

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

AND

IN THE MATTER of hearing submissions and further submissions on the Proposed Kaipara District Plan

AND

IN THE MATTER OF New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) late filing of evidence

MEMORANDUM OF THE HEARING PANEL

Dated: 05 May 2026

INTRODUCTION

1. The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) (submitter 284) has reviewed the section 42A Report for Hearing Stream 12 – Public Access and determined that it will not attend this hearing, but requests that their letter¹ be tabled with the Hearing Panel.
2. Ms Meagan Walters of Council, in passing on the NZDF request noted the letter was received one day late, in terms of the indicated timelines for the filing of information for Hearing 12. Ms Walters then looks to the Panel for advice on the matter.

PANEL'S ADVICE

3. RMA section 37(2) gives the Panel the ability to waive compliance, in this instance with the required timelines for the filing of evidence.
4. RMA section 37A set out the requirements for waivers and extensions. Having given due consideration to the requirements as set in RMA section 37A(1) the Panel has come to the view that the NZDF letter should be accepted. It is in the best interests of the community in achieving the adequate assessment of the Proposed Kaipara District Plan.
5. The acceptance of the NZDF letter should not impact on the upcoming deadline for a S42A Addendum (due on 11 May) and/or Legal Submissions (due on 13 May).

¹ New Zealand Defence Force letter 4 May 2026

6. Any queries or similar relating to the above should be directed to the Council's Hearing Administrator, Meagan Walters at mwalters@kaipara.govt.nz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Farnsworth', written in a cursive style.

Mark C Farnsworth MNZM

For the Hearing Panel

05 May 2026