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I have no conflict of interest nor would I gain competitive advantage

Hi,

Here are my bullet points on part of the proposed district plan changes

I find it disappointing that after such a long and in depth consultation process on the GE topic for the previous plan which had an overwhelming level of support for a precautionary approach to GE that this draft has removed all of those references.

-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

I wish to be heard and speak to my submission please.

Regards

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