

Memorandum

To: James Witham – Team Leader – District Plan

From: Chloe Mackay – Policy Planner

Date: 29 January 2026

Subject: **CORRECTIONS TO FAR NORTH PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN PURSUANT TO CLAUSE 16 (2), FIRST SCHEDULE, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 – UPDATE TO THE HEARING PANEL**

1. PURPOSE

To update the Hearing Panel Chair regarding corrections to minor errors within the Far North Proposed District Plan (PDP), through clause 16 (2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act).

2. CONTEXT

As the PDP has been developed, further integrated, and moved through the submission phases, errors have been identified. Clause 16 (2) of Schedule 1 enables Council to make amendments to the PDP, without using the process set out in Schedule 1, to alter any information, where such an alteration is of minor effect, or to correct any minor errors. In summary, Council is not required to notify changes satisfying Clause 16 (2).

Pursuant to section 34 of the Act, Council has delegated its power under clause 16 (2) to the Manager - Resource Consents, General Manager Planning and Policy, Team Leader - District Plan, Senior Policy Planners and Policy Planners to make amendments to correct any minor errors to the PDP, provided the rights of members of the public are not affected, either prejudicially or beneficially.

To consider correcting any errors, case law establishes that the test in determining whether an amendment is authorised by clause 16 (2) is 'does the amendment affect (prejudicially or beneficially) the rights of some members of the public, or is it neutral?' Only if it is neutral is an amendment permitted by clause 16 (2).

3. VIEWS OF THOSE AFFECTED/CONSULTATION

- **Views of those affected** – No party is considered to be affected.
- **Consultation** – Given that the proposed amendments will have no more than a minor effect, no consultation has occurred.
- **Māori implications** – There are no implications on Māori.

4. AMENDMENTS

In accordance with clause 16(2) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, James Witham – Team Leader District Plan, has exercised Council's delegations to determine minor changes required to the PDP, as set out in Appendix 1 (attached).

Chloe Mackay
Policy Planner

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Approved by James Witham – Team Leader District Plan

Table 1:

The following minor corrections have been made to the Far North Proposed District Plan in accordance with Clause 16(2), Schedule 1, of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Amendments are shown additions as **bold underline**.

Table 1: Clause 16(2) amendments to be captured in Hearing Panel recommended decisions on the PDP				
Section	Provision	Description of Amendment	Reason for Amendment	Correction
All chapters	Where relevant	Amendment to the word 'Māori' to ensure that all places where 'Māori' is used is spelt with a macron.	Minor amendment to fix spelling error for consistency through the plan.	'Maori' to 'Māori'
All chapters	Where relevant	Amendment to the word 'Hapū' to ensure that all places where 'Hapū' is used is spelt with a macron.	Minor amendment to fix spelling error for consistency through the plan.	'Hapu' to 'Hapū'
All chapters	Where relevant	Amendment to the word 'Kōhanga Reo' to ensure that all places where 'Kōhanga Reo' is used is spelt with a macron.	Minor amendment to fix spelling error for consistency through the plan.	'Kohanga Reo' to 'Kōhanga Reo'
All chapters	Where relevant	Amendment to the word 'Matauranga Māori' to ensure that all places where 'Matauranga Māori' is used is spelt with a macron.	Minor amendment to fix spelling error for consistency through the plan.	'Matauranga Maori' to 'Matauranga Māori'
All chapters	Where relevant	Amendment to the word 'Papakāinga' to ensure that all places where 'Papakāinga' is used is spelt with a macron.	Minor amendment to fix spelling error for consistency through the plan.	'Papakainga' to 'Papakāinga'
All chapters	Where relevant	Amendment to the word 'Wāhi Tapu' to ensure that all places where 'Wāhi Tapu' is used is spelt with a macron.	Minor amendment to fix spelling error for consistency through the plan.	'Wahi Tapu' to 'Wāhi Tapu'