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Submission to:
KDC Proposed District Plan
Kaipara District Council

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Tēnā koutou katoa Mayor Jepson, Councillors and Plan Review members

GE Free New Zealand Kaipara members would like to support the provisions you signalled in [2023 on genetically modified/ engineered \(GM/GE\)¹](#) precautionary and prohibitive provisions in the proposed Kaipara District Plan (pKDP) with the intent of supporting the adjoining council plans regarding genetically modified and gene edited organisms.

The [Kaipara district is 90% rural²](#), the proposed KDP is creating two zones (a general rural and a lifestyle). Both zones natural and physical resources must be managed in a sustainable manner and protect the economy of the communities they serve. The pKDP, through existing [Resource Management Act \(RMA\) legislation³](#), and case law under the direction provided by the operative Northland RPS and Northland Regional Plan is duty-bound to implement the GM/GE provisions.

We ask that you act to give effect, by implementing the discretionary and prohibitive activities as set out in the rules, policy and objectives of [Northland Regional Policy Statement⁴](#) relating to the precautionary approach (Policy 6.1.2, 6.1.51) that were made operative in May 2018. This reflects the call by the community to adopt a cohesive precautionary and prohibitive activity approach that supports all Tangata whenua, farmers and the regional agricultural economy.

We ask that the same activity status of discretionary, and prohibitive rules as signalled in the proposed Kaipara District Plan follows the Proposed Northland Regional Plan (2025) rules on the resource consents activity, liability, field trials, prohibition of GM release. This reflects the strong community call to have a say and protect the tāngata whenua and their taonga, farmers economy and environment from all GM/GE effects, see below the clauses.

- Rule C.1.9.1 Genetically modified organisms in the coastal marine area – permitted activities – p107

¹ <https://www.kaipara.govt.nz/uploads/kdp/exposure-draft/9739%20GDWM%20GMOs%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

² https://kaipara.govt.nz/uploads/District%20Plan%20Review/PDP%20Fact%20sheets/KDCDPP_Rural%20Zone_s_Teal%20PROOF3.pdf

³ <https://kaipara.isoplan.co.nz/review/rules/0/24/0/0/0/68>

⁴ <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/media/clxjOndy/regionalpolicystatementfornorthlandmay2016updatedmay2018.pdf>

- Rule C.1.9.2 Genetically modified organism field trials – discretionary activity– p107
- Rule C.1.9.3 Viable genetically modified veterinary vaccines – discretionary activity – p107
- Rule C.1.9.4 Genetically modified organism releases – prohibited activity– p108
- Policy D.1.1 When an analysis of effects on tāngata whenua and their taonga is required - p235
- Policy D.5.32 Precautionary approach to assessing and managing genetically modified organisms -p275
- Policy D.5.33 Adaptive approach to the management of genetically modified organisms -p275
- Policy D.5.34 Avoiding adverse effects of genetically modified organism field trials -p275
- Policy D.5.35 Liability for adverse effects from genetically modified organism activities -p275
- Policy D.5.36 Bonds for genetically modified organism activities -p276
- Policy D.5.37 Risk management plan for genetically modified organism field trials -p276
- Objective F.1.15 Use of genetic engineering and the release of genetically modified organisms – p294

In Summary: We ask that the Plan Review team place the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions in the Kaipara District plan consistent with the wording contained in the KDC draft District Plan the findings of the Northland/ Auckland ICWP on GMOs, and the Northland Regional Policy Statement (RPS) direction on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. We wish to be heard.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Many thanks

Ngā mihi
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