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October 2022

## Proposed District Plan submission form

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

Feel free to add more pages to your submission to provide a fuller response.

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)*

NH-R5 Wild fire – buildings used for vulnerable activity; PER-2.

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



**My submission is:**

*(Include details and reasons for your position)*

I am surprised that the Council has considered it necessary to persist with a rule such as PER-2. The same rule in the Operative District Plan has not served any useful purpose, the issue being much better addressed through the Building Consent process and FENZ standards and guidelines, and is often in conflict with rules restricting the clearance of indigenous vegetation. In fact the proposed new wording is even worse than the existing wording in the Operative District Plan because it deletes the words "area of" and simply states any contiguous scrub or shrubland, woodlot or forestry – meaning a single row of shelter planting is likely caught by the rule.

Imposing a specific buffer distance is a nonsense. A fire is not going to follow the rule and know not to spread when the gap between building and dripline is 20.5m, compared with spreading if the distance is 19.5m. The emphasis should be on sensible and practical provision of the means by which fires can be extinguished – safe, sufficient and accessible water supply – and by providing home owners with useful and practical advice in regard to plant species and building materials that might be suitable when building near or within areas of vegetation.

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

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

Delete NH-R5 PER-2. **S95.001**

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:**

*(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](mailto: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.

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**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.

**SUBMISSION NUMBER**

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