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## **Submission on Proposed Kaipara District Plan**

### **Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation**

*Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991*

**To:** Kaipara District Council - District Plan Review

**Date received:** 26/06/2025

**Submission Reference Number #:**71

This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Proposed Kaipara District Plan

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**Attachments:**

Appendix 1.jpg

Appendix 2.jpg

Appendix 3.jpg

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Appendix 5.jpg

LTP Submission June 2025 (Final).pdf

I wish to be heard: Yes  
I am willing to present a joint case: Yes

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?  
- No

If you have answered yes to the above question, are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
  - (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition
- No

## Submission points

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### Point 71.1

Section: Earthworks

Sub-section: Rules

Provision:

<b>General rural zone,</b>  <b>Māori purpose zone</b>	<b>1. Activity status:</b> Permitted  <b>Where:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The maximum volume of disturbance or removal of material extracted from the <a href="#">farm quarrying</a> does not exceed 1,000m<sup>3</sup> in any 12-month period;</li><li>b. The maximum face <a href="#">height</a> of any cut and/or batter face is 2m;</li><li>c. The farm <a href="#">quarry</a> is not located within 100m of a <a href="#">road boundary</a>, or within 200m of an existing <a href="#">sensitive activity</a> located on another <a href="#">site</a>; and</li><li>d. The material is not being transported off the property where it is extracted from.</li></ul>	<b>2. Activity status when compliance not achieved:</b> Discretionary
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Support / Amend / Oppose: Support

Submission:

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