

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.

<b>Hearing Number: 18</b>
This hearing relates to submissions and further submissions on:  <b>NATURAL CHARACTER</b>

2. The details for the hearing are:

**Date:** Monday 8 June 2026

**Time:** 10.00am

**Venue:** TBC

<b>Key Dates for this hearing (for more information see below)</b>		
Council planner’s (s42A) report due	<b>1 May 2026</b> (see Note 1 below this table)	25 working days before hearing starts before
Submitter expert evidence due	<b>18 May 2026 by 12 noon</b>	15 working days before hearing starts
Submitter rebuttal evidence due	<b>22 May 2026 by 12 noon</b>	10 working days before hearing starts
Appearance at hearing confirmation due	<b>22 May 2026 by 12 noon</b>	10 working days before hearing starts
Indicative timetable for hearing online	<b>29 May 2026</b>	5 working days before hearing starts
Legal submissions due	<b>3 June 2026 by 12 noon</b>	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 18 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](mailto: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](mailto:mwalters@kaipara.govt.nz) with your hearing timetable response by **12 noon on 22 May 2026**. Your email should be titled "Hearing 18 – 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](http://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](mailto: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 18: Natural Character  
(FS = Further Submission)**

<b>Submission Number</b>	<b>Submitter</b>
119	Amanda (Mandy) Harris
300	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated ( <b>Bream Tail Residents Association</b> )
216	Cabra Mangawhai Ltd & Pro Land Matters Ltd
26	Chorus New Zealand Ltd, Connexa Ltd, Spark NZ Trading Ltd, Fortysouth Group LP and One NZ ( <b>Chorus et al</b> )
309	Clarus
304	Director-General of Conservation ( <b>DOC</b> )
265	Environmental Defence Society Incorporated ( <b>EDS</b> )
136	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) – Northland Province ( <b>Federated Farmers</b> )
270	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga ( <b>HNZPT</b> )
315	Horizon Surveying & Land Development
140	Horticulture New Zealand ( <b>Horticulture NZ</b> )
319	J Warden
323	KiwiRail Holdings Limited ( <b>KiwiRail</b> )
237	K P Dreadon Limited
125	Madara Vilde
158	Manulife Forest Management (NZ) Ltd ( <b>Manulife Forest Management</b> )
146	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association ( <b>NZAAA</b> )
284	New Zealand Defence Force ( <b>NZDF</b> )
267	Northland Fish and Game Council ( <b>Fish and Game</b> )
332	Northland Regional Council ( <b>NRC</b> )
283	Northpower Limited and Northpower Fibre Limited ( <b>Northpower</b> )
73	P F Olsen Ltd ( <b>P F Olsen</b> )
259	Rayonier Matariki Forests
149	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated ( <b>Forest and Bird</b> )
292	Transpower New Zealand Limited ( <b>Transpower</b> )
FS29	Atlas Quarries Limited

FS34	Black Swamp Limited
FS35	Bream Tail Residents Association
FS41	Channel Terminal Services Ltd
FS42	Chorus New Zealand Ltd, Connexa Ltd, Spark NZ Trading Ltd, Fortysouth Group LP and One NZ
FS44	Daytona Trust
FS45	Director-General of Conservation
FS47	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
FS65	Leighway Holdings Limited
FS72	Manulife Forest Management (NZ) Ltd
FS76	Matariki Forests
FS77	Mercury NZ Limited
FS82	Northpower Limited
FS89	P F Olsen
FS93	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand
FS97	Tappenden Holdings Limited
FS100	Transpower New Zealand Ltd