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Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 5:59 pm
To: District Plan Review
Subject: RE: Submission to: Kaipara District Council Proposed District Plan

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1. Submitter must advise the relevant options that apply to them regarding the Trade Competition questions:

- a. I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission;

If (b.) above is the option chosen, then the submitter must also advise one of the following options:

- i. I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission;
- ii.
- iii. I **do not** wish to be heard in support of my submission;

Regards

Neisha

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Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 3:47 pm
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Kia ora Neisha

Thank you for your email.

Unfortunately, we are not yet able to accept your submission as under the Resource Management Act 1991 there are statutory questions that you need to answer please.

I have listed the questions below – please respond to this email with the answers to the questions and then I will be able to lodge your submission:

For a submission to be entered into our submission system, the following **highlighted** information must be provided:

1. Submitter must advise the relevant options that apply to them regarding the Trade Competition questions:

- a. I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission; **OR**
- b. I **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

If (b.) above is the option chosen, then the submitter must also advise one of the following options:

- i. I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission; **OR**
- ii. I **am not** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission

2. Submitter must advise the relevant option/s regarding being heard at a Hearing (this can be worded however the submitter likes as long as it is clear to the reader):

- a. I **do not** wish to be heard in support of my submission; **OR**
- b. I do wish to be heard in support of my submission;

If the submitter chooses (b.) above; they can also advise the following if they want to:

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

Ngā mihi
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Sent: Sunday, 29 June 2025 2:05 pm

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-KDC should ensure that the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies, and rules (in alignment with what WDC, NRC, FNDC and Auckland Council have already achieved in their operative Plans) that were previously in the KDC draft District Plan (ie. the same wording) are reinstated in the Proposed District Plan

-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).

To my council

-KDC should ensure that the Proposed District Plan has precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies and rules (the same wording as what was in the KDC draft District Plan) in order to protect the District (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.

-KDC should act in keeping with case law, the findings of the Northland/ Auckland ICWP on GMOs (of which KDC was a formative member), the wishes of local ratepayers and residents who do not want to have risky outdoor GE/GMO experiments, field trials, or releases in the Kaipara. It is not enough for council to rely on a national regulator- council should ensure that local protections against the risks of outdoor GE/GMOs are in place, including the requirement for bonds/ strict liability to ensure that polluters are accountable for unintended/unforeseen adverse impacts of EPA approved outdoor GE/GMO experiments or field trials.

-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 and their valuable enterprises need protection.

-KDC should respect and support the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO policies of various Tai Tokerau Iwi for their respective rohe

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).

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).

Thank you. Please keep me informed.

Regards
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