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To whom it may concern

Further Submission to KDC Proposed District Plan

Submission by:

Martin Robinson, Kerikeri Organic

I fully support and repeat as my own further submission, the further submission of GE Free Northland (of which I am a founding member) below.

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

Northland and New Zealand collectively can only achieve sound environmental, biosecurity, economic, and public health outcomes by remaining GE Free (in food and the environment)

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.

I am interested in making a combined case with other 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.

I support the position on the GE/GMO issue in the following submissions:

Submission number	Submitter	Submittor	Submission number
FS68.1	157	K Evans	
FS68.2	250.1	Lisa Er	
FS68.3	132.1	John Sanderson	252.1 Marty Robinson FS68.4
FS68.5	154.1	Auckland GE-Free Coalition (AGEFC)	258.4 Richard Alspach FS68.6
FS68.7	155.1 & .2	Trina Upperton	264.1 Ngunguru Com: Garden FS68.9
FS68.10	286.1	S Sutherland	FS68.8
FS68.11	159.1	GE Free New Zealand	
FS68.12	168.1	Mary McDonald	327.1 N Voot FS68.13
FS68.13	332.55	Northland Regional Council	
FS68.14	172.8	A Preston	337.7 Aoroa Farms FS68.15
FS68.16	173.1	M Wilson	
FS68.17	347.1	Te Runanga a Iwi o Ngapuhi	
FS68.18	194.1	R Mueller-Glodde	351.3 N Harre FS68.19
FS68.20	196.1	I Bremer	352.4 Martina Tschirky FS68.21
FS68.22	204.1	I Cambourn	355.1 M Vandekerckhove FS68.23

I 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, and 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.

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.

**Regards,
Marty Robinson**