

## KAIPARA DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

# General Overview

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**We are reviewing and updating our current District Plan – looking ahead to the next 10 to 15 years. The Kaipara District Plan is essentially the ‘rule book’, which is applied to manage development, activities and the environment within the district.**

The District Plan influences the future shape and feel of our district, which is why it's important for Kaipara communities to be informed and get involved. Its purpose is to protect our environment, historic locations and cultural tāonga for future generations, through sustainable management of our resources, while supporting our communities to develop and grow.

We're seeking input on the Proposed District Plan from Monday 28 April to Monday 30 June 2025.

### **Kaipara is the fastest growing rural district in the North Island.**

The District Plan controls where activities and development can be located and how land can be used and developed. The Kaipara District Plan lays the foundation for all land use decisions within the district.

There are several opportunities for a strong agricultural district that is experiencing a unique period of growth. Equally, there are some challenges we face, including planning for growth and development, while protecting primary production areas and Kaipara's unique natural environment.

Since adopting the Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013, the National Planning Standards have prescribed new rules for the district plan content and structure. This means our new Proposed District Plan looks different from the current District Plan.

In some areas we are proposing significant change, such as the introduction of new zones including the Rural Lifestyle Zone and 3 Open Space Zones, while other things are largely staying the same.

### **Why review the District Plan?**

The Operative Kaipara District Plan became operative in 2013. Our district has changed since then and minor tweaks and revisions that have been made since then have not kept pace with the rate of development and change, including the addition of 4 recent Private Plan Changes. The current plan is outdated and no longer fit for purpose.

The new District Plan must also be updated to reflect national policies that have come into force since 2013, such as the National Planning Standards and National Policy Statements. Additionally, the Regional Policy Statement (2016) requires multiple changes to the Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013.

### **How much is changing?**



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MUCH

A LOT

## What are we proposing?

The District Plan will affect everyone living or working in Kaipara. We've prepared the Proposed District Plan for you to consider. Your submissions on the proposed changes and key issues will help shape the plan as it moves through the Schedule 1 RMA process.

We've prepared factsheet summaries to give you an overview of each key topic before diving into the Proposed Kaipara District Plan.

If you are interested in finding out more, we are running a range of events in May and June, online and in person.

Check out our website for more information.

You can provide submissions on the Kaipara District Plan until **Monday 30 June 2025**.

# General Overview Key FAQs

## Do any of the rules in the Proposed District Plan apply?

Yes. Some of the rules have immediate legal effect. For example, the Historic Heritage chapter, Sites of Significance to Māori and rules relating to setbacks from waterbodies. However, for all other rules, continue to refer to the Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013 until the relevant parts of the Proposed District Plan are made Operative.

## Is this the last chance to provide a submission on the District Plan review?

Yes. We encourage you to provide submissions as this will ensure you can have your say on the plan through the Schedule 1 process.

If you provide a submission, there will be a further opportunity to highlight your views via submissions to Council appointed Hearings Commissioners.

## Summary

- We have developed factsheets across key topics covered in the Proposed District Plan to provide a general overview and help you understand which areas you might want to look into in more detail before providing a submission.
- We have planned a range of face to face and online engagement events that you can attend to find out more, ask questions and decide whether you want to provide a submission.
- The submission period closes Monday 30 June 2025.



**We'd love to hear  
your views:**

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