

To - Mayor Jonathan Larsen, Councillors, Plan Review members

Further submission to KDC Proposed District Plan

From

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We wish to be heard.

Kia Ora

Thank you for the opportunity to make a further submission.

AGEFC is a community network representing the public interest in appropriate management of gene technology.

We would like to make a further submission in support of our original submission and these submitters.

- FS30.1** 131.2 Linda Grammar and Family 250.1 L Er **FS30.2**
- FS30.3** 132.1 John Sanderson 252.1 M Robinson **FS30.4**
- FS30.5** 154.1 Auckland GE-Free Coalition 258.4 R Alspach **FS30.6**
- FS30.7** 155.1 & .2 Trina Upperton **FS30.27** 264.1 Ngunguru Com: Garden **FS30.8**
- FS30.9** 157.1 K Evans 286.1 S Sutherland **FS30.10**
- FS30.11** 159.1 GE Free New Zealand 313.1 &. 2 GE Free Northland **FS30.12 and FS30.28**
- FS30.13** 168.1 M McDonald 327.1 N Voot **FS30.14**
- FS30.15** 171.1 G Mather 332.55 Northland Reg: Council **FS30.16**
- FS30.17** 172.8 A Preston 337.7 Aoroa Farms **FS30.18**
- FS30.19** 173.1 M Wilson 347.1 Te Rununga a Iwi o Ngapuhi **FS30.20**
- FS30.21** 194.1 R Mueller-Glodde 351.3 N Harre **FS30.22**
- FS30.23** 196.1 I Bremer 352.4 M Tschirky **FS30.24**
- FS30.25** 204.1 I Cambourn 355.1 M Vandekerckhove **FS30.26**

(We also would like to ask KDC to clarify if you have listed original submitter G Mather (171.1) in error. You have listed G Mathers original submission on GE/GMOs topic as “oppose” however we note that the request was to add the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMOs Genetic Engineering provisions, policies and rules that were in the KDC Draft District Plan (proposed by KDC and well supported via submissions received).

We write in support of submissions that propose KDC adopt the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies and rules that KDC itself proposed in the KDC Exposure draft a few years ago.

These received overwhelming support from ratepayers and other Northlanders, and today are even more important as the precautionary principle at a national level is set to be removed by The Gene Technology Bill.

AGEFC supports submitters who have proposed to amend and add the provisions, policies and rules for Genetic Engineering/Genetically Modified Organisms into the Kaipara District Council proposed District Plan, consistent with the wording contained in the findings of the Northland/Auckland ICWP on GMOs and the Northland Regional Policy Statement direction on Genetically Modified Organisms.

These amendments are in alignment with what Northland Regional Council, Auckland Council, Whangarei District Council, and Far North District Council have already achieved in their operative plans (including the Northland RPS and Northland Regional Plan and Auckland Unitary Plan).

This is an important matter of democracy, protection of the environment, and managing risks to ratepayers.

The Kaipara District Council (222.17-22) reasons for opposing the amendments to add precautionary policies and rules on genetic engineering/genetically modified organisms are not reasonable.

The transfer of risk to the community from unmanaged GMO is established and will expand if the Gene Technology Bill before Parliament is passed as currently written.

The KDC (222.17-22) has no justification for the opposition to implement the precautionary and prohibitive provisions in the proposed Kaipara District Plan (pKDP) and the GMO provisions were wrongly excluded in the District Plan.

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