



Submission on Proposed Far North District Plan

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Far North District Council - District Planning

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Proposed Far North District Plan

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Attachments:

Track.JPG

Entire Route.pdf

I wish to be heard: No

I am willing to present a joint case: No

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

- **No**

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

- **Yes**

Submission points

Point 8.1

Section: Coastal environment

Sub-section: Rules

Provision:

CE-R3	Earthworks or indigenous vegetation clearance	
Coastal environment	Activity status: Permitted	Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1:
	Where:	Discretionary
	PER-1	Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-2:
	PER-2	Non-complying

The earthworks or indigenous vegetation clearance is:

1. required for repair or maintenance permitted under CE-R2 Repair or Maintenance.
2. required to provide for safe and reasonable clearance for existing overhead power lines.
3. necessary to ensure the health and safety of the public.
4. for biosecurity reasons.
5. for the sustainable non-commercial harvest of plant material for rongoā Māori.

The earthworks or indigenous vegetation clearance is not provided for within CE-R3 PER-1 but it complies with standard CE-S3 Earthworks or indigenous vegetation clearance.

Sentiment: Support in Part

Submission:

The Ipipiri Nature Conservancy Trust (the Trust) has recently purchased Elliot Bay Farm in Far North District.

The Trust is a registered charitable trust formed to purchase and manage the former Elliot's Farm (most of the farm is encompassed in the certificate of titles NA40A/1111 and NA1111/297). The trustees include representatives of Ngati Kuta and Ngati Patukeha Hapu of Rawhiti and their 3B2 land trust.

Further information on the terms of the Trust including its vision and links to its deed can be found at <https://www.ipipiritrust.org.nz/>. You will see the principal purposes of the Trust are set out as follows:

“4.2 Principal purposes: The principal charitable purposes of the Trust are to:

1. support, maintain, assist, foster and promote the preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of the environment (both on land and in the water) in Ipipiri, particularly with respect to the Elliot Property, and elsewhere in New Zealand for the benefit of present and future generations; and
2. facilitate and enable the establishment, in collaboration with local Iwi and others, if necessary or desirable, of a great walk in the Bay of Islands of a calibre similar to other great walks in New Zealand utilising the whole or any part of the Elliot Property, and in conjunction with other property, for the benefit of present and future generations of New Zealand.”

Over time the Trust wishes to undertake conservation related activities including:

- Enhancing natural values (pest control, restoration planting, fencing to exclude stock etc),
- Providing a location for public recreation (camping and picnic areas, car parking)
- Forming a high quality multi-day walk from Rawhiti via Cape Brett to Russell Forest (working with Hapu, Department of Conservation and others).

The Trust is generally supportive of the Far North Proposed District Plan as it affects the land it administers and notes the work of the Trust will significantly assist Council to achieve objectives in the proposed plan such as improving public access to coastal area and

protecting natural character. The Trust is however concerned that some provisions of the coastal and natural character overlays may make its work expensive and difficult. The Trust is seeking clarification or amendment of these overlay provisions to allow it to upgrade and existing public camping area, construct walking tracks and undertake restoration work.

Relief sought

The Trust seeks changes (perhaps by way of a Specific Control) or at least clarification to allow the following activities to be undertaken within the land currently zoned Rural, with Coastal and Outstanding Natural Landscape overlays:

1. Formation of a high quality all weather walking track that includes a section from Whangamumu Harbour to Ngaiotonga Scenic Reserve. This track (maximum width 2metres) will go above Elliot Bay (outside the Coastal hazard areas) then head inland alongside Rawhiti Road before heading inland up Wairoa Stream. NB: 1) Where possible the track will follow existing paths and farm tracks 2) Maps showing: a) possible route of the walking track on the Trust and immediately adjoining property (Track.JPG) b) a map showing existing and potential new tracks for the entire high quality multi day walk (Entire Route.pdf) are attached.
2. Maintain and upgrade the existing summer camping ground at Elliot Bay with associated car parking, walking tracks and facilities NB buildings associated with this camping ground will be toilets and structures to provide water, refuse disposal etc (new built accommodation is not planned at this site).
3. The potential for DOC type huts near Whangamumu and in the Wairoa Stream catchment to cater for walkers on the multi-day walk. NB: The objective is to work with Hapu and DOC to create a high quality walk similar to DOC's great walks (e.g. Milford or Routeburn Tracks) that creates a significant tourism asset and local employment opportunities.
4. Directional and interpretive signs.
5. Restoration and amenity plantings of native species with associated fencing to exclude stock.

