



PROPOSED  
**KAIPARA**  
DISTRICT PLAN

DISTRICT-WIDE MATTERS

# Tangata Whenua/ Mana Whenua

## 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.

**The Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua Chapter is an overarching chapter that is relevant to all chapters and zones within the Proposed District Plan (PDP).**

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) requires that “the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu and other taonga” must be provided for. All natural and physical resource users must have particular regard to kaitiakitanga and consider the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi when managing, using, developing and protecting natural and physical resources.

Many iwi and hapū link back to the Kaipara district area, connecting themselves through historical events and occupation over time. However, the tangata whenua who hold mana whenua over areas within the district generally whakapapa back to the following iwi: Te Uri o Hau, Te Roroa, Ngāti Manuhiri, Te Kawerau ā Maki, Ngātiwai, Ngāti Whātua and Ngāpuhi.

This Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua Chapter contains:

- Treaty Settlement claims
- Information on Iwi Authorities within the Kaipara District
- The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Statutory areas of interest
- Iwi/hapū Environmental Management Plans (IHEMPs)
- Overarching tangata whenua/mana whenua values that guide their approach to resource management
- Obligations under Treaty settlement claims legislation

## How much is changing?



NOT  
MUCH

A LOT

# Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua

## Key FAQs

### How can I take the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi into account?

The PDP provides a note in the Treaty of Waitangi section that provides a practical example of how the principles can be implemented within the resource management context.

### How early should I make contact with Iwi Authorities about my proposed activity?

The earlier the better. Many Iwi Authorities have limited capacity so the more time you can give them the more robust the decision-making process will be.

Determining and understanding barriers to consultation will lead to more meaningful engagement and better relationships.

### Do I have to consult with Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua and their Iwi/hapū Management Plans?

### Or are the values in the PDP sufficient to rely on?

It depends on what you are proposing to do and whether you require a resource consent. The Kaipara District Council recognises that each Iwi Authority within the district has different resource management perspectives, values, issues, priorities, resources of significance and tikanga associated with their own rohe.

The values contained within the plan are overarching on purpose and plan users should consult with IHEMPs and the applicable Iwi Authority.

### I am Māori living in Kaipara, but I am not tangata whenua, how do I get a say?

Anyone can provide feedback on the PDP, however, under the RMA, tangata whenua is “in relation to a particular area, means the iwi, or hapū, that holds mana whenua over that area”. For planning purposes, Council is required to work with Iwi Authorities and their representatives.

## Summary

- The role that tangata whenua/mana whenua play in the District Plan process is recognised.
- The necessity to consult is emphasised.
- The IHEMPs have been taken into account.



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