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Further Submission to KDC Proposed District Plan

Submission by: GE FREE NZ (159)

Tēnā koutou katoa Mayor Larsen, 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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Submission number	Submitter	Submission number	Submitter
131.2	Linda Grammar and Family	250.1	L Er
132.1	John Sanderson	252.1	M Robinson
154.1	Auckland GE-Free Coalition	258.4	R Alspach
155.1 & .2	Trina Upperton	264.1	Ngunguru Com: Garden
157.1	K Evans	286.1	S Sutherland
159.1	GE Free New Zealand	313.1 & .2	GE Free Northland
168.1	M McDonald	327.1	N Voot
171.1	G Mather	332.55	Northland Reg: Council
172.8	A Preston	337.7	Aoroa Farms
173.1	M Wilson	347.1	Te Rununga a Iwi o Ngapuhi
194.1	R Mueller-Glodde	351.3	N Harre
196.1	I Bremer	352.4	M Tschirky
204.1	I Cambourn	355.1	M Vandekerckhove

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These submitters 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.

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?

In 2023, the Kaipara District Council proposed a comprehensive review on general district wide matters [on genetically modified/ engineered \(GM/GE\)](#)¹ with the intent of supporting the adjoining council plans regarding genetically modified and gene edited organisms. The summary stated that these would be included in the District plan. The KDC recognised in 2023 on GMO matters, that there was little scientific information on GMO’s and this could have a significant effect on people, the environment, and economy. The effect of GMOs could be significant and irreversible if they were not controlled.

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

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Therefore, we 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.

The KDC (222.17-22) has given no justification for the opposition to implement the precautionary and prohibitive provisions in the proposed Kaipara District Plan (pKDP) and why the GMO provisions were not included in the District Plan when they had given assurances that they would be included.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a further submission.

Ngā mihi nui,

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