

4 May 2026

SUBMITTERS AND COUNCIL OFFICERS

NOTICE OF HEARING – PROPOSED KAIPARA DISTRICT PLAN

1. Kaipara District Council advises that the Hearing Panel consisting of Commissioner Mark Farnsworth (Chair), Commissioner Alan Watson and Commissioner Craig Jepson will hear and consider submissions and further submissions on the following topic for the Council's Proposed District Plan.

Hearing Number: 17
This hearing relates to submissions and further submissions on: ECOSYSTEMS AND INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY

2. The details for the hearing are:

Date: Monday 8 June 2026

Time: 10.00am

Venue: TBC

Key Dates for this hearing (for more information see below)		
Council planner's (s42A) report due	1 May 2026 (see Note 1 below this table)	25 working days before hearing starts before
Submitter expert evidence due	18 May 2026 by 12 noon	15 working days before hearing starts
Submitter rebuttal evidence due	22 May 2026 by 12 noon	10 working days before hearing starts
Appearance at hearing confirmation due	22 May 2026 by 12 noon	10 working days before hearing starts
Indicative timetable for hearing online	29 May 2026	5 working days before hearing starts
Legal submissions due	3 June 2026 by 12 noon	3 working days before hearing starts

Note 1: There was a slight delay in receiving a particular report that was part of the S42A Report which meant the S42A report that was originally due online on 1 May 2026 was not online until 4 May 2026. The Hearing Panel decided to extend the deadline date for Submitter Expert Evidence to be online from 15 May 2026 to 18 May 2026 to ensure submitters are not disadvantaged.

3. As a submitter and/or further submitter, you are invited to attend the hearing where the Hearing Commissioners will consider the submissions in support of/ or opposing the Proposed District Plan Provisions.
4. A list of submissions being considered for Hearing 17 is provided in Table 1, attached to this Hearing Notice.

Procedure for Hearing of Submissions

5. This letter sets out matters relating to the hearing. Further details are available in [Direction 5](#) and [Direction 6](#) from the Hearing Panel.

Pre-Circulation of Evidence

6. The Hearing Panel requires the Council to provide its Section 42A Report and any other Council evidence at least **25** working days prior to the hearing.
7. Submitters and further submitters are required to provide all expert evidence to the Hearings Administrator at least **15** working days before the hearing. An expert is a professional such as a planner, traffic engineer or similar. Submitters may provide non-expert evidence (i.e. personal submissions) at the hearing. The required delivery dates for evidence are set out at the start of this letter.
8. Providers of expert evidence are referred to paragraphs 18 and 19, [Direction 3: Hearing Requirements](#). The evidence should clearly outline any changes in Plan wording proposed (along with the rationale for these changes) together with an assessment pursuant to S32AA of the RMA. All evidence is expected to be provided electronically. Evidence must be emailed to the Hearings Administrator mwalters@kaipara.govt.nz **by 12 noon on 18 May 2026**.
9. If you wish to speak at the hearing, please email Meagan Walters (Hearings Administrator) mwalters@kaipara.govt.nz with your hearing timetable response by **12 noon on 22 May 2026**. Your email should be titled "Hearing 17 – Timetable Response", and needs to provide the following information:
 - Your daytime phone number.
 - Your submission number(s).
 - The name(s) of who will be speaking to your submission (including any expert witnesses). An indication of how much time you and each of your representatives require to speak. **Due to pre-circulation of evidence, the Commissioners expect each expert witness to require no more than 15 minutes to present their evidence.**
 - Whether you will attend the hearing in-person or are making a request to appear online using the "TEAMS" platform. If making a request to appear online, please include an outline of reasons for the request.
 - Whether you will do a digital presentation (e.g. PowerPoint).
 - Whether you intend to present evidence in sign language or Te Reo Māori (requiring an interpreter).
10. Please note the following:
 - We do not automatically assign people with speaking slots. If you wish to be heard,

- you need to provide the above information by the specified date.
- Any submitter who has been allocated additional hearing time is required to advise the Hearings Administrator if additional time is no longer necessary.
 - The safety and wellbeing of our team members and communities is important to us. If you are sick or have COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the hearing in person. You will still be able to participate in the hearing online. If you are presenting, please advise the Hearings Administrator.
11. The Hearings Administrator will prepare an indicative hearing schedule and post it on the website at least one week (5 working days) prior to the hearing commencing. The Hearings Administrator will email all hearing parties a link to the schedule as soon as it is confirmed.
 12. If you have any additional written material to present at the hearing, please bring ten (10) copies to the hearing and supply an electronic copy to the Hearings Administrator within two (2) working days of completing your presentation. The Hearing Commissioners have received a copy of all submissions. You do not need to provide additional copies.
 13. Council intends to make all information for the Hearings available via the Council's website www.kaipara.govt.nz/kaipara-district-plan-review/kaipara-district-plan-review/PDPHearings. However, hard copies of documents can be provided to submitters on request.
 14. Video recordings of the hearing will be posted to the Council's website as soon as practical after each hearing session.
 15. If you have any questions in relation to the hearing, please contact the Hearings Administrator, Meagan Walters on 0800 727 059 or at mwalters@kaipara.govt.nz.

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District Planning Team
Kaipara District Council

**Table 1 Submissions with submission points being considered as part of
Hearing 17: Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity
(FS = Further Submission)**

Submission Number	Submitter
20	Christine Silvester
26	Chorus New Zealand Ltd, Connexa Ltd, Spark NZ Trading Ltd, Fortysouth Group LP and One NZ (the Telco Companies)
67	Adam Booth
119	Amanda (Mandy) Harris
125	Madara Vilde
136	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) – Northland Province (Federated Farmers)
140	Horticulture New Zealand (Horticulture NZ)
146	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association (NZAAA)
149	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (Forest & Bird)
158	Manulife Forest Management NZ Ltd (Manulife)
206	D Leighton
216	Cabra Mangawhai Ltd & Pro Land Matters Ltd (Cabra & Pro Land)
217	Cato Bolam Consultants Limited (Cato Bolam)
237	K P Dreadon Limited
257	Piroa Conservation Trust
263	Daytona Trust
265	Environmental Defence Society Incorporated (EDS)
267	Northland Fish and Game Council (Fish and Game)
272	J & C Hawley
278	Marunui Conservation Ltd
283	Northpower Limited and Northpower Fibre Limited (Northpower)
284	New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF)
289	Tappenden Holdings Limited
292	Transpower New Zealand Limited (Transpower)
300	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated (Bream Tail RA)
301	Channel Terminal Services Limited (Channel)

304	Director General of Conservation (DOC)
308	Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ)
309	Clarus
319	J Warden
323	KiwiRail Holdings Limited (KiwiRail)
332	Northland Regional Council (NRC)
333	NZ Fairy Tern Trust
337	Aoroa Farms
FS23	W Birt
FS34	Black Swamp Ltd
FS35	Bream Tail RA
FS41	Channel
FS42	The Telco Companies
FS44	Daytona Trust
FS45	DOC
FS46	EDS
FS47	Federated Farmers
FS58	J & C Hawley
FS74	Marunui Conservation Ltd
FS76	Matariki Forests
FS77	Mercury NZ Limited
FS82	Northpower
FS83	NZAAA
FS84	NZ Defence Force
FS85	NZ Helicopter Association
FS89	P F Olsen
FS93	Forest & Bird
FS97	Tappenden Holdings Ltd
FS100	Transpower
FS103	P Rothwell
FS104	Fonterra
FS107	Atlas Quarries Limited