Meagan Walters

From: District Plan Review

Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 11:23 am **To:** glenys.mather@gmail.com

Subject: RE: Submission GE/GMO provisions

Kia ora Glenys

Thank you for your submission – we will be in touch again in due course once all submissions have been summarised and if there are any queries relating to your submission.

Ngā mihi Meagan



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Submission to the Kaipara District Council Proposed District Plan

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I do not wish to be heard.

I wish to make the following points:

- The GE/GMO provisions that were in the <u>KDC Draft District Plan</u> and have been removed in the current Proposed District Plan should be re-instated. KDC needs to ensure that the policies and rules relating to precautionary provisions regarding GE and GMOs are included in the Proposed District Plan.
- Ensuring this first point will help protect our biosecurity and the environment so that Northland primary producers can provide clean, safe and healthy food.
- The precautionary approach to food production will avoid experiments, field trials and releases in the Kaipara which will compromise valuable enterprises. GM contamination, as we have seen overseas, contaminates through many different means including through animals, plant materials, soil movement, insects, weather events and human error.
- Other councils in the north, including the Whangarei District Council and the Far North District Council, have precautionary and prohibitive provisions in their District Plans as did KDC in their September 2022 Plan. A return to this in the KDC Proposed District Plan is sought in this submission. This will provide a coherent approach throughout Northland.

Thank you for the opportunity to request KDC return to its principled position on GE and GMOs in concert with the other Councils of the north - continuing with what has been the national precautionary approach to food production in this country. This has proved to be economically and environmentally advantageous to New Zealand.

Glenys Mather