SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED KAIPARA DISTRICT PLAN

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- 1. This is a submission on the proposed Kaipara District Plan.
- 2. We could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- 3. The specific provision of the proposed district plan that may submission relates to are:
 - a. The definition of "forestry".
 - b. The interrelationship of the proposed rules and the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry (2017) regarding Part 2 District wide matters-Natural Character.
- 4. Our submission does not support:
 - a. The lack of definition of the term "forestry".
 - b. The notes made in Rules for Natural Character which state:

"The rules in this chapter do not apply to <u>earthworks</u> and <u>vegetation</u> <u>clearance</u> in <u>wetland, lake and river margins</u> regulated by the following national environmental standards:

The National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry 2017;"

- 5. The reasons for our submissions are:
 - a. The use of the term forestry is confusing and should use the term" commercial forestry".
 - b. A plan may be more stringent for outstanding natural features and landscapes and significant natural areas. However, the district plan is limited in its ability to be more stringent for commercial forestry activities in the margins of wetlands, lakes and rivers. The proposed note does allow for some forestry activities, but the full relationship should be expanded.
- 6. The relief sought is:
 - a. Forestry should be consistently defined as commercial forestry.

- The extend of the application of the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry 2017 in the margins of wetlands, lakes and rivers should be corrected.
- 7. We wish to be heard in support of our submission.
- 8. If others, make a similar submission we will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

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Authorised to sign on behalf of

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