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I could not gain an advantage through trade competition by making this submission.

I do wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I have submitted previously in support of strong precautionary/ prohibitive GE provisions to the KDC Draft District Plan as has many other members of the community. It was gratifying to see these provisions incorporated into the Draft District Plan in line and in support of with many other Councils in Tai Tokelau, Tamaki Makaurau and further South.

However KDC created a working party to review Working Party (behind closed doors in a Public Excluded meeting) decided to remove/ omit the valuable precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies and rules KDC had wisely placed in the KDC draft District Plan previously (despite KDC receiving an overwhelming amount of supportive submissions on this important issue) from the KDC Proposed District Plan now out for public consultation. This is a serious omission that goes against the wishes and feedback from the community.

We note that KDC is required to be in compliance with the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies, and rules in the Northland Regional Council operative Regional Plan and Regional Policy Statement (RPS)* and that various councils (including Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council) have lodged submissions opposing the extreme, impractical, and undemocratic proposals in the controversial Gene Technology Bill

KDC should ensure that the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies, and rules (in alignment with what WDC, NRC, FNDC and Auckland Council have already achieved in their operative Plans) that were previously in the KDC draft District Plan (ie. the same wording) are included in the Proposed District Plan

KDC should act on its obligations as a formative member of the Northland/ Auckland "Inter Council Working Party on GMO Risk Evaluation & Management Options" irrespective of any controversial proposals for legislative change (that may or may not occur).

KDC should ensure that the Proposed District Plan has precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies and rules (the same as what was in the KDC draft District Plan) in order to protect

the District (and wider Regions) biosecurity, wider environment, economy, valuable "Northland, naturally" brand, existing GM Free farmers/ primary producers, our food sovereignty, and the ability of Kaipara residents to grow and eat clean and safe, nourishing, GM free food.

KDC should act in keeping with case law, the findings of the Northland/ Auckland ICWP on GMOs (of which KDC was a formative member), the wishes of local ratepayers and residents who do not want to have risky outdoor GE/GMO experiments, field trials, or releases in the Kaipara. It is not enough for council to rely on a national regulator- council should ensure that local protections against the risks of outdoor GE/GMOs are in place, including the requirement for bonds/ strict liability to ensure that polluters are accountable for unintended/unforeseen adverse impacts of EPA approved outdoor GE/GMO experiments or field trials.

Outdoor GE/GMOs do not respect boundaries- GE contamination spreads through all the known vectors of pollen, seeds, wind, soils, waterways, machinery, animals, insects, extreme weather events (including but not limited to floods), and human error. Farmers /landowners and their valuable enterprises need protection.

KDC should respect and support the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO policies of various Tai Tokerau Iwi for their respective rohe

Outcome sought: Return the strong precautionary/ prohibitive GE provisions that were in the KDC Draft District Plan to the KDC Proposed District Plan.

Many thanks for considering my submission.

Kind regards, John Sanderson