

Māori Purpose Zone (MPZ)



Kaipara te Oranganui

KAIPARA DISTRICT

Two Oceans Two Harbours

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 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 unique social, cultural, environmental, and economic needs. This zone recognises the relationship of Māori with their ancestral land.



What are we proposing?

The Draft 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 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 to exercise their customary responsibilities as kaitiaki and to undertake activities that reflect Māori customs, values, and practices. The zone provides for a range of 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 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 in the MPZ, such as compatible commercial, rural, and small-scale industrial activities.

The Draft District Plan approach provides greater certainty for the use and development of land.

How much is changing?



NOT MUCH

A LOT

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Overall, the level of change is a 3/10.

The Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013 already provides for papakāinga housing and some commercial and industrial activities. The main change for the MPZ is that it combines the Māori land and treaty settlement land.

Why does Māori land and treaty settlement 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.

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 follows the Māori land resources, rather than being based on existing uses and development patterns. This means there can be 'spot' zoning.



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 complimentary commercial and industrial activities such as small-scale visitor accommodation.

Summary

- The MPZ includes Māori land and treaty settlement land and applies the provisions consistently across all land.
- Māori land is a finite resource, with only 3% of the district remaining in Māori land tenure.
- There is limited understanding and recognition of tikanga Māori and mātauranga Māori in the management of natural and physical resources that sufficiently empower and value the role and responsibility of tangata whenua as kaitiaki.
- The MPZ enables tangata whenua to exercise their customary responsibilities as kaitiaki and to undertake activities that reflect Māori customs, values, and practices. These include different housing types, cultural activities, and complimentary commercial and small-scale industrial activities.