

## Submission Form (Form 5)

# Submission on Proposed Kaipara District Plan

Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed District Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

### Return your signed submission by Monday 30 June 2025 via:

**Email:** [districtplanreview@kaipara.govt.nz](mailto:districtplanreview@kaipara.govt.nz) (subject line: Proposed District Plan Submission)

**Post:** District Planning Team, Kaipara District Council, Private Bag 1001, Dargaville, 0340

**In person:** Kaipara District Council, 32 Hokianga Road, Dargaville; or  
Kaipara District Council, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai

If you would prefer to complete your submission online, from 28 April 2025 please visit:

[www.kaipara.govt.nz/kaipara-district-plan-review/proposed-district-plan](http://www.kaipara.govt.nz/kaipara-district-plan-review/proposed-district-plan)

All sections of this form need to be completed for your submission to be accepted. Your submission will be checked for completeness, and you may be contacted to fill in any missing information.

**Full name:**

**Phone:**

**Organisation:**

*(\*the organisation that this submission is made on behalf of)*

**Email:**

**Postal address:**

**Postcode:**

**Address for service: name, email and postal address** *(if different from above):*

### Trade Competition

Pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that:

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

### Please tick the sentence that applies to you:

I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission; or

I **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

***If you have ticked this box please select one of the following:***

I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission

I **am not** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission

**Signature:**

**Date:**

*(Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making the submission.)*

**Please note:** all information contained in a submission under the Resource Management Act 1991, including names and addresses for service, becomes public information.

I **do not** wish to be heard in support of my submission; or

I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,

I would be prepared to consider presenting my submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing

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| <b>(1)</b> The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan that my submission relates to are: |  | <b>(2)</b> My submission is that:<br><i>(include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended and the reasons for your views)</i> |         | <b>(3)</b> I seek the following decisions from Kaipara District Council.<br><i>(Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand your concerns.)</i> |
| Chapter/Appendix/<br>Schedule/Maps   | objective/policy/rule/<br>standard/overlay | Oppose/support<br>(in part or full)   | Reasons |  |
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Add further pages as required – please initial any additional pages

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**Submission**

This feedback is on behalf of Manulife Forest Management (NZ) Ltd (MFM). MFM manages approximately 10,438ha of plantation forest in the Kaipara District on behalf of our client Taumata Plantations Limited. Of the total area under management approximately 14% is indigenous reserves. MFM relies on robust Council rules that are consistent and provide clarity to ensure plantation forestry operations can continue.

MFM in principle supports the Proposed District Plan in its support for the primary production sector. Reference to the National Environmental Standard for Commercial Forestry in the Proposed District Plan provides clarification and certainty to its users.

There are instances where Council have mapped commercial forestry as Outstanding Natural Landscapes. MFM NZ are interested in sharing GIS layers to ensure that boundaries are accurate.

MFM are members of the Northland Forestry Environmental Working Group which Kaipara District Council staff attends too. MFM would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge Kaipara District Council on their attendance and sharing of information to date.

MFM NZ would like to speak in person to Council about this submission and would be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with others making a similar submission. MFM NZ cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.



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| Plan Provision  | Support or Oppose | MFM NZ Submission  | Relief Sought   |
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| Part 2<br>Historic and Cultural Values<br>Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori<br>Rules<br>SASM-R3<br>Land Disturbance (Excluding earthworks) and cultivation within scheduled sites            | S in part         | <p>This rule is supported in principle. Minor amendment needed for inclusion of forestry infrastructure.</p> <p>This is consistent with other rules in the Plan.</p> | <p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The activity is for the purposes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Installation of fence posts;</li> <li>ii. Repair and maintenance of existing farm <u>and commercial forestry</u> infrastructure, including tracks and drains, provided the area and volume of land disturbed is limited to what is necessary to maintain the existing infrastructure along its existing alignment;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Part 2<br>Natural Environmental Values<br>Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity<br>Rules<br>ECO-R1<br>Indigenous vegetation clearance and any associated land disturbance for specified activities | S                 | MFM supports the Note that clarifies indigenous vegetation clearance associated with plantation forestry is regulated by NES CFF.                                    | <p>2. Retain statement.</p>   |
| Part 2<br>Natural Environmental Values<br>Natural Character<br>Rules<br>NATC-R3<br>Earthworks in wetland, lake and river margins  | S in part         | <p>This rule is supported in principle. Minor amendment needed for to ensure consistency throughout the plan.</p>  | <p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The earthworks complies with NATC-S2 - Earthworks; and</li> <li>b. The earthworks is for the maintenance of lawfully established roads, fences, utility connections, driveways, parking</li> </ul>   |

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|   |           |  | areas, effluent disposal systems, swimming pools, walking or cycling tracks, or farm and <u>commercial</u> forestry tracks   |
| Part 2<br>Natural Environmental Values<br>Natural Character<br>Rules<br>NATC-R4<br>Indigenous vegetation clearance in wetland, lake and river margins | S in part | This rule is supported in principle. Minor amendment needed for to ensure consistency throughout the plan. | 1. Activity status: Permitted<br><br>Where:<br>a. The activity complies with NATC-S3 - Indigenous vegetation clearance; or<br>b. The indigenous vegetation clearance is for the maintenance of lawfully established roads, fences, utility connections, driveways, parking areas, effluent disposal systems, swimming pools, walking or cycling tracks, or farm and <u>commercial</u> forestry tracks.   |
| Part 2<br>Natural Environmental Values<br>Natural Character<br>Rules<br>NFL-R3<br>ONL outside the coastal environment                                 | S in part | This rule is supported in principle. Minor amendment needed for to ensure consistency throughout the plan. | 1. Activity status: Permitted<br><br>Where:<br>a. The activity complies with NFL-S5 Indigenous vegetation clearance; or<br>b. Clearance for the operation, repair or maintenance of the following activities where they have been lawfully established:<br>i. Fences;<br>ii. Infrastructure, including effluent disposal systems;<br>iii. Buildings and swimming pools;<br>iv. Driveways, parking areas and access;<br>v. Walking tracks;<br>vi. Cycling tracks; |

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|   |           |   | <p>vii. Farming and <u>commercial</u> forestry tracks; and</p> <p>2. Farm drains.</p>  |
| <p>Part 2<br/>Natural Environmental Values<br/>Natural Character<br/>Rules<br/>NFL-R4<br/>ONL and ONF outside the coastal environment</p> | S in part | <p>This rule is supported in principle. Minor amendment needed for to ensure consistency throughout the plan.</p> | <p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The earthworks complies with NFL-S4 Earthworks; or</li> <li>b. The earthworks is for the maintenance of lawfully established roads, fences, utility connections, driveways, parking areas, effluent disposal systems, swimming pools, walking or cycling tracks, or farm and <u>commercial</u> forestry tracks.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Part 2<br/>General District Wide Matters<br/>Coastal Environment<br/>Rules<br/>CE-R3<br/>All Coastal environment (excluding ONCA)</p>  | S in part | <p>This rule is supported in principle. Minor amendment needed for to ensure consistency throughout the plan.</p> | <p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The activity complies with CE-S6 Maximum area of indigenous vegetation clearance; or</li> <li>b. The indigenous vegetation clearance is for the maintenance of lawfully established roads, fences, utility connections, driveways, parking areas, effluent disposal systems, swimming pools, walking or cycling tracks, or farm and <u>commercial</u> forestry tracks.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Part 2<br/>General District Wide Matters<br/>Coastal Environment<br/>Rules<br/>CE-R4</p>   | S in part | <p>This rule is supported in principle. Minor amendment needed for to ensure consistency throughout the plan.</p> | <p>Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>The earthworks complies with the following standards:</p> <p>CE-S4 Maximum earthworks volume; and</p>   |

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| All Coastal environment (excluding ONCA)  |           |   | CE-S5 Maximum height of cut and fill; or<br>viii. The earthworks is for the maintenance of lawfully established roads, fences, utility connections, driveways, parking areas, effluent disposal systems, swimming pools, walking or cycling tracks, or farm and <u>commercial</u> forestry tracks. |
| Part 2<br>General District Wide Matters<br>Earthworks<br>Overview                                       | S         | MFM supports the statement that Earthworks from commercial forestry is regulated by the NES CF.   | Retain statement.  |
| Part 2<br>General District Wide Matters<br>Noise<br>Rules<br>Notes                                      | S         | MFM supports the statement that Noise from commercial forestry is regulated by the NES CF.  | Retain Note.   |
| Part 3<br>Zones<br>Rural Zone<br>General Rural Zone<br>Standards<br>GRUZ-S2<br>Setback – all boundaries | S in part | Many District Council Plans have provisions for setbacks of new buildings neighbouring commercial forestry activity. Setback is required to provide for any health and safety issues if the tree was to be blown over.  | 1. All buildings and structures must be set back at least:<br>a. 3m from every site boundary; <del>and</del><br>b. 10m from the road frontage; <u>and</u><br><u>30m from commercial forestry.</u>  |
| Maps<br>Natural Environment Values<br>Outstanding Natural Values  | S in part | MFM support the mapping of ONL. There are instances in the mapping where the ONL boundary runs into commercial forestry productive land.<br>MFM see benefit in working with Council staff to ensure GIS layers are consistent within the two organisations. This will ensure land | MFM seeks the removal of all commercial forestry from ONL mapped areas. OR the introduction of a rule to allow for commercial forestry activities in ONL to be a permitted activity.<br><br>NOTE MFM are happy to work with KDC Planners to show where the ONL layer includes commercial forestry. |



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|  |  | captured under the ONL is only the land intended and productive land is removed. |  |
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