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Further Submission to KDC Proposed District Plan

Submission by:

GE Free Northland (in food & environment)

Tēnā koutou katoa

**att: Mayor Jonathan Larsen, the CEO, all Councillors and Plan Review members
Kaipara District Council**

Greetings from GE Free Tai Tokerau.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit, so that together we can achieve sound environmental, biosecurity, economic, and public health outcomes.

Our members (mainly farmers/ primary producers) have an interest in the proposed new District 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 our Maori members including iwi and hapu and farmers/ primary producers where their interests and valuable enterprises are directly affected.

We are interested in making a combined case with other like minded submitters.

Any outdoor GE/GMO experiments, field trials, or releases would undermine our biosecurity, "Northland, naturally" reputation (including our valuable GE/GMO free status), and put at risk our members, their land, and their valuable assets. Adverse impacts of outdoor GE/GMOs are likely to be irreversible.

Our community group supports the position on the GE/GMO issue in the following submissions:

Submission number Submitter Submittor Submission number

FS52.1	157	K Evans	
FS52.2	250.1	Lisa Er	
FS52.3	132.1	John Sanderson	FS52.4
FS52.5	154.1	Auckland GE-Free Coalition (AGEFC)	FS52.6
FS52.7	155.1 & .2	Trina Upperton	FS52.8
	264.1	Ngunguru Com: Garden	FS52.9
FS52.10	286.1	S Sutherland	
FS52.11	159.1	GE Free New Zealand	
FS52.12	168.1	Mary McDonald	FS52.13
FS52.14	332.55	Northland Regional Council	
FS52.15	172.8	A Preston	FS52.16
FS52.17	173.1	M Wilson	
FS52.18	347.1	Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi	
FS52.19	194.1	R Mueller-Glodde	FS52.20
FS52.21	196.1	I Bremer	FS52.22
FS52.22	204.1	I Cambourn	FS52.23
	355.1	M Vandekerckhove	

We write in support of the submissions already lodged with KDC that ask that KDC adopt the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies and rules that KDC itself wisely proposed in the KDC Exposure draft a few years ago (which received overwhelming support from Kaipara ratepayers and other Northlanders).

It is of grave concern (a major omission) that KDC failed to include the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies, and rules in the KDC Proposed District Plan. Please rectify this oversight/ error as soon as possible.

We support the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies, and rules already achieved by Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Northland Regional Council (in the operative Northland RPS and operative Northland Regional Plan) and Auckland Council. We note that KDC was a formative member (along with WDC) of the Northland/ Auckland "Inter Council Working Party on GMO Risk Evaluation & Management Options", which worked collaboratively and in a fiscally responsible manner (since its inception in 2003) to create a much needed tier of additional protection (on a local level) against the risks of outdoor GE/GMOs.

We stress that the reinstatement of the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions, policies, and rules (in alignment with all the other Northland and Auckland councils) is an important matter of democracy, protection of our biosecurity, the wider environment, and managing risks to farmers and other ratepayers.

FS52.24 to FS52.29

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 or acceptable. We are concerned by some of the inaccurate and misleading content in the minutes of various meetings of the KDC "Working Party" (made up of only a few councillors and the previous Mayor of KDC Craig

Jepsom). The advice given by so-called "independent" commissioner Mark Farnsworth (formerly of Northland Regional Council) to elected members and staff (KDC) is deeply flawed and biased.

We wish to be heard. Thank you. Please keep us informed.