



# Light

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 our initial draft ahead of the statutory process, scheduled to commence in mid-2023. This Draft District Plan does not have any ‘legal weight’ and the Operative District Plan must continue to be relied upon.

## The potential effects of lighting and glare must be considered in any subdivision and land use development.

Lighting can affect amenity and the health and wellbeing of neighbours if it is not appropriately controlled. This issue is particularly significant in residential environments, where there is stadium/recreational park lighting or with industrial lighting near residential properties.

There is also a growing awareness of the value of having ‘dark skies’ which are free from light pollution.

### What are we proposing?

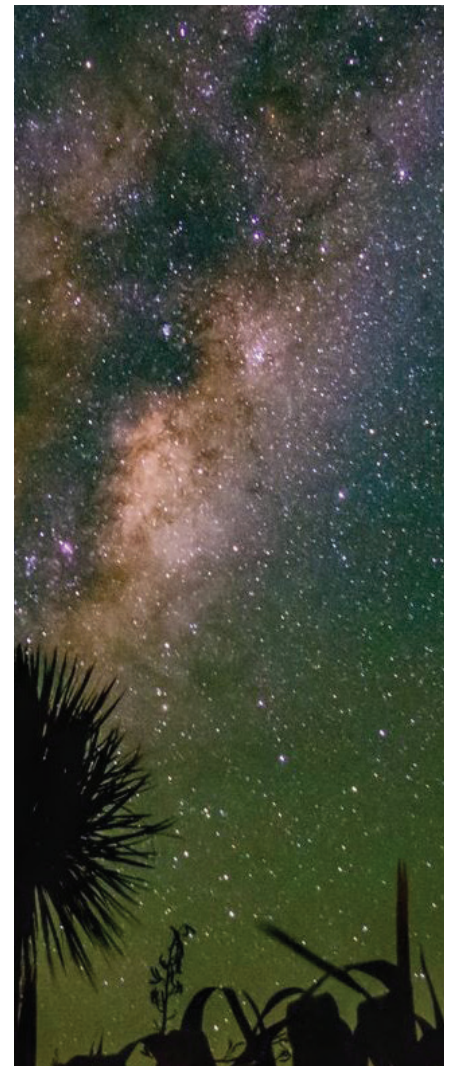
We are proposing simple and enabling provisions to manage the effects of artificial outdoor lighting in residential areas. The draft provisions provide for the same level of lighting as in the Operative District Plan.

#### Where do the rules for lighting apply?

The proposed rules apply across all zones. The rules are designed to protect sensitive environments (i.e. residential areas) from activities that require high levels of lighting, for example industrial activities.

#### How is lighting measured?

The draft rules require lighting to be measured and assessed according to AS/NZS 4282:2019 Control of the obstructive effects of outdoor lighting.



## Summary

- The proposed light provisions are not too different from the Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013.
- The proposed rules are simple and enabling but aim to protect residential areas from the effects of lighting and glare.

## How much is changing?



NOT MUCH



A LOT

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