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New Zealand has the enviable reputation of high value quality grass-fed, natural, free range products that the elite markets of the world demand.

GE/GMOs, if released, have the potential to destroy this reputation, lower our reputation to a Commodity market-level, and irreversibly affect our environment and economy.

The majority to our councils from the Bombay Hills to Cape Reinga - Northland Regional Council, Whangarei District Council, Far North District Council, and the Auckland Unitary Authority, - all have Policies or Rules in their respective Plans to include the Precautionary Principle, that prevent GMOs from being released into the wider environment.(GMOs in medicine or containment in the lab are not included.)

Kaipara District Council is the anomaly.

We believe KDC should have rules in its District Plan aligning with the rest of the Region – GMOs do not respect boundaries, and if released into the wider environment a GMO will be carried by a number of vectors – wind, flood, vehicle movement, in clothing, by birds – to another property or District, at the risk of the neighbouring landowner’s or operator’s health or livelihood.

The submissions listed below 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.

Northland locals have an interest in the proposed policy statement or plan greater than the interest that the general public has. This is likely to include owners of land and users of resources directly affected by plan provisions. This includes iwi and hapu where their interests are directly affected.

	We wish to be heard. Submission number	Submitter	Submission number	Submitter	
FS40.1	131.2	Linda Grammar and Family	250.1	L Er	FS40.2
FS40.3	132.1	John Sanderson	252.1	M Robinson	FS40.4

FS40.5 154.1	Auckland GE-Free Coalition	258.4	R Alspach FS40.6
FS40.7 155.1 & .2 FS40.8	Trina Upperton	264.1	Ngunguru Com: Garden FS40.9
FS40.10 157.1	K Evans	286.1	S Sutherland FS40.11
FS40.12 159.1	GE Free New Zealand	313.1 & . 2	GE Free Northland FS40.13 & .14
FS40.15 168.1	M McDonald	327.1	N Voot FS40.16
FS40.17 171.1	G Mather	332.55	Northland Reg: Council FS40.18
FS40.19 172.8	A Preston	337.7	Aoroa Farms FS40.20
FS40.21 173.1	M Wilson	347.1	Te Rununga a Iwi o FS40.22
			Ngapuhi
FS40.23 194.1	R Mueller-Glodde	351.3	N Harre FS40.24
FS40.25 196.1	I Bremer	352.4	M Tschirky FS40.26
FS40.27 204.1	I Cambourn	355.1	M Vandekerckhove FS40.28

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We also would like to clarify submitter G Mather (171.1) whose reason has been given as “oppose” however the request was to **add** the precautionary Genetic Engineering and Genetically Modified Organisms policies and rules that were in the Draft District Plan. We believe this might be an error in drafting, please clarify?

We also cannot support the Kaipara District Council (222.17-22) reasons for opposing the amendments to add precautionary policies and rules on genetic engineering/genetically modified organisms. In 2023, the Kaipara District Council proposed a comprehensive review on general district wide matters [on genetically modified/engineered \(GM/GE\)](#), the summary stated that these would be included in the District plan. The KDC recognised that there was little scientific information on GMO’s and this could have a significant effect on people, our environment, and economy. The effect of GMOs could be significant and irreversible if they are not controlled. There is no justification given for this opposition to implement the precautionary and prohibitive provisions in the proposed Kaipara District Plan (pKDP) with the intent of supporting the adjoining council plans regarding genetically modified and gene edited organisms.

Regards,

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Further Submission to KDC Proposed District Plan

Submission by: GE FREE NZ (159)

Tēnā koutou katoa Mayor Jepson, Councillors and Plan Review members

Our members have an interest in the proposed policy statement or plan greater than the interest that the general public has is likely to include owners of land and users of resources directly affected by plan provisions. This includes iwi and hapu where their interests are directly affected.

We wish to be heard.

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

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¹ <https://www.kaipara.govt.nz/uploads/kdp/exposure-draft/9739%20GDWM%20GMOs%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a further submission.

Ngā mihi nui,

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