

**Statement in support of the FNDC PDP Hearing 15D submission by Vision Kerikeri,
Our Kerikeri, Carbon Neutral NZX Trust and Kapiro Conservation Trust**

Kerikeri Retirement Village (KRV) is home to 187 people. We cater to multiple needs for those in the aged care community by providing 68 single story cottages, 30 apartments in our two-storey apartment block, 21 units and a single level care facility that has 21 rest home beds, 15 dementia beds and 30 hospital beds. We have plans for future development in keeping with our existing style.

KRV is located in the heart of the Kerikeri village and has been designed and built to be sympathetic to the wider village and complement our small town character and charm. Our residents enjoy the convenience of being able to walk to the shops and have easy access to amenities from medical care, such as GP's, optometrists, and audiologists through to cafes, banks and restaurants. Many of our residents have lived in Kerikeri for many years.

We have approximately 140 staff and are one of the larger employers in the region. Our staff also enjoy the convenience of being close to a thriving village with the amenities listed above as well as having schools, kindergartens, and childcare all within easy walking distance

We strongly opposed Kainga Ora's plans for a 3-storey building on 115 Kerikeri Road, a plot surrounded by single level KRV houses, because we felt it would have been over-towering and negatively impact on the community feeling we have developed in our village. We are pleased the plans have been shelved with uncertain outlook. We hope that the plot will be built up in a style fitting to the small town/village style.

KRV is a member of Vision Kerikeri and supports the opposition against a proposed Town Centre Zone with height limits above 12 meters. Buildings with 4 or more stories would change the character substantially affecting the tone and nature of the village. The change in scale would detract from the sense of community and destroy what is special about small rural villages. We have all seen small towns around NZ where, what has made them special, has been lost with buildings that are not sympathetic to the local design. We do not want that to happen in Kerikeri.