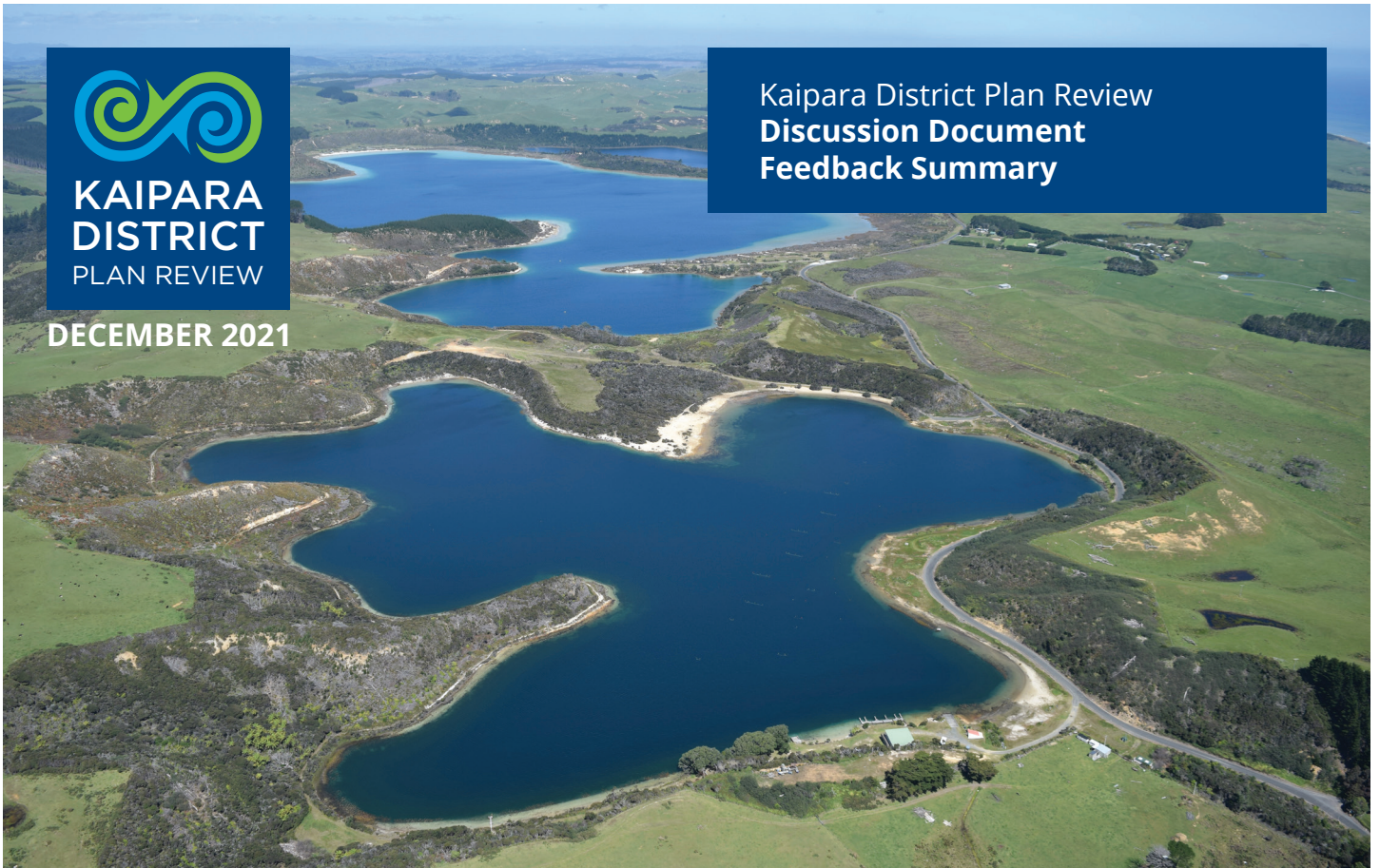




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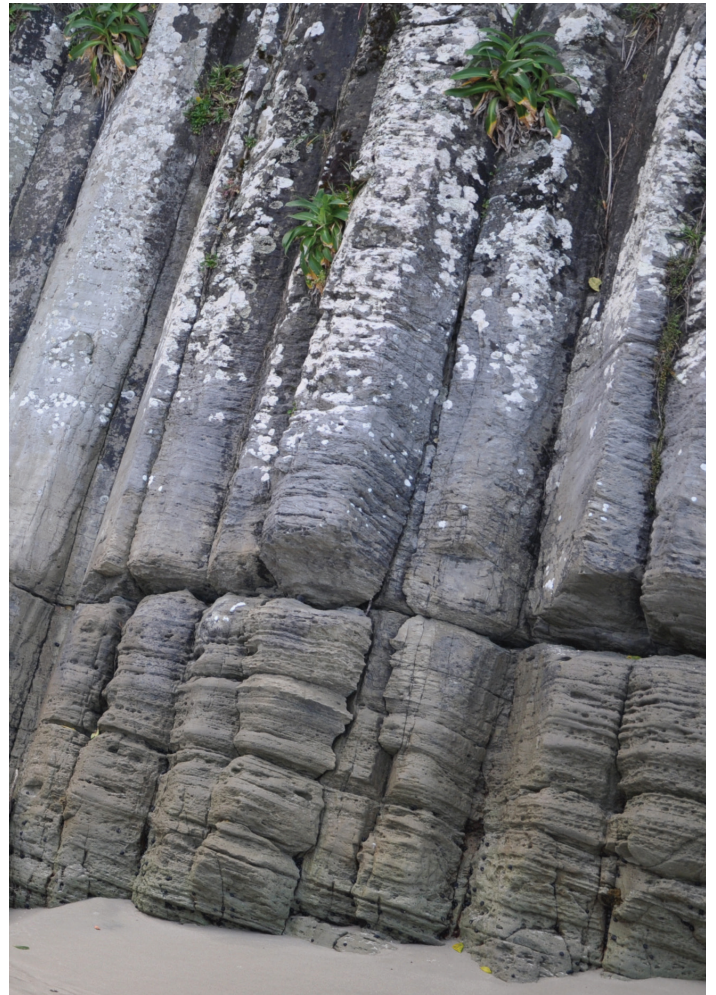
## OUTSTANDING NATURAL FEATURES

### SUBMISSION FEEDBACK

The feedback received for Outstanding Natural Features (ONFs) supports giving effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) and the Regional Policy Statement for Northland (RPS). Another point made was that ONFs are special areas and therefore warrant additional controls to protect them from significant adverse effects.

There was a level of concern regarding the potential inclusion of normal farming practices such as earthworks, farm sheds, and vegetation planting and clearance in ONFs. Other points of concern included the lack of prominence given to significant landscapes and features such as the southern slopes of the Brynderwyn Ranges and the indigenous forest which forms a unique backdrop to the eastern Kaipara District. Additionally, one submitter requested protecting the night sky across the District under ONF provisions.

It was also noted that existing provisions do not provide for Te Ao Māori concepts and understanding nor do they allow for kaitiakitanga.





## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create an assessment criteria, maps, policies, and rules for the protection of ONFs and the types of activities within ONFs.
- Ensure that only inappropriate land use changes are controlled under any proposed rules.
- Include the southern slopes of the Brynderwyn Ranges as an Outstanding Natural Feature/Outstanding Natural Landscape/Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity to provide protection and prevent any further development.
- Safeguard the night sky and set night sky targets.
- Provide rates remissions where ONFs are located on private land.

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