



PROPOSED  
KAIPARA  
DISTRICT PLAN

DISTRICT-WIDE MATTERS

# Heritage

## General Overview

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.

**Historical heritage is the natural and physical resources that contribute to an understanding and appreciation of New Zealand’s history, cultures and includes:**

- Historic sites, structures, places and areas
- Archaeological sites
- Sites of significance to Māori, including wāhi tapu
- Surroundings associated with the natural and physical resources.

The Resource Management Act 1991 and Northland Regional Policy Statement require policies and methods to promote the protection of historical heritage.

Historical heritage provides the community with a sense of time and identity, of where we have been and where we are now and are a reminder or social link to the past that is important to the community. The Kaipara district is steeped in history, being one of the first areas settled by Māori and the focus of early European exploration.

Our district contains many historic buildings, structures and sites which remain from the early settlement days along with its more recent history. It is important that historic heritage is protected from activities that will compromise heritage values.

## What are we proposing?

The proposed provisions have been updated to provide a clearer direction in the protection of Historic Heritage Policies and rules.

Demolition or removal of a heritage item is a last resort and is not encouraged and should only occur after all other methods of protecting the item have been considered. The setting within which a heritage item is sited is important to ensure that the values for which the item

is significant are not lost and the proposed rules reflect this important part of a heritage item.

The current schedule in the Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013 (ODP) has been reviewed and reassessed under updated criteria. Schedule 1 of the Proposed District Plan protects 109 items, 65 of which were scheduled in the ODP. The schedule includes buildings which are both private and publicly owned.

## How much is changing?



NOT  
MUCH

A LOT

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- The main changes are to enable landowners to upkeep their item
- Ensure items are protected from inappropriate development
- Enable earthquake, fire protection and accessibility upgrades
- Ensuring that demolition or relocation is only considered when all other options have been exhausted.

# Heritage Key FAQs

### Can I still nominate an item?

Yes. You can do this by lodging a submission including evidence.

### What if my building is registered, can I object?

Yes. You can object by lodging a submission which will be considered by the Hearings Panel. While your opinion is important and will be considered, Council is regulated under the RMA to protect heritage.

### Who pays for the upkeep of heritage items?

While there are some contestable funds available through external sources, heritage resources are maintained by the owner. Contestable funding will also require the heritage resource to be either scheduled within the District Plan or on the HNZPT (Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga) listing.

### Do the rules stop me maintaining my heritage item?

There are two levels of rules, the first being general maintenance and the second being works within the setting of the item which are permitted.

Alterations and additions or earthquake strengthening will generally result in changes to the item and will require resource consent to ensure that the changes are in keeping with the item.

Demolition of a heritage item is not encouraged. If you have any concerns on how your item may be affected, please lodge a submission.

### Why are there two categories of registration?

Category A are items which are important in the wider context of Kaipara and New Zealand while Category B items are important within the local area and Kaipara in general.

## Summary

- Kaipara district is steeped in history, and it is important that our heritage is protected for future generations.
- Provisions have been updated to be in line with best practice guidelines.
- Rules for permitted activities and activities that require resource consent provide guidance for owners on what can occur under each category.
- The Heritage Schedule has been updated and additional items included while some items have been removed.

**We'd love to hear  
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