



## 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:**

*Objectives IB-O1, SUB-O2*

*Policies IB-P1, SUB-P8*

*IB-R4 Indigenous vegetation clearance and any associated land disturbance outside a SNA.*

*SUB-R17 Subdivision of a site containing a scheduled SNA*

*Others associated with these provisions, where appropriate.*

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

**My submission is:**

*It is totally unacceptable for FNDC to essentially 'take' land without market rate compensation.*

*These rules appear to have the same effect as the previously tabled SNA proposals which were supposedly discarded when the ratepayers made their feelings very clear to the government.*

*We have purchased this land and worked hard to clear it of noxious vegetation this includes, at our own expense and physical effort, removing gorse, tobacco weed, Australian Sedge and Ragwort.*

*It is completely unreasonable that we should have to pay an ecologist to prove that our small amount of regenerated 'Native Bush' is not an SNA.*

*Given that our Title already includes covenanted land that we are protecting – as is the case for most land owners in the area. We believe that FNDC should not be legally allowed to commandeer any further land by underhand means as is proposed.*

*That these policies are being forced down from 'the top', where 'the top' exists outside of NZ, makes a complete mockery of NZ as a supposed democracy.*

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

*IB-R4 PER-2 to be amended to allow unlimited area to be cleared per calendar year in Rural production Zone. OR at a minimum, whatever the previous district plan allowed.*

**\$69.001**

*Remove SUB-R17 entirely, it serves no useful purpose. A subdivided SNA is still a SNA.*

**\$69.006**

**The specific provisions of the Plan that my submission relates to are:**

*SUB-S1 Minimum allotment sizes – Rural Production Zone*

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

**My submission is:**

*A minimum allotment of 8Ha is not practicable. This size is too large for most people wishing to have a lifestyle block. The constant effort / time / expense of keeping the area clear of noxious vegetation and predators is not viable for a small landholder.*

*Economically and socially The Far North needs to be able to attract more residents, being able to offer more lifestyle blocks for those people interested in pursuing a more self-sufficient lifestyle, would be a good way of increasing our population.*

*People from the main population centres in NZ that want to get away from the cramped 'chicken coop' living environment*



Land owners should be entitled to further develop their land as they see fit, if it is otherwise unproductive.

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

That smaller allotment sizes apply to properties that do not consist of highly productive land as is the case for much of the Far North. S69.002

**The specific provisions of the Plan that my submission relates to are:**

IB-P9 Require landowners to manage pets and pest species, including dogs, cats, possums, rats and mustelids, to avoid risks to threatened indigenous species, including avoiding the introduction of pets and pest species into kiwi present or high-density kiwi areas.

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

**My submission is:**

We don't know of any of our neighbouring land owners who are not already actively and at their own expense, eradicating noxious animals/predators. To make it a legal requirement is unnecessary, and, in practical terms, unenforceable.

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

To remove the word 'require' from the rule and replace it with 'assist'. S69.003

**The specific provisions of the Plan that my submission relates to are:**

GRZ-R9 Residential activity (multi-unit development)

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

**My submission is:**

To allow/encourage multi-unit developments within the general residential zone is untenable without the supporting infrastructure for fresh water, sewage treatment, roading etc. is totally inadequate as things currently stand. To think FNDC has resources and funding to cope with even more housing developments especially in Mangonui, Coopers Beach & Taipa, is absurd.

People moving to the region are generally doing so to get away from the high density rabbit-hutch environment that the main population centres have become. Why create the same problem here?

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

Rule GRZ-R9 should be removed. S69.004

**The specific provisions of the Plan that my submission relates to are:**

The whole PDP in general

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

**My submission is:**

It is not acceptable for governmental policy that has never been formally voted on by the public to be forced on us by our elected council.



We expect our elected council to be representing us by standing up for what we want and not to be acting as the governments' law enforcing officers.

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

The PDP should be abolished and replaced with a plan that has been drafted in true consultation with the citizens and rate payers of the area. S69.005

- 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)

*Robyn Baker*

Date: 15/10/2022

(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.

**Submissions close 5pm, 21 October 2022**

Please refer to [pdp.fndc.govt.nz](http://pdp.fndc.govt.nz) for further information and updates.

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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**