

## **Memorandum**

**To:** Mark Farnsworth – Hearing Panel Chair.  
**From:** Anna Turner– Section 42A reporting officer for the Open Space zones.  
**Date:** 12 May 2026.  
**Subject:** Response to evidence received on the Open Space zones.

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This memorandum has been prepared to summarise the evidence and hearing statements received from submitters on the Open Space zones, comprising the Natural Open Space Zone (**NOSZ**), the Open Space Zone (**OSZ**) and the Sport and Active Recreation Zone (**SARZ**). The hearings for the Open Space zones are scheduled as Hearings 13, 14 and 15 for the Proposed Kaipara District Plan (**PDP**) on 19 May 2026.

This memorandum has been prepared in lieu of a formal addendum to the Open Space zones section 42A report, as the material received from submitters has not altered my recommendations on the provisions. The purpose of this memorandum is to assist the Hearing Panel in understanding the evidence filed and locate where I have responded to the relevant matters in my section 42A report in advance of the hearing.

### **Hearing statements received**

The Department of Conservation (**DOC**) filed a hearing statement in response to the Open Space zones section 42A report. No other hearing statements or evidence has been filed.

#### Director General of Conservation [S304]

DOC tabled a hearing statement dated 28 April 2026 confirming the Director-General of Conservation wishes to withdraw its right to be heard at the hearing. This hearing statement confirms DOC supports rules NOSZ-R1 (Buildings and structures) and NOSZ-R2 (Activities authorised by strategies and plans) as notified and as set out in primary submissions [S304.119] and [S304.120]. The hearing statement notes I have not recommended changes to these rules as set out at paragraph 146 of the section 42A report.

DOC confirms it agrees with my view, as set out at paragraph 166 of the section 42A report that the definition of “open space management facilities” is appropriately drafted to capture the day-to-day activities involved in the management of parks and reserves across a range of land types, including public conservation land.

DOC notes that whilst I do not recommend accepting its relief sought as set out in its primary submission [304.28] to amend the definition of open space management facilities to explicitly reference daily activities associated with the management of its facilities on public conservation land, DOC agrees that the definition as drafted does capture activities associated with the management of DOC's facilities.

For the reasons above, I maintain my analysis and recommendations in response to DOC's primary submissions as set out in my Section 42A report as follows:

- a. Topic 5: Natural Open Space Zone – Objectives, Policies, Rules and Standards (paragraph 146)
- b. Topic 7: Open Space Zone and Sports and Active Recreation Zone – Definitions (paragraph 166).