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## Submission on Proposed Kaipara District Plan

### Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

*Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991*

**To:** Kaipara District Council - District Plan Review

**Date received:** 30/06/2025

**Submission Reference Number #:**109

This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Proposed Kaipara District Plan

**Submitter:**

Ministry of Justice

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**I wish to be heard:** No

**I am willing to present a joint case:** No

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- **No**

If you have answered yes to the above question, are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

- **N/A**

# Submission points

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**Point 109.1**

**Section:** SCHED1 – Historic Heritage Resources

**Sub-section:** SCHED1 – Historic Heritage Resources

**Provision:**

|           |                              |                             |   |                        |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
|           | Dargaville Courthouse        | Part Lot 1 & Lot 2 DP 17768 |   |                        |
| HH-DAR-10 |                              |                             | B | Refer to Planning Maps |
|           | 45 Hokianga Road, Dargaville | Part 4854996 and 4978591    |   |                        |

**Support / Amend / Oppose:** Oppose

**Submission:**

The Ministry of Justice opposes the inclusion of the entire Courthouse building into the Schedule of Heritage Convenants under the proposed Kaipara District Plan Review.

The original courthouse building has been substantially altered over the years and now consists of one building after the 2003 extension. The building underwent significant modifications and thus diminishing the heritage integrity.

In addition, Ministry facilities often require modifications for evolving justice services, which a heritage covenant may delay or make building consents unnecessary more complex, thus timely and costly.

Where essential works (e.g seismic remediation, emergency repairs) are delayed or blocked by heritage restrictions, this may disrupt court operations impacting the access to justice for the community.

The site is not listed as a heritage building on the Heritage NZ website, despite this the Ministry has undertaken sympathetic maintenance over the years in an attempt to retain the unique heritage characteristics of the building as displayed by the external paint palette.

**Relief sought**

Removal of the whole Courthouse building from Schedule 1 Historic Heritage Resources of the Proposed Kaipara District Plan Review.