am disappointed that despite making submissions on this subject during the draft plan not one planner took up this challenge or even contacted me to discuss it further. We are not being well served by the planners we employ.

This submission is about bringing this to the attention of planners again and push them to take this matter seriously before it is too late to stop the loss of our urban heritage. Unless something tangible is done I will be taking this to the environment court because Council are neglecting their obligations under the Resource Management act. Auckland Council has shown that there are tools but our planners are asleep at the wheel.

Relief sought

Bring in urban design overlays and urban design assessments for all of Northlands towns. Start with the towns least compromised such as Rawene, Russell, Kawakawa, Mangonui, Kohukohu, and then move on to the other towns to see what we can save. There are many Architects including myself who would be willing to help Council and its planners to get this process into place and help with assessments.

Let your community help.