

11 November 2021

The Mayor
Kaipara District Council
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Tēnā Koe e Mayor Smith,

A Petition Against Further Vape Retailers in Kaipara

Te Hā Oranga o Ngāti Whātua, Cancer Society Auckland Northland and Ngā Tai Ora Public Health Northland, Northland District Health Board would like to present a petition for consideration to you and our councillors, on behalf of concerned constituents of Kaipara. The petition was instigated in response to concerns from members of Dargaville community around the increasing presence of vape retailers in the township.

Dargaville's main street, Victoria Street, has 12 vape retailers: nine General Vape Retailers and three Specialist Vape Retailers within a 1km length. The three licensed Specialist Vape Retailers are located within 150m of each other.

From a public health perspective this level of density of retailers is deeply concerning. While we are wanting to provide adequate support and supply of vapes to those wanting to use vaping products as a smoking cessation tool, it is of the utmost importance that we also protect our community, particularly our rangatahi and other whānau who would not usually vape, from uptake of the use of these products. There is a fine line between supply and saturation of retailers and there currently is an over supply of vaping products in the Kaipara region.

We are therefore asking the Kaipara District Council to consider creating a bylaw to restrict the number of vape retailers permitted within the Kaipara region. We advocate for regulations to be determined around density of retailers as well as the proximity of any new premises to sensitive sites such as schools etc.

Please find attached a petition with 138 signatures in support from the Kaipara community.

Ngā mihi,



Boyd Broughton
General Manager
Te Hā Oranga



Antony Thompson
Chief of Operations
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua