

Joint Submission on draft National Adaptation Plan

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 29 June 2022
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Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To provide the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee submission on the draft National Adaptation Plan.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Kaipara District Council (Council) has submitted as a joint submitter on the draft National Adaptation Plan. The joint submission was drafted on behalf of the Northland Councils and the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee. To meet the consultation deadlines, Council followed its adopted process to approve the submission. This report presents the final joint submission for information purposes, available at **Attachment A**.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the 'Joint Submission on draft National Adaptation Plan' (Attachment A) that was prepared and submitted on behalf of the Northland Councils.

Context | Horopaki

Following requirements under the Climate Change Response Act (2002), Ministry for the Environment published the draft National Adaptation Plan (draft Plan) in May 2022. The draft Plan was open for consultation until 3 June 2022. It outlines government actions over the next six years to address climate risks and grow resilience. The draft Plan also outlines principles, objectives and process for managed retreat. These considerations will inform the upcoming Climate Adaptation Act.

The draft Plan is a response to the priority climate-related risks identified in the National Climate Change Risk Assessment, published in August 2020.

Every two years the Climate Change Commission will assess the implementation and effectiveness of the Plan through a report provided to the Minister of Climate Change. The Minister must respond to the Climate Change Commission reports within six months.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

Given the tight timeframes with this submission process, the agreed Council delegation was used to finalise the submission. As per this process, Mayor Smith, Councillor Wilson-Collins (appointed by the Mayor), and the Chief Executive were presented with a draft submission for input and then were asked to approve the final joint submission.

Te Roroa and Whatu Ora Settlement Trust representative, Snow Tane, and Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust representative, Fiona Kemp, were also invited to review and provide input on the joint submission.

The Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee (Joint Committee) then formally endorsed the joint submission at its meeting on 31 May 2022. Northland Regional Council Chief Executive

Malcolm Nicolson signed the submission on behalf of the Joint Committee. The joint submission, was then lodged on 2 June 2022.

The submission noted that the limited time to prepare the submission constrained the ability of the Councils to substantively engage with elected members, tangata whenua and ratepayers and to participate in informed debate over the content of the draft plan and its potential implications for the residents and ratepayers of Te Tai Tokerau.

The submission also included a number of Kaipara District specific considerations. This is in recognition of the actual and potential risk that natural hazards present to the district and that this risk will likely be exacerbated by climate change and sea level rise.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

Ministry for the Environment will publish the final Plan in August 2022.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

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A	Joint Council Submission on draft National Adaptation Plan