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**Submission Form (Form 5)**

**Submission on Proposed Kaipara District Plan**

Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed District Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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(1) The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan that my submission relates to are:			(2) My submission is that: (include whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended and the reasons for your views)		(3) I seek the following decisions from Kaipara District Council. (Please give precise details for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand your concerns.)
Chapter/Appendix/ Schedule/Maps	objective/policy/rule/ standard/overlay	Reasons	Oppose/support (in part or full)		
SARZ - Sport and active Recreation Zone	Objectives SARZ-01	See supporting information	Oppose in part	See supporting information	See supporting information
SARZ - Sport and active Recreation Zone	SARZ-P1	See supporting information	Oppose in part	See supporting information	See supporting information
SARZ - Sport and active Recreation Zone	SARZ-R2	See supporting information	Oppose in part	See supporting information	See supporting information
SARZ - Sport and active Recreation Zone	SARZ-R3	See supporting information	Oppose in part	See supporting information	See supporting information
SARZ - Sport and active Recreation Zone	SARZ-S7	See supporting information	Oppose in part	See supporting information	See supporting information
Definitions	Recreation Activity; Sport and Recreation Activity; Ancillary Activity	See supporting information	Oppose in part	See supporting information	See supporting information

Add further pages as required – please initial any additional pages



## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **for submission by Dargaville Bridge Club Incorporated on the Proposed District Plan**

#### **Overview:**

The Dargaville Bridge Club Incorporated (the Club) has operated successfully in Memorial Park for almost 50 years, with to our knowledge no issues experienced by the Park's neighbours. The Club has also allowed others to use the Kiosk Building it manages in Memorial Park for a range of activities – again with no known issues. We are also aware that the Sportsville Building is used for a range of activities.

It appears however, that not all of the current (or possible future) activities undertaken by those using the Kiosk, or Memorial Park more generally, will be allowed by the provisions in the Proposed District Plan.

So, while the Club, in general supports the provisions of the Sport and Active Recreation Zone in the Proposed District Plan, it believes that a number of the provisions related to this Zone need to be amended. These provisions fall into three categories covering the need:

1. For greater clarity about which activities are permitted, and which are not
2. To broaden the range of permitted activities, and
3. To extend the hours of operation for some activities.

#### **Greater clarity needed:**

The range of terms used around sports and recreation activity in the Proposed Plan is a bit confusing and makes it difficult to determine which activities are covered (or intended to be covered) and which are not. For example, some provisions refer to 'recreation activities' and 'appropriate ancillary activities' (SARZ-P1), others to 'active recreation' and 'ancillary informal leisure activities' (SARZ -01), and others to 'sport and recreation activity'; 'recreation activity' and 'ancillary activity' (see the Definitions in the Proposed Plan). There are even references to 'corporate functions' (see the Overview to the SARZ provisions) and to buildings that provide for 'social and cultural well-being' (SARZ-02). The Plan may be clearer if the same defined terms were used throughout the relevant provisions.

#### **Broaden the range activities:**

SARZ-R3 makes 'Recreation activity' a permitted activity (as long as the activity occurs within the defined hours of operation).

SARZ-R3 Recreation activity	
1. Activity status: Permitted	2. Activity status when compliance not achieved: Refer to Standard SARZ-S7
Where: a. The activity complies with SARZ-S7 Hours of operation.	

The definition of 'recreation activity' is:

RECREATION ACTIVITY	means the use of land, water bodies and/or buildings for the purpose of the active or passive enjoyment of organised sports (excluding motorsport), recreation or leisure, whether competitive or non-competitive, and whether a charge is made for admission or not.
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We are not sure this Rule and definition cover all activities the Zone is intended to. For example, it does not seem to cover:

- 'Ancillary activity' (also defined in the Proposed Plan) even though such activities are covered in the Objectives,
- 'Sport and Recreation Activity' (presumably, by its definition, a term including more activities than simply 'Recreation Activity'. If this term isn't wider, we'd ask whether just one of the terms would suffice, or
- Other public events, including corporate functions (which are acknowledged in the Overview of SARZ Sport and Active Recreation Zone as occurring within the Zone)
- Many other types of activities which currently occur within the Zone.

To explain this last point. We are not concerned about Bridge itself. This is because Bridge can be classed as an organised sport and / or as recreation or leisure. It therefore fits within the Rule. However, a number of other individuals and groups use the Kiosk building for a wide-range of purposes including church groups, funerals, meetings of community groups, weddings and forums run by the JPs. We have also had requests from government agencies wanting to use the kiosk, as well as businesses wanting to hold meetings. We do our best to accommodate all requests, especially given the lack of other suitable venues in Dargaville. Our concern is that it is not clear that all such activities would be permitted by the provisions in the Proposed Plan as currently drafted.

In summary, while it appears the Proposed Plan intended to provide for at least some non-sport or recreation related activities in the Zone, the language of the provisions would need to be broadened to permit these.

(As an aside, we note that although SARZ-R2 also permits activities allowed under management plans, there is nothing specific in the management plan for Memorial Park which would allow the range of activities we have mentioned.)





### Hours of operation:

The Club has, for decades, played bridge at least one evening a week. These sessions regularly go until 10:30pm – very rarely until a time closer to 11pm. These hours of play are dictated by two things: the earliest time we can start an evening session to cater for our members who are in paid employment; AND the minimum time it takes to play a session of bridge to meet the national standards.

Under SARZ-S7, however, this decades-long practice would not be permitted.

SARZ-S7 Hours of operation	
1. The hours of operation must not extend beyond 0600-2200 Monday to Sunday.	2. Activity status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary
	3. Matters over which discretion is restricted: a. Any impact on the character and qualities of the surrounding area.

We fully understand the hours of operation restriction for activities generating potential nuisance for neighbours e.g. noise and / or bright lights such as can be generated by outdoor sports activities with music, loud supporters, night games and so on. But for quiet, indoor, activities such as bridge, we believe the hours restriction is too strict. It would mean we cannot play bridge in the evenings – which is the only time many of our working members can play.

### Decisions requested:

We therefore ask for three things:

- That the terms in the Proposed Plan relating to the Sport and Active Recreation Zone be used more consistently to help with clarity
- That the range of permitted activities (and associated definitions) in the section on Sport and Active Recreation, be expanded to allow ALL of the current types of activities engaged in by the users of Memorial Park. This may require expanding the definitions of 'recreation' and / or 'ancillary' activities, or (more likely) require adding another categories of activities to cover events such as non-recreation related meetings, funerals , church services and such
- The hours of operation permitted be extended to 11pm / 23:00, for quiet, indoor, activities, such as bridge.

Thank you for the chance to make this submission

And we do want to be heard in support of it.

