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## 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  
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*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 submissions relate to are:**

*(please provide details including the reference number of the specific provision you are submitting on)*

Part 2 District-wide matters  
 Natural Environment Values  
 Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity  
 Policies  
 IB-R1  
 IB-R2  
 IB-R4 contd



IB-P1

Confirm your position:  Support  Support In-part  Oppose

(please tick relevant box)

have commented on the areas I would like to see improved but strongly support the emphasis on conservation.

**My first submission is:**

**IB-R1 That the permitted activity status should be extended to include probable and imminent risk to property.**

I need to clear bush from around my existing house to prevent the likelihood of fire and the house being overtaken by the bush.

This bush was previously cleared but more than ten years ago.

It is unclear whether clearing the bush to manage fire risk or plants damaging buildings would be covered by PER-1 13

"for the operation, repair and maintenance" of buildings activities" or

PER 1-11

"Creation and maintenance of fire breaks to manage fire risk".

I am more concerned about the risk of fire with global warming and the increased potential for droughts.

I was concerned that the significant natural area map covered all 137.5 hectares of my land including the house and garage and the area around the house. Due to ill health I was unable to express my concerns during the Significant Natural Areas consultation process.

**For my first submission:**

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

By extending PER-1, 1.to read

"To address an immediate risk to the health and safety of the public or **probable, imminent or actual** damage to property"

AND

By extending PER-1, 13 to read

"It is for the **protection, operation, repair and maintenance** of the following activities where they have been lawfully established"

**My second submission is:**

(Include details and reasons for your position)

**IB-R4 PER 2**

My concern is that there is a blanket limit of 100 square metres where no report has been obtained from a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist.

There is one situation in which it would be very unwise to set a limit and that when a fire-break is urgently required to prevent a fire spreading to large areas of indigenous fauna/bush or commercial forest plantations.

In the past I experienced a situation in which one of my neighbours left a fire unattended and it spread to my property. My property adjoins other properties with indigenous fauna/bush and these properties adjoin huge Ngāti Hine forest plantations. In that instance my brother-in-law bull-dozed an emergency fire-break and a helicopter with a monsoon bucket was used to put out the fire.

In an emergency the fire-break has to be whatever size is required to stop the fire. Limiting the size of the fire-break could have resulted in huge areas of native bush and pine forests being destroyed.

I have included maps of my property so that you can appreciate how it is and has been connected to other indigenous forests.

S473.001



For my second submission, I seek the following decision from the Council:

S473.002 IB-R4 PER – 2 Note:

This rule shall not apply to fire-breaks required urgently to prevent the spread of fire to indigenous and other bush/forst areas.

My third submission is:

IB-P1 As a pensioner, I am concerned about the cost of obtaining an assessment of the ecological significance for indigenous vegetation clearance to establish permitted activity thresholds in Rule R2-R4. I receive no income from my land.

For my third submission, I seek the following decision from the Council:

S473.003 That the council should provide assessments of ecological significance for indigenous vegetation clearance, or fund or contribute to the costs of beneficiaries needing to obtain an assessment of the ecological significance of their land.

My fourth submission is:

IB-R2 PER-1

That if only one papakainga house is proposed to be built the limit should be 1,000 sq metres not 500sq metres so that the permitted residential unit for Māori is not less than a single residential unit on a title under IB-R1 7. As Māori tend to have bigger families and require a bigger house this restriction appears to be unnecessarily discriminatory.

S473.004 For my fourth submission. I seek the following decision from the council

IB-R2 PER-1, 2. Should be reworded as follows:

\$1,000 sq metres for the first residential unit, 500sq metres for subsequent units."

- 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)

*Stanley Adams*

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)

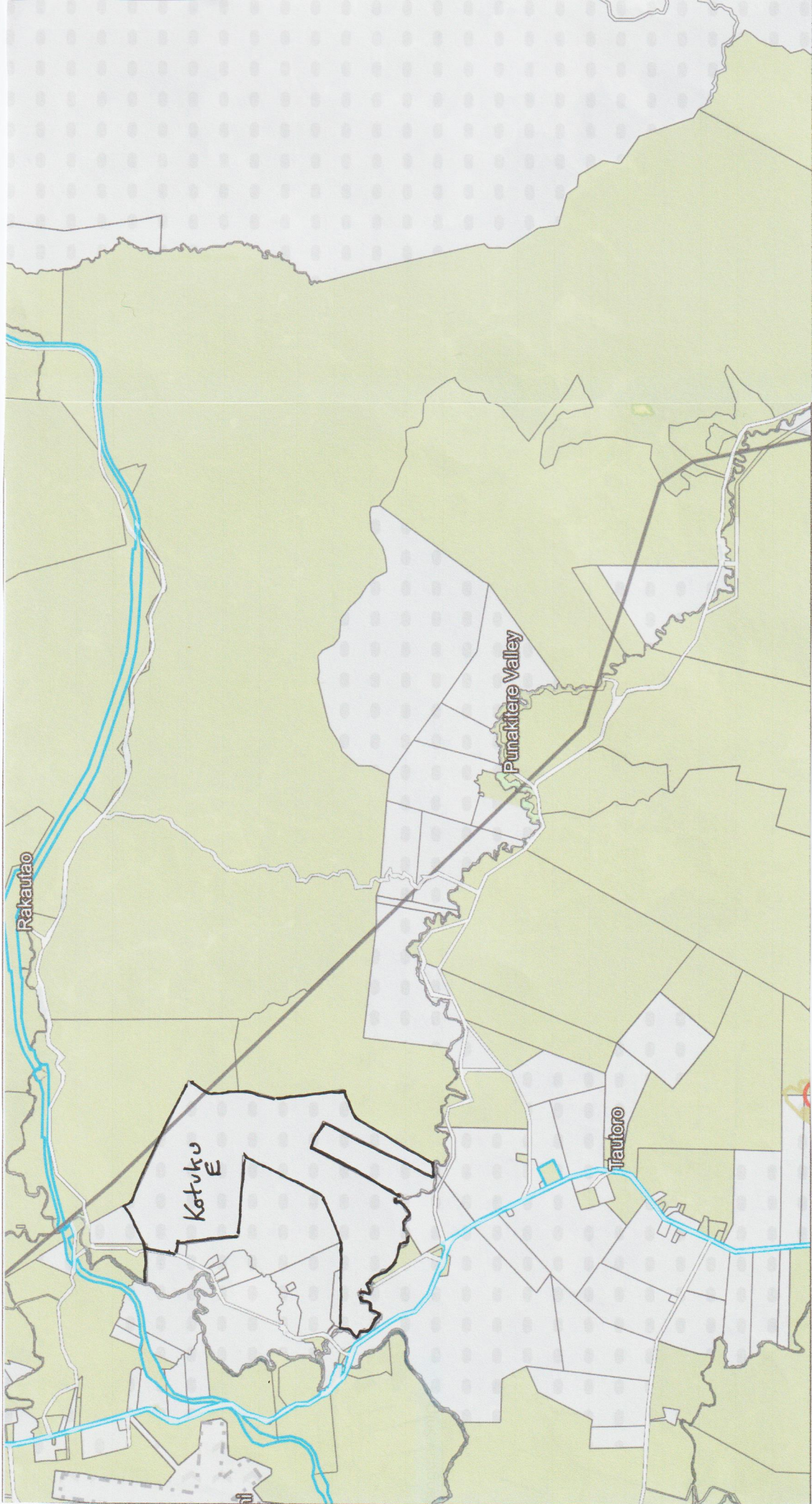


Fig 1. Shirley Adams (Katuku E)



Kotuku E and links to other indigenous vegetation/forests  
and pine forests

Fig 2.  
Shirley Adams



Fig 3 Showing the links previously between Kotuku E and other forest areas  
Shirley Adams