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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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Company / Organisation			
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2. (Please select one of the two options below)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission <input type="checkbox"/> I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission			
<i>If you could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission, please complete point 3 below</i>			
3. <input type="checkbox"/> 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			
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<i>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</i>			
The specific provisions of the Plan that my submission relates to are: <i>(please provide details including the reference number of the specific provision you are submitting on)</i> Proposed Horticulture Zone Map area, Proposed District Plan Chapter on 'Horticulture Zone' including Objectives, Policies and Zone rules			
Confirm your position: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <i>(please tick relevant box)</i>			
Our submission is: As the owners of the property at 494A Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri, we are happy that FNDC has taken the initiative to protect high quality soils that are necessary for the continuation of orchards in Kerikeri. It shows FNDC support to 'care about food-growing abilities at our doorstep' for future generations to be fed from. It is consistent with the Northland Regional Policy Statement and the newly released			



National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land which aims to protect versatile soils for food production for New Zealanders.

As the council and community know, the origin and history of Kerikeri is based on the availability of rich soils that enabled the successful growing of citrus, especially oranges, and the establishment of Kerikeri as a successful small town.

We bought this property with a small orchard in 2013 with the intention of improving it. For around 100+ years, our land and surrounding area has been used for horticultural activities amongst citrus and tamarillo orchards. However, you would be amazed at the diversity of crops that grow extremely well in Kerikeri soil.

Our property contains good free draining volcanic soil, over 1m deep in places, where especially oranges can be grown successfully. We have already established 200+ citrus trees on our property and intend to plant a further 400.

We are working on establishing our mixed variety orchard as a family operation with citrus trees, various pip and stone fruit trees, olives, "whatever grows in Kerikeri's climate" plant and tree varieties already growing and producing. In our opinion, horticultural activities are not limited to what is currently or have been grown historically; other crops can be established successfully.

We wish to keep our property as an orchard for the benefit of future generations. We prefer not to see adjoining orchards subdivided into small lots for residential development. We have seen large local areas of prime horticultural land being fragmented into residential sites. This land with its fertile soils made over 1,000s of years cannot be replaced. This needs to stop.

We are of the opinion that many orchards along Kerikeri Road (southern end towards SH10) and surrounding byroads with prime horticultural soils, have been bought by speculators gambling on the outcome of the new district plan enabling them to subdivide to residential sections for their personal financial gain. These orchards, many of which sit dormant and neglected, contain the best soils for horticultural use in New Zealand and should be protected for that purpose and that purpose alone.

We are aware that already damage has been done by allowing small lot residential subdivisions on elite soils. However, we believe it is 'better late than never' to stop further degradation of elite soils.

Of course, none of this development on our property would be possible without one simple and essential element – water! We have an amazing access to irrigation water supply directly to our property as do many of the dormant orchards. It is such a rare and essential resource and facility we are fortunate to have.

We seek the following decision from the Council:

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

We request FNDC to

- 1) **Keep the Horticulture Zone as identified in the Proposed District Plan's zone maps,** \$506.001
- 2) **Keep Objectives, Policies and Rules as provided in the Proposed District Plan for Horticulture Zone** \$506.002

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) \$506.003
 \$506.004

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: 21.10.22

(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

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- 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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