

Structure of the Exposure Draft Kaipara District Plan

The Exposure Draft Kaipara District Plan will 'look and feel' significantly different from the Operative Kaipara District Plan 2013. One of the key reasons is because the Exposure Draft has been produced under the National Planning Standard requirements, which has introduced a mandatory (standardised) template for how all new District Plans should be structured.

Outlined below is an overview of the structure of the Exposure Draft, as well as an explanation of key parts of each section.

Part 1 – Introduction and Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua process provisions

This section outlines the following:

- Provides an overview of the district
- Outlines the statutory context that the Exposure Draft is prepared within
- Discusses cross boundary matters
- Contains the definitions chapter
- Outlines National Policy Statements/National Environmental Standards and other key regulation
- Contains the Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua process chapter. This chapter does not contain policies or rules but discusses the district from a tangata whenua/mana whenua perspective and outlines their expectations for involvement in resource management processes throughout the district. This chapter has been prepared in collaboration with Mana Whenua partners.

Part 2 – District-Wide Matters

This section of the Exposure Draft contains a suite of chapters with provisions that apply throughout the entire district. These chapters are:

- Strategic Direction (key strategic matters for the district – no rules)
- Energy, Infrastructure and Transport (3 separate chapters: Renewable Electricity Generation, Infrastructure and Transport)
- Hazards and Risk (3 separate chapters: Contaminated Land, Hazardous Substances and Natural Hazards). The natural hazards chapter introduces proactive, risk-based approach to natural hazard management and includes all finalised coastal and river flood hazard mapping produced by the regional council (as overlays).
- Historical and Cultural Values (3 separate chapters: Historic Heritage, Notable Trees and Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori). All three chapters will refer to mapped/scheduled items of historical and cultural significance.
- Natural Environment Values (2 separate chapters: Natural Features and Landscapes and Public Access). Natural chapter is included within the Coastal Environment chapter. The Natural Features and Landscapes chapter refer to mapped features/landscapes, identified throughout the district.
- Subdivision – objectives, policies rules and standards for subdivision throughout the district. The suggested minimum lot sizes are outlined below, noting that the Rural Production and General Rural zones also have the option for Environmental Benefit Subdivisions to create up to 3 'bonus' lots:

- General District-Wide Matters (7 separate chapters: Coastal Environment and Natural

Zone	Minimum net site area
Medium Density Residential	400m ²
Low Density Residential	750m ²
Large Lot Residential	1,000m ² (serviced) 3,000m ² (unserviced)
Settlement	1,000m ² (serviced) 3,000m ² (unserviced)
Commercial	250m ²
Light Industrial	500m ²
Heavy Industrial	2,000m ²
Rural Lifestyle	1ha with and average site area of 2ha
Rural Production	10ha
General Rural	20ha

Character), Earthworks, Genetically Modified Organisms, Light, Noise, Signs, Temporary Activities).

Part 3 – Area Specific Matters

This section of the Exposure Draft contains the zone chapters as well as designations. The chapters contain objectives, policies and rules for the specific chapter, noting that subdivision is addressed in that specific chapter. Apart from the zone chapters above, the Exposure Draft includes the additional zones:

- Open Space and Recreation Zones: 3 Separate Zones (Natural Open Space, Open Space and Sport and Active Recreation)
- Special Purpose Zones: 2 Separate Zones (Hospital and Māori Purpose)

Regarding designations, there is a prescribed format for these, which we are following for the Exposure Draft. Staff have been working with the Requiring Authorities to determine whether they want their designations to be ‘rolled over’ into the new District Plan (as it or with amendments – such as to spatial boundaries or with modified conditions), whether they are requesting additional designations and/or whether they want any existing designations ‘uplifted’ (removed).

At this stage, no additional designations have been requested but there are amendments to several designations and a few requests to remove designations.

KDC designations are not included in the Exposure Draft because this work is not yet finalised. There will be new KDC designations in the Proposed Plan as well as several existing designations will be removed.

Part 4 – Appendices and Schedules

This includes schedules of Historic Heritage Areas, Notable Trees, Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Character areas, Natural Character methodology, Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori. This also includes assessment sheets for the Heritage and Notable Tree items.