



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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Submission on behalf of:

Northern Rescue Helicopter Limited

I wish to be heard: Yes

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

- No

Submission points

Point 67.1 **S281.001**

Section: Noise

Sub-section: Rules

Provision:

All zones

Activity status: Permitted

Activity status where compliance not achieved with PER-1 or PER-2: Discretionary

Where:

PER-1

Flight movements are for emergency purposes such as medical emergencies, search and rescue or firefighting purposes;

PER-2

The helicopter landing [site](#) complies with standard:

[NOISE-S4 Helicopter landing areas](#).

This standard does not apply to:

- i. Emergency or rescue helicopter operation occurring to or from Bay of Islands, Rawene or Kaitaia Hospital (excludes established helicopter bases on hospital [land](#)).
- ii. Emergency or rescue helicopter landings, departures, overflights or activity during operations that occur away from the permanently established helicopter base.
- iii. Cropping, top dressing, and spraying for the purpose of [farming](#) or conservation carried out in the Rural Production, Horticulture zones, or within [Significant Natural Area](#) on a seasonal, temporary, or intermittent basis for a period up to 30 days in any 12 month period.

Sentiment: Support in Part

Submission:

The rule is confusing. We wish for it to be reviewed.

Relief sought

We would like emergency rescue helicopters to be unconstrained and exempt from any noise rules.