

Ruawai Adaptive Pathways Community Values and Pathway Objectives

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Part 1. Summary

This document provides the results of the engagement and assessment work undertaken by the Ruawai Project Team to identify a set of community values and pathway objectives as part of the Ruawai Adaptive Pathways project.

Community values and pathway objectives are set at the outset of Ruawai Adaptive Pathways to determine what matters most to the Ruawai community. This is a fundamental step to selecting adaptation options.

Ngā Uara - Guiding values

Te Uri o Hau values to guide the overall adaptation planning process and project.

Aroha Respect all people and things created.	Auahatanga Take action to create and innovate. Problem-solve, learn, use and teach new skills, tackle challenges and be adaptive.	Kaitiakitanga Nurture and protect people and place. Preserve and enrich those things that we have inherited from generations past.
Kotahitanga Work together, with energy and enthusiasm, to achieve common goals.	Manaakitanga Ensure that all our activities are conducted in a way that is mana enhancing of all those involved and reflects generosity, fairness, respect and consideration.	Mātauranga Be willing to learn and share knowledge with others.
Pūkengatanga Pursue excellence in all our activities and build on the fields of expertise for which we are presently known.	Rangatiratanga Be confident and competent in the way we do our work, exercising control and discipline to ensure the integrity of our pursuits	Te Reo Māori Te reo Māori is a taonga inherited from tūpuna. Prioritise the acquisition, maintenance and promotion of te reo Māori.
Tikanga Strive for professionalism and excellence.	Tūmanako Foster and instil a better future.	Wairuatanga Acknowledge the existence and importance of the spiritual dimension in our lives and in mātauranga.
Whakapapa We are bound to one another through shared heritage. Whakapapa reinforces tangata whenua connections to one another, to tūpuna, atua and tūrangawaewae.	Whakapono Uphold integrity and honesty.	Whanaungatanga Achievements are the result of collaborative effort. Our full potential is realised through working together.

Partnership principles

Te Uri o Hau and Ruawai partnership principles to guide the overall adaptation planning process and project.

- Protect Te Uri o Hau interests.
- Support Te Uri o Hau marae and whānau role as kaitiaki.
- Enhance communication and working relationships between Ruawai community, Kaipara District Council and Te Uri o Hau.

Community values

What matters most to the Ruawai community.

- Flood safety and protection
- A strong, well-rounded local economy
- A sense of belonging to community and community connection
- Healthy land and waters for the next generation
- Connection to the land and places of cultural importance
- Farming services and food production

Pathway objectives

Objectives to guide adaptive pathways and response options, in order by priority.

1. Protect life, lifeline assets (access) and services by enhancing, and maintaining local management of, the existing stop banks and drainage networks.
2. Maintain a rural village centre and protect and improve community spaces, amenities, and services.
3. Enhance the health of the coastal environment and our waterways through nature-based solutions where appropriate.
4. Enhance the resilience of farming and agriculture to support a strong, balanced local economy.
5. Protect heritage and cultural values and sites of significance.

Part 2. Methodology



Sources

Ruawai community

- General Survey
- Ruawai College Survey
- Ruawai Primary School questionnaire
- Community conversations – community interviews (2022)
- Ruawai: Our Stories, Our Future event
- Farming and agriculture workshop
- Local business workshop.

Te Uri o Hau

- Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga o Te Taiao 2011
- Te Ara Huringa Āhuarangi Mō Te Taiao Strategy Presentation
- Te Kowhai Urupā Committee Quarterly Report 2022
- Te Kowhai – Kaipara District Council Adaptation Hui August 2022.

Kaipara District Council

- Kaipara District Council Spatial Plan – Ngā Wawata 2050- Our Aspirations
- Long Term Plan 2021-2031
- Kaipara District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051 + Asset Management Plans.

Northland Region

- Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme Overview and Annual Report 2021
- Northland Regional Council Proposed Regional Plan 2022, Regional Policy Statement 2016, and supporting environmental and ecological technical reports
- Northland Transportation Alliance Regional Transportation Plan 2021-2027.

Part 3. Ruawai community engagement

What matters most? Key themes from community engagement



Community, family and friends, next generation

History, heritage and culture

Natural environment

Local businesses and farming, agriculture

Services, shops and amenities

Flood management, local drainage and stopbank infrastructure

Draft Community Values

The draft values grouped by theme. Not in any specific order.



Community, family and friends, next generation

- Community support and connection
- Close-knit, rural community caring for one another
- Family connection
- Nurture and support for the next generation
- Safe, thriving kids
- Sense of belong, belonging to place



History, heritage and culture

- Local knowledge and history
- Connection to past
- Cultural health and wellbeing
- Connection to the land and places of cultural importance



Natural environment

- Guardianship and conservation
- Healthy and life-supporting land and waters
- Healthy land and waters for the next generation
- Work with nature



Local business and farming

- A strong, well-rounded local economy
- Thriving local business and economy
- Resilient and productive farming and agriculture
- A rural hub and service centre



Services, shops and amenities

- Secure lifeline services
- Good quality, affordable services and amenities
- Recreation opportunities and access to the Harbour / Wairoa river
- Farming services and food production



Flood management, drainage and stopbank infrastructure

- Local flood management
- Local leadership and self-reliance
- Flood safety and protection

Key statements

We asked the community what was important to them about Ruawai, and what they wanted for future generations.

I think connection is key for our small community, social events that positively reflect the heart of our small town will strengthen relationship and install a sense of pride and belonging.

A safe place where you can leave your doors unlocked and keys in the car.

Wharf good access to the awa will always be key infrastructure for the community for recreational and commercial purposes.

A close-knit community where everyone looked out for each other, cared for each other's kids and families, worked together to make a better community for all with many social events, sports and traditions.

Continue flood protection measures (stopbanks, drainage etc).

A place where the people are still connected to the natural environment and share the values of tipuna tangata whenua.

I would like a wider range of services such as medical and dental, a better postal service, access to public transport, a park with facilities for families, a learning centre/community hub where people of all ages and stages can go and access a variety of learning/activities, a focus on developing and retaining our younger people.

A place that people can live and work in without fear of floods

Small community where everyone seems to get on well.

I would like many opportunities for community interaction, activities, and clubs suitable for all the different age groups that would bind the variety of cultural groups in our community together.

Naumai-welcome, what a beautiful ingoa, Naumai marae- is important to most people in Ruawai and the area. It's where everyone is able to come together and has been around for a very long time.

A safe and growing community.

Great place to raise your family.

It's very special to us, to think grandchildren play in same bush.

It would be nice to have roads that are safe to travel on throughout the year.

I'd like to stay dairying.

Respectful relationship between the marae and the pakeha community to everybody' mutual benefit, especially in emergencies or challenging times.

Thriving rural community that has maintained or grown its natural resources. Land still viable for rural industry.

Keep drainage committee in local management.

I believe Ruawai can and will become a major manufacture and growing area for the North

Summary of themes

- Shops and local businesses
- Community
- Schools and education
- Wharf and boat ramp
- Roads
- Natural environment
- Productive land, great for farming, farmland
- Sports field and club
- Playground, parks and domains
- Family connection
- Stopbank walk
- Friendly, safe and supportive
- Water supply
- Employment
- Outdoor activities
- Wairoa River
- Rural, small town
- Drainage and stopbanks network
- Community and volunteer groups
- Collective spirit
- Naumai Marae
- Health services
- Fire Brigade
- Kids and children
- Good location
- Tokatoka
- Kaipara Harbour
- Postal service
- History, culture and local knowledge
- Affordable housing
- Waste collection
- Town hall

Part 4. Te Uri o Hau

Key messages and themes

- Spiritual and cultural connectedness
- Te Uri o Hau peoples have particular, cultural, spiritual, historic, and traditional association to Kaipara Harbour coastal area
- Deep, ancestral relationship and connection to Wairoa River and surrounding land
- Cultural practice and ability to care for culturally important places and ancestors
- Tūrangaewae and ahikā and capacity to stand as katiaki
- Sustainable, holistic resource management and protection of indigenous species as taonga
- Importance of flood management, having the resources and capacity to lead this for Te Kowhai
- Concern over long term negative impacts on health and wellbeing to Māori community
- Ensure resilience and sustainability for future generations
- Grow intergenerational knowledge and capacity around climate change
- Livelihood, local employment and opportunities
- Strengthen Māori identity
- Support Māori individual, whānau, hapū and iwi educational aspirations
- Strong community networks
- Importance of documented sovereignty, partnership agreements and indigenous rights through He Whakaputanga, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Treaty of Waitangi, Te Uri o Hau Claims Settlement Act 2002, and the United Nations Declaration of Independence
- Relationship with Council, importance of improving relationships and accountability.

Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga o Te Taiao - Environmental Management Plan 2011

This is a comprehensive plan to support Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga and Rangatiratanga responsibilities in natural resource management. The plan applies to the statutory area of Te Uri o Hau, including the project area. The plan sets a series of guiding values and long-term objectives that inform the draft values and pathways objectives.

Values

Tikanga	Striving for professionalism and excellence.
Mātauranga	Willingness to learn and share knowledge with others.
Whakapono	Upholding integrity and honesty.
Tūmanako	Fostering and instilling a better future.
Manaakitanga	Committed to caring for responsibilities and obligations.
Aroha	Respecting all people and things created

Long-term objectives

Educate and empower hapū, whānau and marae to be proactive in their role as kaitiaki of natural resources within the statutory area of Te Uri o Hau.

Develop, maintain and enhance a kaitiakitanga and conservation approach to managing natural resources.

Develop and maintain an ability to respond to and participate in, amongst other matters: conservation matters with the Department of Conservation; fisheries matters with the Ministry for Primary Industries (formerly know as the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries); antiquities and heritage matters with the Ministry of Culture and Heritage and the Historic Places Trust; mineral matters with the Ministry for Economic Development; and resource management matters with Regional and District Councils within the statutory area of Te Uri o Hau.

Develop Te Uri o Hau capacity by ensuring Environs possesses the infrastructure and technical skills to undertake any natural resource management function that may arise.

Monitor, manage and enhance Te Uri o Hau cultural heritage properties.

Assist hapū, marae and whānau to be involved in the development of successful commercial ventures and to protect and nurture the environment as a taonga which is based on mātauranga Māori.

Te Ara Huringa Āhuarangi Mō Te Taiao

Te Ara Huringa Āhuarangi Mō Te Taiao is Te Uri o Hau Mana Whenua co-governance adaptation panel. This panel is currently in development. The panel will work in collaboration with Ruawai Adaptive Pathways and the Ruawai Community Panel.

Vision

Thriving environment for people, through the use of relevant and accessible mātauranga, research and collaboration.

The close social ties and cultural networks of Māori communities will help improve understanding adaptation responses that reflect a Māori worldview and use of relevant and accessible mātaurangaā-hapū ā marae.

Values

- Te Reo Māori** Te Reo is a taonga which we have inherited from our tūpuna. Not only is it an invaluable source of enlightenment and innovation but it is intimately connected with mātauranga, carrying valuable clues about the way our tūpuna understood and experienced the world. The acquisition, maintenance and promotion of te reo Māori must be a priority.
- Whakapapa** Whakapapa reinforces the connections between all of us, and to our tūpuna, atua and tūrangawaewae. Whakapapa shapes our endeavours as we strive to better understand and contribute to the mātauranga continuum that binds us to one another across generations.
- Manaakitanga** Manaakitanga provides us with endless opportunities to engage with people, individually and collectively. We need to ensure that all of our activities are conducted in a way that is mana enhancing of all those involved and reflects values such as generosity, fairness, respect and consideration.
- Wairuatanga** Wairuatanga acknowledges the existence and importance of the spiritual dimension in our lives and in mātauranga. Wairuatanga recognises the interdependence between present, past and future generations in the discovery, reclamation, rejuvenation and expansion of the mātauranga continuum.

Pūkengatanga Pūkengatanga dictates the pursuit of excellence in all our activities and stipulates that we should build on the fields of expertise for which we are presently known. We need to contribute to the expansion of mātauranga with confidence, based on our own experiences. We must strive to provide distinctive, innovative and high quality programmes, publications and research.

Kotahitanga Kotahitanga values the ethic of working together, with energy and enthusiasm, towards the achievement of common goals. We should celebrate our distinctiveness, as an institution and as individuals, whānau, hapū and iwi; while also revelling in our shared experiences, understandings, philosophies and interests.

Rangatiratanga Rangatiratanga requires us to behave in a way that attracts favourable comment from others, to the extent that we might be considered to have attributes commonly associated with a rangatira. We must nurture and promote these characteristics. We must be confident and competent in the way that we do our work, exercising control and discipline to ensure the integrity of our pursuits.

Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga o te Taiao

The Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga o te Taiao environmental management plan provides a comprehensive plan to support Te Uri o Hau Kaitiakitanga and Rangatiratanga responsibilities in natural resource management within the statutory area of Te Uri o Hau.

Kaitiakitanga Kaitiakitanga to nurture and protect its people and its place; and to preserve and enrich those things that we have inherited from generations past. It demands that we employ our resources wisely, ensuring that their utilisation contributes to our viability and existence.

Whanaungatanga Whanaungatanga achievements are the result of collaborative effort. The full potential of our work is realised through working together as a whānau, which encourages us to celebrate our common interests, our diversity and reinforce our connections with whānau, hapū and iwi.

Auahatanga Auahatanga represent entrepreneurial behaviours, which are the actions individuals take to create to innovate. The adoption of auahatanga involves: problem solving; learning, using and teaching new skills/knowledge; tackling challenges; and adapting. Creativity and ingenuity are at the heart of Te Ao Māori.

Part 5. Northland Region and Kaipara District Council

This section summarises the main resource management, planning and infrastructure objectives relevant to the Ruawai Adaptive Pathways project.

The Regional Policy Statement, Proposed Regional Plan, Operative District Plan and Spatial Plan objectives inform rules and policies that shape the activity and development in different areas. Kaipara Moana Remediation sets objectives for riparian planting, sedimentation reduction and freshwater and marine water quality.

The Regional Transportation Plan and District Infrastructure Strategy set levels of service and objectives for infrastructure services relevant to the Ruawai area.

Key themes

The table below summarises the key themes across these documents and compares the themes to draft values from community engagement. The themes are in alphabetical order.

These objectives will be factored in when exploring and prioritising response options and adaptive pathways.

Theme	Objective summary	Alignment with draft community values
Active, integrated management	Support the efforts of landowners, individuals, iwi, hapū and community groups to maintain or enhance natural environment and features, coastal and significant indigenous ecosystems, historic heritage, cultural and water quality. Plan for catchment areas to meet national freshwater standards.	Aligned, values naturally cover key considerations.
Character of place	Protect and enhance natural, heritage and cultural places and sites of significance.	Aligned, covered by values on local history, heritage and natural places.
Coastal environment	Take a 100-year, precautionary approach for effective risk management and appropriate activities and development. Protect, maintain or enhance marine ecosystem health and ecological integrity. Maintain public access to the coast.	Partially aligned. Potential differences, environmental health values vs. stopbank and drainage management and flood protection values.

Theme	Objective summary	Alignment with draft community values
Development	<p>Development should be sustainable, effective, efficient and appropriate.</p> <p>Avoid irreversible, inappropriate development on productive, rural land.</p>	<p>Aligned, covered by values to keep rural character and support farming.</p>
Economy	<p>Recognise the important of sustainable resource management and resource use in local economic development.</p>	<p>Partially aligned, covered by values on services, jobs, local economy and farming.</p> <p>Sustainability aspect may need further aligning.</p>
Indigenous ecosystems and biodiversity	<p>Protect, maintain, or, where practicable, enhance indigenous ecosystems and biodiversity, particularly at-risk, threatened species.</p> <p>Maintain or improve fish passage in instream infrastructure.</p>	<p>Partially aligned, covered through environmental values.</p> <p>Potential differences in environmental health values vs. stopbank and drainage management and flood protection.</p>
Infrastructure	<p>Infrastructure should be adaptable and resilient, and part of the natural hazards risk management.</p> <p>Infrastructure should meet community needs.</p> <p>Enable regionally significant infrastructure network, including flood management schemes, water supply and state highway and transport network.</p>	<p>Aligned through transportation services and stopbank and drainage management and flood protection.</p>
Natural hazards risk management	<p>Minimise the risks and impacts of natural hazards events, including climate change influence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase understanding 	<p>Mostly aligned through safety, protection of life and stopbank and</p>

Theme	Objective summary	Alignment with draft community values
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase preparedness - Avoid inappropriate new development in 10 year and 100 year hazard zones - Avoid compromising existing defences - Enable hazards mitigation measures - Long-term strategies - Relocation of critical infrastructure if justified 	drainage management.
Tangata Whenua	<p>Actively support Tangata Whenua role as kaitiaki in resource management and environmental restoration.</p> <p>Provide for and involve Tangata Whenua as partners in resource management decision-making.</p>	<p>Partially aligned. Some differences in Te Kowhai flood management and Raupo Drainage management.</p> <p>Can address through values and objectives.</p>
Water quality	<p>Improve freshwater and coastal water quality, including through nitrogen fertiliser application, agrichemical application, stock exclusion, fish passage, waterways and wetland management/activity.</p> <p>Maintain appropriate flow levels for lifesupporting capacity and ecosystem health.</p> <p>Protect the quality of potable water and water supply.</p>	<p>Potential differences in environmental health values, farming and agriculture productivity and stopbank and drainage management and flood protection.</p>

Themes and objectives that are out of scope:

- Renewable energy
- Quarry, mining or aggregate materials
- Genetic engineering and genetically modified organisms
- Fire safety measures.

Part 6. Appendices

Appendix A – Regional and District planning, infrastructure, environmental objectives

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Regional Policy Statement for Northland – 2016 (updated 2018)	
3.1 Integrated catchment management	Integrate the management of freshwater and the subdivision, use and development of land in catchments to enable catchment-specific objectives for fresh and associated coastal water to be met.
3.2 Region-wide water quality	<p>Improve the overall quality of Northland’s fresh and coastal water with a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Reducing the overall Trophic Level Index status of the region’s lakes; (b) Increasing the overall Macroinvertebrate Community Index status of the region’s rivers and streams; (c) Reducing sedimentation rates in the region’s estuaries and harbours; (d) Improving microbiological water quality at popular contact recreation sites, recreational and cultural shellfish gathering sites, and commercial shellfish growing areas to minimise risk to human health; and (e) Protecting the quality of registered drinking water supplies and the potable quality of other drinking water sources.
3.3 Ecological flows and water levels	Maintain flows, flow variability and water levels necessary to safeguard the lifesupporting capacity, ecosystem processes, indigenous species and the associated ecosystems of freshwater.
3.4 Indigenous ecosystems and biodiversity	<p>Safeguard Northland’s ecological integrity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Protecting areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna; b) Maintaining the extent and diversity of indigenous ecosystems and habitats in the region; and c) Where practicable, enhancing indigenous ecosystems and habitats, particularly where this contributes to the reduction in the overall threat status of regionally and nationally threatened species.
3.5 Enabling economic wellbeing	Northland’s natural and physical resources are sustainably managed in a way that is attractive for business and investment that will improve the economic wellbeing of Northland and its communities.
3.6 Economic activities – reverse sensitivity and sterilisation	<p>The viability of land and activities important for Northland’s economy is protected from the negative impacts of new subdivision, use and development, with particular emphasis on either:</p> <p>Reverse sensitivity for existing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Primary production activities; (ii) Industrial and commercial activities;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Mining*; or (iv) Existing and planned regionally significant infrastructure; <p>or (b) Sterilisation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land with regionally significant mineral resources; or (ii) Land which is likely to be used for regionally significant infrastructure.
3.7 Regionally significant infrastructure	Recognise and promote the benefits of regionally significant infrastructure, (a physical resource), which through its use of natural and physical resources can significantly enhance Northland's economic, cultural, environmental and social wellbeing.
3.8 Efficient and effective infrastructure	Manage resource use to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Optimise the use of existing infrastructure; (b) Ensure new infrastructure is flexible, adaptable, and resilient, and meets the reasonably foreseeable needs of the community; and (c) Strategically enable infrastructure to lead or support regional economic development and community wellbeing.
3.10 Use and allocation of common resources	Efficiently use and allocate common natural resources, with a particular focus on: (a) Situations where demand is greater than supply; (b) The use of freshwater and coastal water space; and (c) Maximising the security and reliability of supply of common natural resources for users.
3.11 Regional form	Northland has sustainable built environments that effectively integrate infrastructure with subdivision, use and development, and have a sense of place, identity and a range of lifestyle, employment and transport choices.
3.12 Tangata whenua role in decision-making	Tangata whenua kaitiaki role is recognised and provided for in decision-making over natural and physical resources.
3.13 Natural hazard risk	The risks and impacts of natural hazard events (including the influence of climate change) on people, communities, property, natural systems, infrastructure and our regional economy are minimised by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Increasing our understanding of natural hazards, including the potential influence of climate change on natural hazard events; (b) Becoming better prepared for the consequences of natural hazard events; (c) Avoiding inappropriate new development in 10 and 100 year flood hazard areas and coastal hazard areas; (d) Not compromising the effectiveness of existing defences (natural and man-made); (e) Enabling appropriate hazard mitigation measures to be created to

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	<p>protect existing vulnerable development; and</p> <p>(f) Promoting long-term strategies that reduce the risk of natural hazards impacting on people and communities.</p> <p>(g) Recognising that in justified circumstances, critical infrastructure may have to be located in natural hazard-prone areas.</p>
3.14 Natural character, outstanding natural features, outstanding natural landscapes and historic heritage	<p>Identify and protect from inappropriate subdivision, use and development;</p> <p>(a) The qualities and characteristics that make up the natural character of the coastal environment, and the natural character of freshwater bodies and their margins;</p> <p>(b) The qualities and characteristics that make up outstanding natural features and outstanding natural landscapes;</p> <p>(c) The integrity of historic heritage.</p>
3.15 Active Management	<p>Maintain and / or improve;</p> <p>(a) The natural character of the coastal environment and fresh water bodies and their margins;</p> <p>(b) Outstanding natural features and outstanding natural landscapes;</p> <p>(c) Historic heritage;</p> <p>(d) Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna (including those within estuaries and harbours);</p> <p>(e) Public access to the coast; and</p> <p>(f) Fresh and coastal water quality by supporting, enabling and positively recognising active management arising from the efforts of landowners, individuals, iwi, hapū and community groups.</p>

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F.1.1 Freshwater quantity	<p>In the coastal marine area and in fresh waterbodies, safeguard ecological integrity by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) protecting areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna, and 2) maintaining regional indigenous biodiversity, and 3) where practicable, enhancing and restoring indigenous ecosystems and habitats to a healthy functioning state, and reducing the overall threat status of regionally and nationally Threatened or At Risk species, and 4) preventing the introduction of new marine or freshwater pests into Northland and slowing the spread of established marine or freshwater pests within the region.

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F.1.2 Water quality	<p>In the coastal marine area and in fresh waterbodies, safeguard ecological integrity by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) protecting areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna, and 2) maintaining regional indigenous biodiversity, and 3) where practicable, enhancing and restoring indigenous ecosystems and habitats to a healthy functioning state, and reducing the overall threat status of regionally and nationally Threatened or At Risk species, and 4) preventing the introduction of new marine or freshwater pests into Northland and slowing the spread of established marine or freshwater pests within the region.
F.1.3 Indigenous ecosystems and biodiversity	<p>In the coastal marine area and in fresh waterbodies, safeguard ecological integrity by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) protecting areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna, and 2) maintaining regional indigenous biodiversity, and 3) where practicable, enhancing and restoring indigenous ecosystems and habitats to a healthy functioning state, and reducing the overall threat status of regionally and nationally Threatened or At Risk species, and 4) preventing the introduction of new marine or freshwater pests into Northland and slowing the spread of established marine or freshwater pests within the region.
F.1.4 Fish passage	<p>The passage of fish is maintained, or is improved, by instream structures, except where it is desirable to prevent the passage of some fish species in order to protect desired fish species, their life stages, or their habitats.</p>
F.1.5 Enabling economic well-being	<p>Northland's natural and physical resources are managed in a way that is attractive for business and investment that will improve the economic well-being of Northland and its communities.</p>
F.1.6 Regionally significant infrastructure	<p>Recognise the national, regional and local benefits of regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy generation and enable their effective development, operation, maintenance, repair, upgrading and removal.</p>
F.1.8 Use and development in the coastal marine area	<p>Use and development in the coastal marine area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) makes efficient use of space occupied in the common marine and coastal area, and 2) is of a scale, density and design compatible with its location, and 3) recognises the need to maintain and enhance public open space and recreational opportunities, and 4) is provided for in appropriate places and forms, and within appropriate limits, and 5) is undertaken in a way that recognises it can have effects outside the coastal marine area.

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<p>F.1.9 Tangata whenua role in decision-making</p>	<p>Tangata whenua’s kaitiaki role is recognised and provided for in decision-making over natural and physical resources.</p>
<p>F.1.10 Natural hazard risk</p>	<p>The risks and impacts of natural hazard events (including the influence of climate change) on people, communities, property, natural systems, infrastructure and the regional economy are minimised by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) increasing the understanding of natural hazards, including the potential influence of climate change on natural hazard events and the potential impacts on coastal biodiversity values, and 2) becoming better prepared for the consequences of natural hazard events, and 3) avoiding inappropriate new development in 100-year flood hazard areas and coastal hazard areas, and 4) not compromising the effectiveness of existing natural and man-made defences against natural hazards, and 5) enabling appropriate hazard mitigation measures to be implemented to protect existing vulnerable development, and 6) promoting long-term strategies that reduce the risk of natural hazards impacting on people, communities and natural systems, and 7) recognising that in justified circumstances, critical infrastructure may have to be located in natural hazard-prone areas, and 8) anticipating and providing for, where practicable, landward
<p>F.1.11 Improving Northland's natural and physical resources</p>	<p>Enable and positively recognise activities that contribute to improving Northland's natural and physical resources.</p>
<p>F.1.12 Natural character, outstanding natural features, historic heritage and places of significance to tāngata whenua</p>	<p>Protect from inappropriate use and development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the characteristics, qualities and values that make up: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) outstanding natural features in the coastal marine area and in fresh waterbodies, and b) areas of outstanding and high natural character in the coastal marine area and in fresh waterbodies within the coastal environment, and c) natural character in fresh waterbodies outside the coastal environment, and d) outstanding natural landscapes in the coastal marine area, and 2) the integrity of historic heritage in the coastal marine area, and 3) the values of places of significance to tāngata whenua in the

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	coastal marine area and freshwater bodies.
F.1.13 Air quality	Human health, ambient air quality, cultural values, amenity values and the environment are protected from significant adverse effects caused by the discharge of contaminants to air.
F.1.14 Hazardous substances and contaminated land	Protect human health, and minimise the risk to the environment, from: 1) discharges of hazardous substances, and 2) discharges of contaminants from contaminated land.

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Operative District Plan 2013 - District Wide Objectives	
2.4.1	To maintain and enhance opportunities for sustainable resource use, to enable economic development and growth.
2.4.2	To involve Tangata Whenua as partners in policy development and implementation and decision making under the District Plan.
2.4.3	To recognise the importance of providing for the relationship of Maori, including their culture and traditions, with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.
2.4.4	To recognise and protect from inappropriate use and development those environments of the District which are the most sensitive to land use and development and which significantly contribute to the District's, Region's and/or Nation's identity.
2.4.5	To recognise and enhance the amenity and character of the District, while providing for sustainable resource use.
2.4.6	To protect and enhance those buildings, sites, objects and natural features and areas that contribute to the District's heritage, ecological and landscape values.
2.4.7	To provide certainty to the community by identifying those areas of the District where the effects of particular land uses are considered sustainable.
2.4.8.	To provide guidance on areas for long term growth and land use change while recognising the limited resources of Council.
2.4.9	To enable the development and operation of utilities, utility networks and the transport network (including the state highway network) throughout the District, particularly where this is undertaken in

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	conjunction with land use development and change.
2.4.10	To take a precautionary approach to managing hazards and their potential effects on communities and the natural environment.
2.4.11	To provide for the establishment, operation, development and maintenance of land for reserves and recreation activities.

Kaipara District Council	
Kaipara District Spatial Plan – Ngā Wawata 2050- Our Aspirations	
	<p>Recognises that the community values the quiet, rural lifestyle.</p> <p>Recognises the strong sense of community in Ruawai - there has always been stable communication amongst the community.</p> <p>Recognises that Ruawai offers a good level of amenities and clubs including three marae, sports and rugby club and a bowling club.</p>
	Recognises that local residents, including Mana Whenua, are eager to explore tourism opportunities. Ruawai offers natural resources and historical values which can be capitalised on.
	Recognises Ruawai Flats area as highly productive land, with land-use capabilities 1,2,3.
	<p>Enable business development opportunities along SH14 and Ruawai, Wharf Road through the identification of suitable 'Commercial/Mixed Use' land free from flooding risk.</p> <p>Enable limited population growth through the provision of 'Low Density Residential' land free from flooding risk. Investigate potential road connections to either side of SH12 to allow accessibility.</p> <p>Establish a discernible town centre, complete with local services which utilise the historic architecture of Ruawai.</p> <p>Generate local activity around the town centre to connect with local amenities, particularly the wharf and Wairoa River.</p>

Kaipara District Council Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051 (Long Term Plan 2021-2031)	
Raupo Drainage Scheme	<p>Maintain existing level of service for Raupo Drainage Scheme The Scheme will effectively manage and prevent flooding for a 1-in-5 year flood event.</p> <p>Drains are able to remove floodwater within three tidal cycles. Stopbanks currently positioned at 2.6m above mean sea level, with an allowance of 0.5m during extreme high tide events in Raupo.</p>
	<p>Land drainage statement: The Raupo and Northern area land drainage networks represent a major investment by the community and are of vital importance to the quality of life of the district's residents and the sustainable management of both tidal and flood waters.</p>
	<p>Keep Raupo Drainage Committee, a formal Council committee, in place to perform delegated functions.</p>
	<p>Commitment to investigate initial flood protection measures via Raupo Drainage Scheme. Maintain Raupo Drainage Board and improve relationships and formalise responsibilities for stopbanks and floodgates with private owners.</p>
	<p>Continue the targeted rate for the Raupo Land Drainage Scheme management and maintenance operations. This includes maintenance of drains and outlets by weed spraying and machine cleaning, maintenance and, if necessary, replacement of floodgates</p>
Potable water	<p>Maintain existing level of service.</p> <p>Gather additional data to sequence the costs of required renewals, based on condition rating and age. The information gathered will help prioritise renewals investment for assets which are in poorest condition and spread the replacement programme over multiple years to reduce the spike impact on rates.</p>
Transport	<p>Maintain existing level of service.</p> <p>Focus maintenance on the unsealed road network. NTA will only seal new roads where there is either external funding commitment (e.g., Pouto Road) or a group within an area who can contribute 100% of the expected cost.</p> <p>Progress walking and cycling projects when there is a confirmed 95% external funding portion.</p> <p>Delivery of a programmed, proactive bridge upgrade and replacement programme over the following 30 years</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Kaipara District Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051 (Long Term Plan 2021-2031)</p>	
	<p>Improving community road safety awareness through educational programmes and improving physical attributes of the transport network to reduce the occurrence and reduce the effect of accidents on the transport network. Investing in better surface treatments to improve skid resistance in wet road conditions and investing in better roadside delineation to improve visibility at night.</p> <p>Development of a regional resilience strategy and implementation of better network resilience management. Investment repairing slips and improving drainage assets to reduce the impact of heavy rain events on the transport network</p>
Waste minimisation	<p>Maintain existing level of service.</p> <p>Council will seek to partner with suitable qualified enterprises to store, process and distribute Kaipara District recycling to encourage new reuse markets, Councils in the North are actively seeking to form collaborative partnerships to share knowledge, resources and access to markets.</p>
Reserves and open spaces	<p>Maintain existing level of service.</p>

Northland Transportation Alliance Regional Land Transport Plan for Northland 2021-2027	
Objective 1 Growth, resilience, sustainability and the environment	Northland has a resilient transport network that strengthens all parts of the transport system and enables economic and social development in Northland in a timely and sustainable manner.
Objective 2 Choice	The people of Northland have transport choices to access jobs and amenities, and they are well informed of these choices.
Objective 3 Safety	Design and build for human vulnerability, and encourage and promote safer choices and safer behaviour on our roads.
Objective 4 Culture	Acknowledge and reflect the rich culture of Northland to enhance everything we do.
Objective 5 Integration	Improve integration of transport needs in land use planning

Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme
<p>Enable projects that support one or more of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilise local community participation in local solutions. • Build kotahitanga by enabling the community to work together. • Upskill local tangata and support training and employment opportunities for effective land management. • Increase utility of land that is currently not productive or marginally commercial. • Raise awareness of and provide education opportunities for environment protection of Kaipara Moana. • Incorporate Matāuranga Māori into restoration efforts.

Appendix B – Community engagement - Questions asked

<p>Events, interviews and general survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you value most about Ruawai? • What do you value most about the people and community? • What places or locations are most important to you? • What services and facilities are most important to you? • What do you want Ruawai to be like for the next generation?
<p>Farming and business workshops</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a business owner/manager, what is most important to you about Ruawai? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What services, aspects of Ruawai as a place/community are required to keep your business successful? • As a business owner, what do you want Ruawai to be like in the future? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does a ‘thriving’ Ruawai look like for local business and local economy? • As a farmer, what is most important to you about Ruawai? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What services, aspects of Ruawai as a place/community are required to keep your farm successful? • As a farmer, what do you want Ruawai to be like in the future? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does a ‘thriving’ Ruawai look like for farming and agriculture?
<p>Students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your favourite place in Ruawai? • What do you like doing most in and around Ruawai?

Appendix C – Community engagement - Question responses

What do you value most about the people and community in Ruawai?	
The community/people	38
Family/whanau here. Whanau history.	15
Environment - nice / natural	12
Shops	11
Schools	11
Friendly	10
Friends live here	10
Outdoor activities	9
People look after each other	8
Small town	6
Location	6
Fire brigade	4
Collective spirit / work together	4
Close to Dargaville	4
Close to Auckland	4
It's home	4
Groups/organisations/sporting (general)	3
Lifestyle	3
Owning our own business	3
Great place for kids	2
Hard workers / motivated people	2
Lions club	2
Physical connection - to the wairoa or land	2
Safe community	2
Stop bank river walk	2
Accepting	1
Aware of environmental issues	1
Bowling club	1
Cheap to live	1
Close neighbours	1
Drs and chemist	1
Local knowledge	1
Open	1

What places or locations in the Ruawai area are most important to you?	
Wharfs	25
Shops/businesses	18
Schools	15
My house/farm	15
Stopbank walk	11
Mapau Domain	11
River	10
Stop bank	9
Town/CBD	8
Marae	8
4 Square	7
Harbour	7
Tokatoka	7
Sports club	6
Drs and chemist	5
Fire station	5
Sportsfield	4
The whenua, farmland, paddocks	4
Bowling club	3
local landmarks	3
Gas station	2
Playground	2
Community hall	2
The town hall	2
Boat ramp	1
Farmsource	1
Food	1
Kaipara kumara	1
Local bush/reserves	1
Pizza bar	1
Portstar plastics	1
Well cafe	1
Whenuanui Domain	1

What services and facilities are most important to you?	
Roads	20
Schools (incl kindy)	19
4Square	12
Water supply	11
Dr & chemist	10
Postal service	6
Shops	6
Fire brigade	5
Drainage / canal system / stop bank	4
Rubbish & recycling	4
Sports fields/facilities	4
Power supply	4
Cafe	3
Farmsource	2
Kaipara Kumara	2
Petrol station	2
Internet/phone	2
Bar	1
Civil defence coordination	1
Council communications	1
Food supply	1
Raupo Drainage Board	1
River	1
Vets	1
Wharf	1

What do you want Ruawai to be like for the next generation?	
Better education facilities for all ages	7
Continued development of local businesses	7
Safer and maintained roads	6
Safer community	5
Continued development of flood protection measures	5
Employment opportunities	5
Encourage population growth	4
Live and work without fear of flooding	4
Stronger community spirit	3
Affordable/more housing	3
Town beautification (trees, parks, art)	3
More sporting facilities	3
More community facilities (parks)	3
Medical/Dental Services	3
Cleaner/Better Environment	3
Acceptance of all cultures within community	2
Bigger/Better Supermarket	2
Safer footpaths in the township	1
Safe cycle lanes	1
Better drinking water	1

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