

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

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

ENV-2026-AKL-000153

UNDER	the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)
IN THE MATTER	of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the RMA
BETWEEN	KIWI FRESH ORANGE COMPANY LIMITED Appellant
AND	FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL Respondent

**NOTICE OF TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI RĒHIA'S WISH TO BE A PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

31 August 2026

To The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

- 1 Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia (**TRONR**) wishes to be a party to Kiwi Fresh Orange Company's appeal against the Far North District Council's (**Council**) decision on the Proposed Far North District Plan (**PDP**).
- 2 TRONR is the hapū authority of Ngāti Rēhia. TRONR kuapapa is to develop a sustainable economic, social and cultural base for the continued growth of Ngāti Rēhia hapū and whānau.
- 3 TRONR made a submission and a further submission on the PDP.
- 4 TRONR has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest of the general public. Ngāti Rēhia hold mana i te whenua and mana i te moana over the traditional rohe of the hapū, including over the area between Kerikeri and Waipapa that is the subject of Kiwi Fresh Orange Company's appeal. TRONR seek to develop and improve employment opportunities, housing for whānau and cultural activities in and around Kerikeri. TRONR seek to ensure that whanau have access to employment opportunities and can afford to rent or buy a home in their rohe.
- 5 TRONR is not a trade competitor for purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
- 6 TRONR is interested in all of the proceedings.

Particular issues

- 7 Without limiting its interest in all of the appeal, TRONR is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) Whether the PDP provides sufficient development capacity in Kerikeri and Waipapa in the short, medium and long term. Development capacity should consist of different typologies at different price points.
 - (b) Whether the PDP provides affordable housing for hapū members and the wider community, having regard to the housing affordability crisis in Kerikeri.

- (c) Whether future development capacity is supported by appropriate infrastructure provision.
- (d) Whether cultural effects have been properly assessed and provided for, including the relationship of Ngāti Rēhia to their ancestral lands and waterways.

Relief sought

- 8 TRONR supports the relief sought by Kiwi Fresh Orange Company. In particular, it seeks that:
 - (a) The land owned by Kiwi Fresh Orange Company at 1828 and 1878 State Highway 10 is rezoned from Rural Production Zone to General Residential Zone, Mixed Use Zone and Natural Open Space Zone; and
 - (b) General Residential Zoning is retained as notified in central Kerikeri.
- 9 TRONR supports the relief sought by Kiwi Fresh Orange Company because it will provide affordable housing for hapū members, it will provide good outcomes for Kerikeri and the cultural effects of the proposal have been considered.

Dispute resolution

- 10 TRONR agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated 31 August 2026



.....
Signed by Whati Rameka on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia

Address for service:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia

2 Aranga Rd, Kerikeri

Phone number: (09) 401 6399

Email: taiao@ngatirehia.co.nz

Contact person: Whati Rameka

Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.