

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT AUCKLAND ENV-2026-AKL-000153

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU**

Under: the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

In the matter of: appeals under clause 14 of Schedule 1 to the Resource
Management Act 1991 in relation to the proposed Far
North District Plan

Between: **Appellant: Kiwi Fresh Orange Company Limited (KFO)**

And: **Respondent: Far North District Council (FNDC)**

Notice of Ian Diarmid Palmer – Intention to Participate

September 16th, 2026

1. I am a person who has an interest in *ENV-2026-AKL-000153 – Kiwi Fresh Orange Company Limited v Far North District Council* ('These Proceedings') that is greater than the interest of the general public.
2. I am not a trade competitor to the Kiwi Fresh Orange Company Limited (KFO).
3. My interest in These Proceedings that is greater than the general public derives from the fact that I am 50% shareholder and director of a company, Zejia Investments Limited, that owns property in the Kerikeri township area and I am frequent visitor to Kerikeri and Waipapa, and therefore I am directly affected by the degree to which the Kerikeri-Waipapa area is, or is not, a well-functioning urban environment (as that term is defined in Policy 1 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (updated May 2022) (NPS-UD)).
4. An assessment commissioned by FNDC in 2022¹ to assess "*how well the 'urban' areas of Kerikeri Waipapa function*"² concluded, based on a 10-criteria set of measures, that "*the Kerikeri-Waipapa current state does not score well*"³.
5. If KFO prevails in These Proceedings, it is my belief that the Waipapa-Kerikeri locality will become a better functioning urban environment and therefore bring FNDC into greater compliance with Policy 1 of the NPS-UD.
6. Having regard to the above matters, I hereby give notice pursuant to S.274 (1) (d) of the RMA that I am entitled to be, and I shall be, a party to These Proceedings in support of KFO.
7. I support the relief sought by KFO, any alternative relief of like effect, and any further or consequential relief as may be necessary to address the issues raised.
8. I agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution.

Dated: September 16th, 2026



Ian Diarmid Palmer

¹ Report titled: "*The Current State of Kerikeri-Waipapa: How well do the urban areas function?*", Fluid Industries Ltd and Common Ground Studio Ltd, dated 31 August 2022 (and included as Appendix F to the Foundation Report to the Kerikeri-Waipapa Spatial Plan 'He Pūrongo Tūāpapa Foundation Report'.)

² *ibid*, Section 1 'Introduction' p1

³ *ibid*, Section 2.12. 'RESULTS CONCLUSION', p44