



**Kaipara
District
Plan Review**

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Discussion Document Summary**



COASTAL ENVIRONMENT

BACKGROUND

The Kaipara District coastal environments comprise large areas which are all highly valued areas by our communities for their natural beauty, cultural and recreational values and scenic landscapes.

The Operative District Plan identifies these specific coastal environments:

- Northern Wairoa River
- The West Coast
- The East Coast
- The Kaipara Harbour
- The Mangawhai Harbour
- Kai Iwi Lakes.

The 2016 Regional Policy Statement for Northland (RPS) has mapped a more comprehensive coastal environment area for the entire region, which reflects the definition for coastal environment in the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS).

The definition provides that the coastal environment includes:

- a. the coastal marine area
- b. islands within the coastal marine area
- c. areas where coastal processes, influences or qualities are significant, including coastal lakes, lagoons, tidal estuaries, saltmarshes, coastal wetlands, and the margins of these
- d. areas at risk from coastal hazards
- e. coastal vegetation and the habitat of indigenous coastal species including migratory birds
- f. elements and features that contribute to the natural character, landscape, visual qualities or amenity values
- g. items of cultural and historic heritage in the coastal marine area or on the coast
- h. inter-related coastal marine and terrestrial systems, including the intertidal zone
- i. physical resources and built facilities, including infrastructure, that have modified the coastal environment.

KEY ISSUE

The coastal overlays in the Operative District Plan do not match the full extent of the coastal environment as defined in the NZCPS and as mapped in the RPS.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

The content of a district plan ranges from fulfilling legal requirements made by Central Government and regional councils to proposing specific provisions that meet the needs of our District and its communities.

The new District Plan needs to give effect to the RPS by replacing the specific coastal overlays (which are based on catchments) to the broader coastal environment mapped in the RPS. Making this change will reflect the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010.

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