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Proposed District Plan submission form

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

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Form 5: Submission on Proposed Far North District Plan

TO: Far North District Council

This is a submission on the Proposed District Plan for the Far North District.

1. Submitter details:

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2. (Please select one of the two options below)

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 (A) Adversely affects the environment; and
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Note: if you are a person who could gain advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

The specific provisions of the Plan that my submission relates to are:
(please provide details including the reference number of the specific provision you are submitting on)

Our submission refers to the Sport and Active Recreation chapter supporting the objectives SARZ-01 and SARZ-02.

This submission specifically relates to:
 Policy: SARZ-P4
 Standards: SARZ-S1, SARZ-SF
 Rules: SARZ-R11, SARZ-R14
 Zones: Sport and Recreation (SARZ), General Residential (GRZ), and/or Mixed Use zones (MUZ).

Confirm your position: Support Support In-part Oppose
 The submitter opposes, supports or seeks amendment to various specific areas of the PDP identified in this submission.



The submitter seeks **amendments** to various specific areas of the PDP identified in this submission. The rationale is provided below.

SARZ-S1 the maximum height of a building or structure, or extension or alteration to an existing building or structure is 8m above ground level. '**SUPPORT In-Part** Consider increasing to 10m as an exception for specific cases where there is a requirement that competition halls must have a minimum height of eight (8) meters for competitive events, for activities such as Indoor Rock Climbing and sports like Diving, Trampoline and Acrobatic Gymnastics.'

SARZ-S5 Building or structure coverage **OPPOSE** the building or structure coverage of the site is no more than 8% This requirement assumes that outdoor recreational activities dominate the landscape. However, increasingly places of recreation benefit from grouping many indoor activities to provide people with better access for all ages and abilities in addition to being financially sustainable 'hubs'. This shift in focus places emphasis on wellbeing and inclusion. A good example is the plan for the new Te Hiku Recreation Centre (being described as a 'catalyst for community connection, empowerment and unity'), the building features spaces for community recreation, education, and performing arts as well as an e-sports studio, storage facility, and commercial kitchen. A rule that allows for increasing the percentage of building or structure coverage to support the development of 'hub' environments is required.

SARZ-R11 OPPOSE commercial activity PER-2 hours of operation between 8am-6pm Monday to Friday. Commercial activities will be ancillary to recreation activity (PER-3) and may include a gym, childcare, café, physio, and education – all places that increasingly cater for people beyond traditional daylight hours. These hours of operation could restrict access for people who are unable to attend appointments during these hours due to work or childcare commitments, and participants who would benefit from accessing the commercial activity following or in conjunction with their physical activity (i.e. Physiotherapy). These times could also limit service providers when there is demand. Request an amendment to increase operating hours in alignment with recreational hours 6am – 9pm Monday to Friday. With adherence to rules around noise.

SARZ-R14 Educational facility, **OPPOSE** activity status 'discretionary' support an amendment to 'permitted'. In alignment with the point outlined for SARZ-S5. Further, research shows that women disproportionately experience family/caring responsibilities, as a barrier to participation, future-proofing sports and recreational sites to easily include the development of childcare facilities in 'hub' environments.

The **SARZ-P4** policy specifies key matters when assessing proposals, **SUPPORT In-part**, but this requires rules to bolster points c and f regarding urban design protocols.

Urban Design protocols can influence factors that either motivate or provide barriers to participation and ALL members of the community accessing sports and recreational facilities.

Access barriers pertain to **SARZ-S5, SARZ-R11, and SARZ-R14.**

Gendered access barriers also exist throughout the district, outdoor fields, basketball courts, and skate parks are great spaces, however, generally, these spaces are typical places overrepresented by males, and there are differences in spaces being created for and occupied by girls. Nowhere do the girls get the same amount of attention. Urban design protocols that feature planning equitable access and inclusion principles for sports and recreational infrastructure are required with a rule that improves gender equality.

How people access accessible and safe networks of walkways and cycleways (separated from motorised road traffic) that will actively promote alternative modes of transport within sport and recreational areas. Rules should require multiple modes of transport within sport and recreational areas for example pedestrian footpaths suitable for disability scooters etc to remove barriers to participation. Safety barriers - our daily choices of where we walk, favourite places to exercise, and habitual journeys demonstrate how connected we are to the design of our outdoor environments. We try to avoid certain environments that "feel like" they are putting us at risk of certain types of crimes, or that make us feel fearful. Urban design has a strong influence on people's walking and cycling preferences, and our overall wellbeing. CPTED is a



crime prevention philosophy based on proper design and effective use of the built environment leading to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime, as well as an improvement in quality of life. Local authorities have a key role to implement CPTED principles. In most cases, it is anticipated that the local authority will initiate, lead, and facilitate the partnership with the police and other groups. It's a key aspect to planning improved infrastructure to enhance community safety, health, and wellbeing, particularly with females feeling safe in these environments.

The site LOT 17 & 19 Harmony Lane is zoned Sport and Recreation in the District Plan. Consider rezoning this site for any future consideration of relocating to the site 1936 State Highway 10, Kerikeri 0470 a Sport and Recreation site under development and repurposing (with appropriate consultation) the land for either general residential or mixed-use development. The benefits for the community would be supporting the growth in Waipapa and demand for housing within proximity and access to community sports and recreational facilities, local amenities, and schools – there is a new school development across the road. (Map attached). The benefit for sports would be cost efficiencies in being co-located and the provision of improved and sustainable facilities.



I seek the following decision from the Council:

(Give precise details. If seeking amendments, how would you like to see the provision amended?)

1. **SARZ-S1** exceptions to this 8m height restriction allowed
2. **SARZ-S5** increase in building or structure of sports and recreation 'hub' development sites
3. **SARZ-R11** increase commercial activity hours from 8am-6pm to 6am-9pm Monday to Friday.
4. **SARZ-P4** policy should explicitly include inclusion principles for all members of the public and CPTED principles to encourage social protection measures and safety for all.
5. Ensure Far North District Council embeds urban design into everyday practices, strategies and guidelines and give effect to these in the Proposed District Plan. These supporting documents, strategies and guidelines must be prioritised and completed with urgency to ensure safe, accessible and equitable sports and recreational infrastructure. Including:
 - Spatial Plan
 - Cycling Strategy
 - Urban Design Protocols for inclusive and safe environments promoting gender equality
6. Amendment to the zone map: Lot 17 & 19 Harmony Lane for consideration/consultation to be re-zoned

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

(Please tick relevant box)

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

Yes No

Do you wish to present your submission via Microsoft Teams?

Yes No

Signature of submitter:

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

Date: 20/10/2022

(A signature is not required if you are making your submission by electronic means)