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I strongly propose KDC to reinstate the precautionary GE/GMO provisions, policies and rules into the KDC Draft District Plan to the same standard as NRC, WDC, FNDC and Auckland Council. This is important in order to protect the District's (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. It is also important to uphold the rights and wishes of various Tai Tokerau Iwi for their respective rohe.

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).

Same as numerous Northland residents/ratepayers I strongly object to outdoor GE/GMO experiments, field trials or releases anywhere in Northland, including Kaipara, which could have unintended/unforeseen adverse impacts, even when approved by EPA.

New Zealand and Northland are in the unique situation of being able to isolate towards the rest of the world to remain GE/GMO-free which offers a vast competitive economic advantage compared to other countries. There are many international markets preferring guaranteed GE/GMO-free products.

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/neighbours and their valuable need protection.

Given the direction in the Northland Regional Policy Statement (RPS), concerns of tangata whenua, existing case law, and consistency with adjoining district plans it is considered appropriate to reference and control these matters in the Kaipara District Plan (as it already is in the operative Whangarei District Plan and operative Far North District Plan).

Relief sought: Include/reinstate the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions into the Kaipara Proposed District Plan consistent with the wording contained in the KDC draft District Plan (September 2022 Exposure Draft document), the findings of the Northland/ Auckland ICWP on GMOs, and the Northland Regional Policy Statement (RPS) direction on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

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