

Further Submission on Proposed Kaipara District Plan

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I am a person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest as a representative of an organisation operating within the Kaipara District.

NZHA wishes to speak to this submission.

If others make a similar submission, we would not consider presenting a joint case.

NZHA's submissions are set out in the attached table.

Signature:



Date: 11/12/2025

Further submissions from NZ Helicopter Association

	Original Submitter	Sub No.	Submission Point Made	Support/ Oppose	Reason for support or opposition	Decision sought
FS85.1 FS85.2	Kaipara District Council	222.8 222.9	Sport and Active Recreation Zone; Open Space Zone. Conservation Activities should be permitted within all zones to be consistent with NOSZ-R3.	Support	NZHA considers that conservation Activities should be permitted within all zones	Accept the amendments as sought by Kaipara DC 222.8 and 222.9
FS85.3		222.43	NOISE-R6. Rule needs to differentiate between residential use of helicopters and rural use such as agricultural/horticultural spraying. Amend rule to differentiate helicopter use for residential purposes as opposed to agricultural or horticultural use.	Support	NZHA agree that there needs to be a differentiation between private/permanent helicopter activities and temporary helicopter activities noting that helicopters are critical for use to support primary production, conservation and biodiversity activities.	Accept the amendments as sought by Kaipara DC 222.43
FS85.4	NZDF	284.7	Reverse sensitivity (New definition) NZDF requests the inclusion of a definition of reverse sensitivity.	Support	NZHA has sought the same definition	Accept the new definition as sought by NZDF 284.7

FS85.5

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	284.26	<p>NZDF seeks an amendment to NOISE-R6 to clarify that it applies to permanent helicopter landing areas excluding temporary helicopter landings including those associated with temporary military training activities,</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ADD a definition for "Helicopter landing area" <i>Helicopter landing area means any are of land, building or structure intended or designed to be used whether wholly or partly, for helicopter movement or servicing, other than:</i> 1. <i>Helicopter landings for emergencies by New Zealand Defence Force.</i> 2. <i>Helicopter landings associated with temporary military training activities.</i></p>	Support in part	<p>As sought by the Kaipara DC (222.43) and NZDF; NZHA agrees that there needs to a differentiation between private/permanent helicopter activities and temporary helicopter activities.</p> <p>Helicopter landings for emergencies should be provided for all helicopters not just NZDF.</p> <p>NZHA considers it would be better to include specific conditions relating to helicopter activities in the rules rather than the definition.</p> <p>The definitions sought by NZHA for 'temporary helicopter landing areas' and permanent 'heliports' provides the clarity sought by Kaipara DC, NZDF and NZAAA.</p>	<p>Provide for the provisions as sought by NZDF 284.26 with a deletion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helicopter landings for emergencies by New Zealand Defence Force; 2. Helicopter landings associated with temporary military training activities <p>Accept the definition for a 'temporary helicopter landing area' and permanent 'heliport' as sought by NZAAA 146.14</p>

FS85.6

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Department of Conservation	304.30	<p>DOC seeks a new definition: <i>Pest / Pest Organism</i> <i>These include any unwanted living organism including micro-organisms, pest agents, plants, animals, and marine pests and any genetic structure that is capable of replicating itself (whether that structure comprises all or only part of an entity, and whether it comprises all or only part of the total genetic structure of an entity) that may affect plants, animals, or raw primary produce; and</i> <i>a. Includes any entity declared to be a pest in the northland Regional Pest Management Strategies or otherwise by Northland Regional Council for the purposes of the Biosecurity Act 1993;</i> <i>b. Does not include, any human beings; or living organism which affects only human beings; or any living organism declared not to be a pest for the purposes of the Biosecurity Act.</i></p>	Support	<p>NZHA agrees that there should be specific provisions for the management of pests and the definition helps to provide clarity.</p>	<p>Accept the definition as sought by DOC 304.30</p>

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Transpower New Zealand Limited	292.74	<p>Noise-R2 Construction work noise All zones. Transpower submits that there is a recognised New Zealand Standard for the management of Construction Noise NZS 6803:1999: Acoustics Construction Noise which is used by many Councils as a permitted activity standard in district plans for construction noise.</p> <p>Transpower considers it would be more efficient to manage construction noise by reference to the relevant and widely adopted standard.</p>	Support	NZHA agree that NZS6803:1999 is the appropriate mechanism to manage construction noise as a permitted activity.	Accept the amendment to Noise-R2 Construction work noise as sought by Transpower 292.74
	292.75	<p>Transpower submits that there is a recognised New Zealand Standard for the management of Construction Noise NZS 6803:1999: Acoustics Construction Noise which is used by many Councils as a permitted activity standard in district plans for construction noise.</p> <p>Transpower considers it would be more efficient to manage construction noise by reference to the relevant and widely adopted standard.</p>	Support	NZHA agree that NZS6803:1999 is the appropriate mechanism to manage construction noise as a permitted activity.	Delete NOISE-S13, NOISE-S13-Table 1 and NOISE-S13-Table 2 as sought by Transpower 292.75

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Fire and Emergency New Zealand	308.57	FENZ submits that due to the critical importance of emergency service facilities and emergency service activities to communities, the submitter requests that this rule is amended to provide for noise from an 'emergency service facility' during emergency response as well as emergency services training activities.	Support	Emergency aircraft activities are provided for in the rules so to be consistent noise from emergency aircraft bases must be provided for. These services cannot be provided without noise being generated at aircraft bases.	Accept the amendments sought by FENZ 308.57