Online Further Submission

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Further Submitter Number FS99

Wish to be heard No

FS qualifier a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public has (e.g. land owner, resource user)

FS qualifier reason Neighbour and affected ratepayer.

Joint presentation Yes

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Further submission points

Original submitter OS Decision Requested SupportOppose **FS Decision requested** Raw FS number **Related Submission Point** Plan section **Provision** Reasons

FS99.1	Natalie Todd	S38.001	Planning maps	Horticulture Zone	Amend zoning for the land along north side of Wiroa Road and west side of Waimate North Road, Kerikeri from Horticulture to Rural	Support	Allow
					Production Zone.		

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The current
rural
production
zoning fits the
nature of this
area much
better than
the proposed
Horticulture
zone. All
properties
here are
already
lifestyle blocks
and have
varying
degrees of
development
on them. The
soil is
predominantly
not suitable
for
horticulture
being full of
rock even
after many
years of rock
removal and
very poor
quality soil
(see also
S61.001)
which makes
it extremely
unlikely that
they will be
used for
horticulture
purposes.
There is also a
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								allow worthwhile horticulture care. Earlier attempts at horticulture have been abandoned and most of that area is now beef grazed.
FS99.2	John and Rose Whitehead	S535.007	General	General / Plan Content / Miscellaneous	Delete the proposed Horticulture zone in its entirety, rezoning areas Rural Production, General Rural, Commercial or Rural Residential as appropriate.	Support	Allow	Reasons

FS99.3	John and Rose Whitehead	S535.007	General	General / Plan Content / Miscellaneous	Delete the proposed Horticulture zone in its entirety, rezoning areas Rural Production, General Rural, Commercial or Rural Residential as appropriate.	Support	Allow
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We recognise that the council has a responsibility under the RMA and Regional Policy Statement to protect highly versatile soils and prevent land fragmentation and sterilisation, including from reverse sensitivity. The current

horticultural zoning does not consider the location of highly versatile soils as shown on my property recently inspected by QV as significantly not suitable for horticulture. This property also does not have a connection to the Kerikeri Irrigation Supply and is in fact

marginal farmland. There is also a significant area that is too steep to allow worthwhile horticulture care. There must be provision for soil assessment before zoning any property as a Horticulture Zone. The current rural production zoning fits the nature of this area much better than the proposed Horticulture

zone.

FS99.4 John and Rose S535.002 Whitehead	Planning maps	Horticulture Zone	Delete the proposed Horticulture zone in its entirety, rezoning areas Rural Production, General Rural, Commercial or Rural Residential as appropriate.	Support in part	Allow in part
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We recognise the importance of protecting productive soils for food production in Northland and as such, submit that the Horticulture Zone applied only to Kerikeri has incorrectly identified suitable soils and neglected to acknowledge land already lost. If the

objective is to protect productive soils, there is much soil outside of the Kerikeri area that must be zoned Horticulture to avoid the land fragmentation that has already occurred in Kerikeri. It is noted there doesn't not

appear to be any horticulture Zoning outside of this immediate Kerikeri area.

If the Horticulture zone was applied as per Kerikeri Irrigation Scheme, we note that our drystock farm is not connected to the scheme, but has proposed Horticulture Zoning. This is in addition to being land highly unsuitable for Horticulture production due to difficult clay soil, significant wet areas, steepness of terrain, lack of water supply, difficulty of access, and areas of significant rock.



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nature of this
area (Riddell
Rd - Bills
Lane) much
better than
the proposed
Horticulture
zone.

Careful soil mapping would need to be carried out to determine where Horticulture Zoning would truly be necessary, if Rural Production does not suffice for protecting these areas.