

Let's plan for climate change – Join your local Community Panel

Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o Te Ika | Far North District Council is seeking local community members to join Community Panels to plan for climate change.

You will represent your area and help create Community Adaptation Plans. Community Adaptation Plans will decide how communities and the council prepare for and respond to increasing storms, flooding and erosion. Community Panels are at the heart of adaptation planning.

We are setting up five Community Panels across Hokianga, Whangapē, Herekino, Hōreke and Waimamaku areas, one for each coloured area in the map below.



Ko ngā Pae Hapori tētahi wāhanga o te huarahi whakamua mō ngā whakatupuranga e anga mai nei.

Community Panels will be a part of the solution for the generation to come.

We are looking for people of all backgrounds who love these places and call them home. If you are interested in working together on shared climate change issues, now and for future generations, then we'd love to hear from you.

We are also seeking representatives from marae and hapū, kura | schools, businesses and resident associations, taiao and environmental groups, the health and wellbeing sector, emergency planning – and any other group that's important to your community.

Personal qualities of panel members

Ka whakaaro pae tawhiti, ka mahi pae tawhiti.

We need community members who want to work together for the long-term benefit of their areas as a whole – and who agree to act in good faith.

Committed, open-minded and proactive

- Willing to commit to the working panel and time allocated.
- Willing to learn and take a diverse set of views into account.
- Actively listen to and engage with others.
- Seek and share feedback from the community.

Community understanding

Understanding of your area's identity, what makes this place special and unique, promoting your community's past, present and future.

Community oriented

'Big picture', community-minded individuals who have a strong connection to the area and the local community.

Positive and respectful

- Have a positive mindset and look for solutions.
- Able to interact, debate and discuss in a respectful way.

More information

- The Community Panel's main role is to advise and make adaptation recommendations that go direct to Far North District Council. The council will make the final decisions.
- As a Panel member you will represent your local community to help us:
 - » understand the changes happening and what's at risk
 - » decide what matters most
 - » come up with appropriate short, medium and long-term solutions.
- Community Panels will run from August 2026 – December 2027 (this may change).
- Members need to be available for in-person wānanga / workshops every six months, with possible online meeting or additional engagement events.
- Panel Members can receive an honorarium payment to cover their time and travel.
- If you're applying to represent a hapū, marae, or kura | school, please make sure your nomination is supported by your group (*see nomination form for details*). We're looking for strong marae and/or hapū voices on our Community Panels. Representation for each sub-area will be agreed on with marae and hapū, based on capacity and recommendations on who is best to speak for their areas and interests.
- Please include formal tautoko | support (e.g. an email, letter, or named contact).

Community panels timelines

- **Nominations close – 26 July 2026**
- **Members confirmed – 31 July 2026**
- **Mihi Whakatau | Welcome +
Session 1 – August/September 2026**
- **Session 2 – March/April 2027**
- **Session 3 – October/November 2027**

Any questions?

Please contact the FNDC project team.

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✉ climate.action@fndc.govt.nz

Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o Te Ika | Far North District Council is establishing Community Panels to help plan for climate change. Complete this form if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of the Panels.

Please use a separate form for each nomination you make. *If you nominate someone else, please show that they confirm their acceptance of the nomination.

Please return the completed form by: Sunday 26 July 2026 (midnight).

Complete online: Pou 1 Community Adaptation Planning | Far North District Council (*or scan QR code below*)

Post to: Private Bag 752 | Kaikohe 0440 | New Zealand

Email to: climate.action@fndc.govt.nz

Subject Heading: Community Adaptation Planning – Community Panel Nomination

Drop off to:

Hokianga iSite: 29 Hokianga Harbour Drive, Ōpononi 0473.

Far North Kaitiāia iSite (Te Ahu): Corner of State Highway 1 and Mathews Avenue, Kaitiāia 0410.

Rāwene Service Centre: 11 Parnell Street, Rāwene 0473

Kaikohe Service Centre Far North District Council: 5 Memorial Ave, Kaikohe 0405

Need another form?

You can get more copies of this form at the locations above. Or you can download from:
Pou 1 Community Adaptation Planning | Far North District Council



Scan for more
information on Pou 1

Candidate Information

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Nominated by: Myself Someone else*

If nominated by someone else, fill in nominator's details here:

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Signed
(Nominator)

Acceptance*
(Nominee)

All answers mandatory unless noted.

I would like to join the: (you may select more than one)

- Herekino, Whangapē, Pawarenga & Broadwood panel
- Kohukohu, Motukaraka & Panguru panel
- Mangamuka, Umawera & Hōreke panel
- Rāwene, Ōmanaia, Taheke & Waimā panel
- Whirinaki, Ōpononi, Ōmapere & Waimamaku panel

Availability:

- Monday–Friday daytime
- Monday–Friday evenings
- Weekend morning
- Weekend afternoon

I would like to join as a:

- Resident / ratepayer / local community member
- Student / rangatahi / youth member
- Representative of my marae or hapū (please specify)
- Representative of my organisation (please specify)
- Representative of my community group (please specify)

Please write a short description of why you would like to join a panel and how your connection to your local community would help you contribute meaningfully:

Signed

Date

If you are a representative, you can attach an email or other documented decision to act as the chosen representative. (This is optional).