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My principal place of residence is in the Kaipara District Council area.

If we want to prevent our communities from getting lost in bureaucratic nonsense we need a structural change in local government. We need decision making at community level.

Otherwise, what we see today will continue. Existing Annual, Structure and District Plans costing millions get ignored or altered. We could create a modern future, but get fixed to outmoded infrastructure.

Farm land on the west coast, the new Auckland dormitory suburb on the east coast, and all the life style sections in between all demand different solutions.

Councillors alone are incapable of this. A thousand pages of bumf at each council meeting and so-called experts will not clarify the unique needs of our communities, but create the perfect playground for speculators and multinational investments.

Only with halfway self-sufficient solidary communities we have a little chance to handle the dominance of the big players.

Decision making must move to community level.