

Media Release

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Appointment of Crown Manager

Kaipara District Council welcomes today's announcement from the Associate Minister of Local Government Jacqui Dean of the appointment of Peter Winder as Crown Manager. The continued Crown Support and direction on a range of outstanding legal matters before Council will allow the Elected Members to continue to focus on the future development of Kaipara, whilst ensuring an efficient and effective resolution to the historic legal actions.

Kaipara District Council would like to thank the Associate Minister of Local Government Jacqui Dean for her role in resolving the issue of Crown Support in a timely manner.

We look forward to the day historic legal matters are resolved, this will assist us financially and also allow Kaipara to finally put that era of its past behind us.

Kaipara District Council recognises the skills and experience Mr Winder will bring to the role and looks forward to the resolution of outstanding legal matters which have challenged Council's resources.

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Talking Points

Was the new Council involved in the appointment of Mr Winder?

The Elected Members were advised by the Associate Minister that the process of recruitment was underway but the appointment process was managed by the Associate Minister and the Government.

Why is a Crown Manager necessary?

The newly elected Council has been focusing on the future direction of the district. The historic legal issues have been managed effectively to date and the Council advised of progress. The Crown Manager appointment will allow this focus and energy to continue.

What is the extent of the Crown Manager's authority?

The Crown Manager provides direction on outstanding and future legal actions relating to the development of the Mangawhai Community Wastewater Scheme, the setting and collection of rates during and prior to the Kaipara Commissioners' term.

Who covers the cost of the Crown Manager?

Kaipara District Council will pay the cost for the Crown Manager and the Crown Observer as set out in the Cabinet Fees Framework.