

AREA SPECIFIC MATTERS

Māori Purpose Zone

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.

How much is changing?



NOT
MUCH

A LOT

The Māori purpose zone (MPZ) enables a range of activities such as papakāinga housing, marae, and associated activities on Māori land to assist Māori communities to provide for their cultural, social, environmental, and economic wellbeing. The MPZ recognises and provides for the relationship of Māori with their ancestral land.

What are we proposing?

The Proposed District Plan proposes a new special purpose zone that identifies and manages the use and development of Māori land and Treaty Settlement Land. The MPZ chapter includes objectives, policies and rules that support tangata whenua/mana whenua to exercise their role as kaitiaki as well as providing for the use, occupation, and development of land according to tikanga and mātauranga Māori.

The MPZ enables tangata whenua/mana whenua to exercise their customary responsibilities as kaitiaki and to undertake activities that reflect Māori customs, values, and practices. The MPZ zone enables tangata whenua/mana whenua to undertake a range of ‘Māori purpose activities’, including papakāinga housing and marae.

Marae provide important community focal points for social gatherings and cultural

activities. Papakāinga provide another housing choice for Māori and enable tangata whenua/mana whenua to maintain or re-establish connections to their identity, culture, whānau and whenua.

Other activities that support and/or are complementary to Māori purpose activities are also anticipated and provided for in the MPZ, such as land-based primary production, small-scale commercial activities, and rural industry.

The Proposed District Plan approach provides greater certainty for the use and development of Māori land in the Kaipara District.

How much is changing?

The Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013 already provides for papakāinga housing and some commercial and industrial activities on Māori land. The main change is that the MPZ takes into account all Māori Freehold land and includes some Treaty Settlement Land.

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Key FAQs

Why does Māori land have its own zone?

The MPZ recognises the different land tenure that applies to Māori land, where land may have multiple ownership and is administered under the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. This includes Māori Freehold, Māori Reservations, and Māori Customary Land.

Where is the Māori purpose zone located?

The MPZ is located across the district in some rural, urban, and coastal areas. The zoning pattern is different to other zones because it is based on the location of Māori land, rather than being based on existing uses and development patterns. This means there can be 'spot' zoning of the MPZ within a wider zone (e.g. the General rural zone).

Can you build residential and commercial activities in the Māori purpose zone?

Yes, the MPZ enables a range of activities, including papakāinga housing, marae activities, and residential activities. It also enables small-scale visitor accommodation and small-scale commercial activities.

Summary

- The MPZ includes Māori land and applies the provisions consistently across all this land in the Kaipara District.
- The MPZ enables tangata whenua to exercise their customary responsibilities as kaitiaki and to undertake a range of Māori purpose activities that reflect Māori customs, values, and practices. These include papakāinga housing, marae and cultural activities. The MPZ also enables complimentary land-based primary production, small-scale commercial and rural industry activities.



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