



**KAIKARA
DISTRICT
PLAN REVIEW**

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**Kaipara District Plan Review
Discussion Document
Feedback Summary**



HISTORICAL HERITAGE, SITES AND AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO MĀORI, AND NOTABLE TREES

SUBMISSION FEEDBACK

The public feedback received for the Heritage, Notable Trees and Sites and areas of significance to Māori is summarised below according to topic.

Historical Heritage

There were only a few comments made relating to historical heritage. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga highlighted the need for the District Plan to correctly refer to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. The majority of recommendations were made by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga who provided the following:

- the community to have input identifying its historical heritage,
- Council to actively fulfil its obligation under section 6(f) of the Resource Management Act 1991 to address the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development, by engaging experts to carry out a district wide assessment process to inform the scheduling of areas, trees and structures in the new Kaipara District Plan,
- afford Category A and B buildings the same protection status under the new Plan,
- reference the Conservation Act 1987 as it also has a responsibility for heritage both natural and human,
- define *archaeological site* according to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014,
- include Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga in the next steps of the district plan review process,
- a full review and mapping of archaeological sites is needed.



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Sites and areas of significance to Māori

Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust (TUoH) noted that the current provisions do not provide for kaitiakitanga and separates their values out into multiple chapters. Part 3, Chapter 34 and 40 in Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga o Te Taiao plan 2011 are not given effect to nor are TuoH included in the management of these natural resources. TuoH would like investigate an interdependency chapter/overlay that provides for holistic understanding of natural resources.

Proposed recommendations include:

- The District Plan recognises that Māori or Iwi are not necessarily archaeological experts and able to provide technical commentary on such matters.
- Educate and help landowners to make informed decisions around the protection of significant sites.
- While Mana Whenua need to be involved with any processes for sites of significance to Māori, Council needs to also be mindful not to duplicate the processes and jurisdiction of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

Notable Trees

Most of the feedback was supportive of the intention to review the criteria for the protection of notable trees. It was noted that there is a severe lack of Notable Trees within the District Plan and comments emphasised the need to reassess the STEM criteria, protect old native trees in Council road reserves, and avoid tree removal where possible. One submitter also raised the point that some trees make valuable wind breaks and need protecting for that reason such as the bramble on Tara Road in Mangawhai. Another issue highlighted was that there are no listed Notable Trees in Mangawhai.

Compensation or incentives for tree maintenance was also proposed as well as the establishment of an Environmental Information, Biodiversity and Ecology Team to guide better spatial planning processes.

