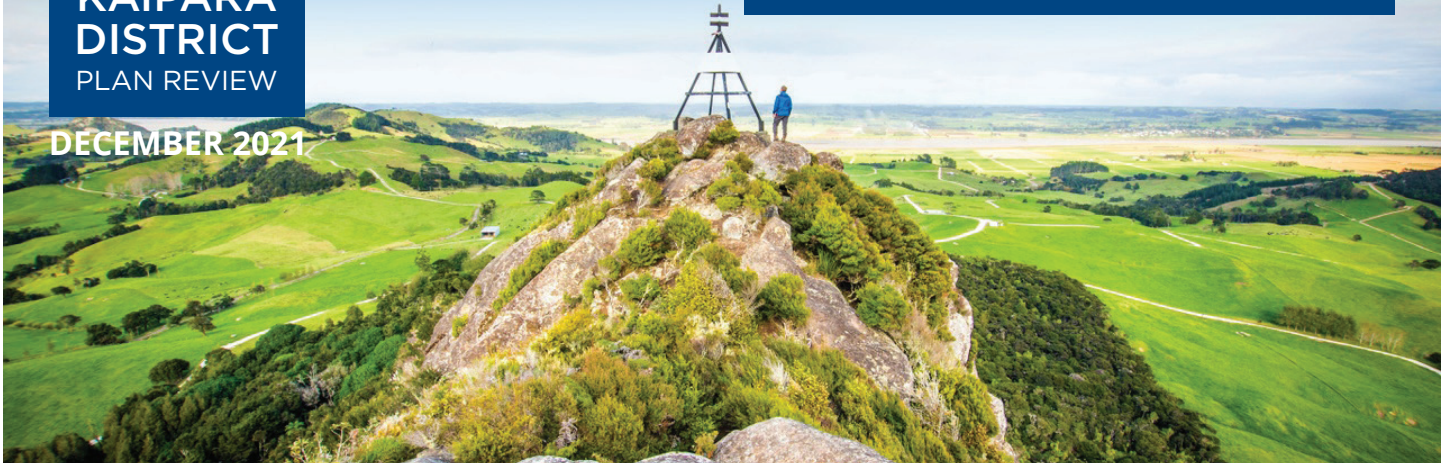




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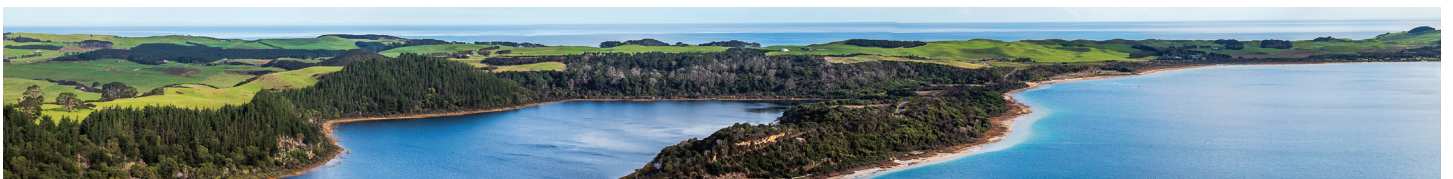
SUBMISSION FEEDBACK

Feedback on Natural character was varied. Some submitters support the need to give effect to the natural character provisions in the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) and the Regional Policy Statement for Northland (RPS) while others felt the Natural Character Discussion Document was a duplication of issues outlined in other discussion documents. Comments also included that the identification of Natural Character areas would need to be in accordance with the RPS assessment criteria and incorporated into specific coastal overlays.

Concerns raised included the subdivision of rural land on the Kaipara Harbour and the need to protect, maintain and enhance Ripiro Beach and its surroundings. Another point made was that rural activities have the ability to promote the perception of natural character rather than diminish it.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Give effect to the NZCPS and RPS.
- Retain current objectives in the plan to protect Natural and Rural Character.
- Consider that Natural Character also includes exotic pasture, trees, and wildlife.
- Look more broadly at the requirements of the NZCPS and activities in the coastal environment to prevent further environmental degradation.
- Protect rural land surrounding the Kaipara Harbour from subdivision.
- Reflect the difference between the two coast and two harbours in the provisions.



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