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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

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

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**I wish to be heard:** No

**I am willing to present a joint case:** No

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 72.1

#### Address:

48 Te Tonga Road, Matakoho

#### Submission:

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the future planning and development of our District.

Paparoa and Matakoho are growing and dynamic communities with immense potential. I support the Council's proposed rezoning of land to **Rural Lifestyle** to its fullest extent.

This type of development can enhance the character of the area, support sustainable growth, and provide diverse living options for families and individuals seeking a balance between rural living and community connection.

Rural Lifestyle zoning is well-suited to the natural landscape and offers an opportunity to grow in a way that respects the environment, strengthens the local economy, and preserves the unique charm of our region

#### Relief sought

##### Localised Use of Development Contributions

It is essential that **Development Contributions collected from developments in Paparoa and Matakoho are ring-fenced and reinvested directly back into area**. Too often, funding is redirected toward larger centres, leaving rural communities under-resourced despite increased development.

I support a transparent and equitable approach, ensuring that our community receives the necessary funding to maintain and improve infrastructure and services in line with local growth.

##### Economic Growth and Opportunities for Future Generations

One of the most pressing issues facing our community is the lack of local employment and business opportunities, especially for young people. If we do not create new pathways for economic growth, we risk losing an entire generation to larger urban centres.

To address this, I support:

- **Zoning and infrastructure development for retail, industrial and commercial areas** to attract business investment and allow local businesses to thrive.
- **Policies that enable business start-ups and remote work infrastructure**, such as improved digital connectivity.

Creating a thriving local economy will not only make our community more resilient, but it will also give our children real opportunities to live and work where they grew up.

##### Upgrading Amenity Services

To support increasing population and development, **significant upgrades to amenity services are urgently required**, including:

- Roading improvements and safer transport links.
- Expanded water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.
- Recreational facilities such as parks, playgrounds, and sports areas.

- Provision for local retail services, including food stores, pharmacies, takeaways, restaurants, etc to ensure convenient access to everyday needs.
- Access to essential services like health, childcare, and education.

These services are the backbone of a healthy, thriving community and must keep pace with growth.

### **Protecting and Enhancing Natural Beauty**

I would like to see **development that enhances, not detracts from the natural beauty of our region**. Paparoa and the surrounding areas are known for their unique landscapes and rural charm. Any new development should include design elements, planting, and public spaces that reflect and preserve this beauty.

### **Beautification and Maintenance of the State Highway Corridor**

The State Highway corridor is the gateway to our region and the area most seen by visitors. Its condition leaves a lasting impression. I would like to see Council implement the following:

- **Regular rubbish removal and litter control** along the highway corridor.
- **Planting of native and attractive vegetation** to beautify the approach to Paparoa and nearby settlements.
- **Ongoing weed control**, especially the removal of invasive species that degrade the visual and ecological quality of the area.
- **Improved signage and highway-edge maintenance** that shows care, pride, and respect for our community and environment.

These improvements will contribute significantly to the region's image, support tourism, and reflect the pride our residents take in the place we call home.

I thank you for your time and consideration.