

Landscapes and features

- Mapped by Northland Regional Council (NRC)
- Far North District Council has some outstanding natural landscapes and outstanding natural features that are not identified by NRC
- Tiered approach to protection for these landscapes and features with more stringent rules and policies in more sensitive coastal environment

Indigenous biodiversity

- Identification of Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) means stronger protection
- SNAs identified and mapped
- Tiered approach to protection for SNA management with more stringent policies and rules in sensitive coastal environments

Ways to give feedback



District road trip

During March 2021 we are touring the Far North. We will have drop-in venues in four towns – Kawakawa, Kaitāia, Kaikohe and Kerikeri – with one week at each location.

At these venues you can speak to Council staff and elected representatives in person.

Te Hononga
56 Gillies Street
Kawakawa
Mon-Fri

Ngāti Rēhia
66A Kerikeri Road
Kerikeri
Mon-Fri

Te Wā
115B Broadway
Kaikohe
Mon-Fri

Digital Hub
50-64 Commerce Street
Kaitāia
Mon-Thurs

To discover what other locations or events are on the map for our road trip visit www.fndc.govt.nz/youresay.

Digital hub

For those who prefer to discover online, there is a digital hub that tells you about each project. Go to www.fndc.govt.nz/youresay.

Give your feedback online

All submissions or survey forms will be available online. Our preference is to receive your feedback digitally. Please visit www.fndc.govt.nz/youresay.

If you have any questions, please email submissions@fndc.govt.nz and we'll respond promptly.

Feedback period closes Tuesday 6 April 2021

Remember there will be the opportunity to make a formal submission when we notify the plan later this year.

8-12
March

15-19
March

22-26
March

29 March-
1 April



The District Plan is about sustainable land use, environmental protection and enabling growth in the most suitable places.



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The District Plan is a balancing act. Its purpose is to protect our environment, historic places and cultural taonga for future generations (through sustainable management of our resources) while supporting communities to live and grow.

The District Plan looks 30 years ahead. It is updated every 10 years to make sure its rules strike the right balance. Later this year, we'll publicly notify the Proposed District Plan. Before we do that, we want to share it with you in its draft format. You will be able to explore our new digital e-plan platform and learn about the key changes in the plan.

What are we proposing?

We propose a District Plan that helps us protect the Far North's outstanding landscapes and features and significant natural areas. We understand more about the risks posed by natural hazards, and we propose to better manage activities in vulnerable locations.

We know more about the growth pressures in the district, and the state of our assets. This will help us connect land use with infrastructure plans. It means we can ensure suitably zoned and serviced land is available for economic development.

We have heard from our communities that they are concerned about inappropriate use of the District's highly productive soils, so we have proposed new provisions to address this.

Our proposed integrated planning approach addresses the nine Significant Resource Management Issues (SRMIs) you helped us identify. These include partnerships with tangata whenua, affordable infrastructure, rural sustainability, heritage management, hazard resilience and climate change, outstanding landscapes and features, urban sustainability, coastal management, and indigenous biodiversity.

Significant Resource Management Issues

Grouping "like with like"

In 2019 we put forward a new framework that updates how we approach sustainable management of land in the Far North. The framework is based on nine significant resource management issues – these are broad-brush topics that help describe the issues we are grappling with. We can use these to group related proposed policy directions and methods for managing land-use issues.



Rural sustainability

- Expand the horticulture processing zone
- New horticulture zone for Kerikeri/Waipapa
- New rural settlement zone
- Rename the living zones "rural residential"
- New rural lifestyle zone for Kerikeri
- Stronger rural production zone framework, in particular for subdivision



Climate change, natural hazards and resilience

- Introduce flood hazard and land instability provisions to the Plan
- New maps for coastal and flooding hazards from Northland Regional Council
- Stronger information requirements for subdivision and land use
- Factor in the likely impacts of climate change



Affordable infrastructure

- Promote growth in the right locations and alongside infrastructure planning
- Maximise density to achieve affordable infrastructure
- Use mixed-use zoning to promote population density
- Add provisions to protect future public access corridors and transport links



Urban sustainability

- Better alignment between zoning and infrastructure
- Manage infrastructure expectations
- New mixed-use zone
- Separate industrial zone land into light industrial and heavy industrial
- More liberal policies and rules to encourage residential intensity in the General Residential zone



Tangata whenua partnerships

- New Māori purpose zone
- New Treaty Settlement overlay
- Tangata whenua policies throughout the draft policy framework
- Begin a collaborative process for identifying and managing Māori historic heritage



Heritage management

- Create a framework that enables the repurposing of historic heritage resources while respecting their historic heritage values
- Stronger tangata whenua policies
- Rename precincts as heritage areas and increase the extent of some of these areas
- Stronger considerations for Māori historic heritage



Coastal management

- Remove the general coastal, coastal living and coastal residential zones
- Redefine the coastal environment as mapped by Northland Regional Council using an overlay rather than coastal zones
- New natural character overlay as mapped by Northland Regional Council