

**Before the Environment Court
At Auckland Registry**

ENV-2026-AKL-000159

**I Mua i te Kōti Taiao
Tāmaki Makaurau Rohe**

Under Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of an appeal under cl 14 of Sch1 to the Resource
Management Act 1991

Between Ian Diarmid Palmer and Zejia Hu

Appellant

And Far North District Council

Respondent

**Notice of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga's wish to be party to
proceedings under section 274 of the Resource Management Act 1991**

2 September 2026

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**HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA**

To The Registrar
 Environment Court
 Auckland

1 Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (**Heritage New Zealand**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

1.1 *Palmer and Hu v Far North District Council* (ENV-2026-AKL-000159) -- An appeal against Far North District Council in respect of the proposed district plan.

2 Heritage New Zealand received a copy of this appeal on 12 August 2026.

3 Heritage New Zealand made a submission and further submission about the subject matter of these proceedings.

4 Heritage New Zealand is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

5 Heritage New Zealand is interested in all of the proceedings.

6 Heritage New Zealand is interested in the following particular issues:

6.1 The relief sought by the appellants is the removal of the Mangōnui and Rangitoto Peninsula – Part B overlay from the appeal area.

6.2 It is not clear whether the appeal area is Lots 2,4 and 6 DP573386 or Lots 1 and 4 DP 573386. Heritage New Zealand is interested in all of the appeal area.

7 Heritage New Zealand opposes the relief sought because:

- 7.1 Heritage New Zealand supports Far North District Council's decision that the appeal area should be within the Mangōnui and Rangitoto Peninsula – Part B overlay in the Far North Proposed District Plan.
- 7.2 Granting the relief sought in its current form is not in accordance with the functions of the Far North District Council or Part 2 of the RMA, as the relief sought does not provide for protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
- 7.3 Granting the relief sought in its current form would not give effect to the Regional Policy Statement for Northland, especially Objective 3.14.
- 7.4 Granting the relief sought in its current form would be inconsistent with the operative Regional Plan for Northland in relation to the coastal marine area.
- 7.5 Granting the relief sought in its current form would not implement the objectives and policies of the HA chapter of the Far North Proposed District Plan, specifically HA-O1, HA-P1, HA-P8 and HA-P9.
- 7.6 Granting the relief sought is not the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the district plan change and the objectives of the Far North Proposed District Plan.
- 7.7 Granting the relief sought does not have regard to the actual or potential effects on the environment that would arise from the relief sought.

8 Heritage New Zealand agrees to participate in mediation or other
 alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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