

# Public notice of Proposed Plan Change 2 (Private) to the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan: Pare Hauraki Kaimoana

Clauses 5 and 21 (1) of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

Waikato Regional Council has accepted a private plan change request to the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan, lodged by Pare Hauraki Kaimoana.

Proposed Plan Change 2 (Private) is a proposal to add a new standalone rule in Chapter 16 (16.5 Marine Farming) of the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan to provide for subsurface anchor lines and anchor structures, along with any associated seabed disturbance to be located outside of the Coromandel Marine Farming Zone (CMFZ), where they anchor an aquaculture structure that is located wholly within the surface of the CMFZ, as a discretionary activity.

There is also an amendment to Rule 16.5.6 to make it explicit that such structures are not a prohibited activity.

The purpose of Proposed Plan Change 2 (Private) is stated as being to allow for greater flexibility in the layout of aquaculture activities within the CMFZ and to allow for more efficient and effective use of the CMFZ.

Proposed Plan Change 2 (Private), as notified, comprises the following document:

- Waikato Regional Coastal Plan – Proposed Plan Change - Proposed Plan Change and Section 32 Evaluation Report, November 2021.

The document is available on Waikato Regional Council's website: [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/coastalplanprivatechange](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/coastalplanprivatechange).

Subject to restrictions relating to COVID-19, copies of the document can also be viewed at the Waikato Regional Council offices in Hamilton (160 Ward Street), Paeroa (13 Opatito Road), Taupo (100 Horomatangi Street), Whitianga (33-35 Albert Street) and at all public libraries in the Waikato region. Copies of the documents are available on request by emailing [policy@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:policy@waikatoregion.govt.nz) or calling 0800 800 401. If you have any questions about the proposal, please contact Craig Sharman, Beca Limited (consultant planner) on 07 960 2341 or [craig.sharman@beca.com](mailto:craig.sharman@beca.com).

The following persons may make a submission on the proposal:

- a local authority, in its own area; and
- any other person, but if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal that—
  - adversely affects the environment; and
  - does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Submissions must be in the prescribed form, state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission, and are to be received no later than 20 working days following notification, that is, by **5.00 pm on 4 April 2022**. A submission form can be obtained from the Council website ([www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/coastalplanprivatechange](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/coastalplanprivatechange)) or, subject to restrictions related to COVID-19, the Hamilton, Paeroa, Taupo, and Whitianga offices of Waikato Regional Council.

You may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to Waikato Regional Council at any of the following addresses for service:

- **Email to:** [policy@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:policy@waikatoregion.govt.nz)
- **Fax to:** (07) 859 0998
- **Mail to:** Chief Executive, Waikato Regional Council, Private Bag 3038, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240
- **Subject to restrictions relating to COVID-19, deliver to:** Waikato Regional Council, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton, 13 Opatito Road, Paeroa or 33-35 Albert Street, Whitianga.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- after the closing date for submission, Waikato Regional Council must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where the summary and submissions can be inspected; and
- there must be an opportunity for the following persons to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:
  - any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
  - any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has;
  - the local authority itself; and
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and
- Waikato Regional Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within 2 years of notifying the proposal and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time; and
- any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court if,—
  - in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal; and
  - in the case of a proposal that is a proposed policy statement or plan, the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.

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