



# Form 5 - Submission on a change proposed to the District Plan

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Plan change number **PC 131**  
Plan change name **Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)**

All correspondence to the Policy Department Attention: Melissa Needham  
Submission must be received by: 4:00pm Tuesday 9 September 2014

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I could/could not ~~\*\*gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission~~  
I ~~\*am/am not\*\*~~ directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that :

- a ~~adversely affects the environment; and~~
- b ~~does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition~~

~~† Delete the entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission~~  
~~\*\* Select one~~

The specific provisions of the Plan Change that my submission relates to are

**Our Whanau strongly support the WDC proposed GMO Plan change No. 131 (and the FNDC proposed GMO Plan change #18)**

**We wish to see the WDC & FNDC GMO proposed Plan changes retained and strengthened ... also banning all EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) outdoor GE experiments & field trials banned outright. Keep outdoor use of GMOs out of Tai Tokomau region. Protect our food sovereignty, quality kai, Hua Per hore.**

I support/oppose/seek amendment to the specific provision listed above. (delete what's not applicable)

My submission is

also ban all <sup>outdoor</sup> GMO experiments & field trials

My reasons are (attach additional pages if required)

threat/risk to our region  
transgenic pollution from ~~of~~ field trials  
impossible to contain.

State the decision you wish Council to make to ensure the issues you raise can be dealt with (i.e. give precise details of what you would like included or deleted from the plan)

Ban all outdoor use of GMOs

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

I wish to be heard at the Whangarei or the Far North sitting of the hearing

Whangarei  Far North

Kiri Neumann

Signature of submitter or authorised agent

A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means

9 September 2014

Date

**Note to person making submission** - If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use form 16B. If you are a person who could gain an 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 of the Resource Management Act 1991.



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The specific provisions of the Plan Change that my submission relates to are **all of them in**

**PC 131**

**Our community group, who work hard to protect our biosecurity, eradicate / suppress feral pests and pest plants, protect waterways and help stop incursions of unwanted new organisms, GMO and otherwise, strongly support the WDC + FNDC proposed GMO Plan changes #131 + #18**

**but the decision we seek - we want the WDC PC 131 + FNDC PC 18 retained and strengthened, to also BAN all outdoor experiments + field trials. We wish to be heard.**



**From:** [Bev & Roger Alchin](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Supportive submission in response to the WDC and FNDC proposed GMO Plan changes (#131 and # 18)  
**Date:** Wednesday, 10 September 2014 11:35:16 a.m.

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Submission in support of WDC proposed GMO Plan change #131 and FNDC proposed GMO Plan change #18

Contact details:  
Roger and Bev Alchin  
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We strongly support the excellent Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council collaborative GMO plan change, but want any Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) approved outdoor GE experiments or field trials prohibited as well, and prohibition of all GMO releases.

We cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

*We do not wish to be heard.*

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"For once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been and there you will long to return."

Leonarddo da Vinci

**From:** [Rixt s Herbals/Rixt Botello](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Supportive submission in response to the WDC and FNDC proposed GMO Plan changes (#131 and #18)  
**Date:** Wednesday, 10 September 2014 11:31:45 a.m.

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Date: 8 September 2014

Contact Details: -

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Submission in support of WDC proposed GMO Plan change #131 and FNDC proposed GMO Plan change #18

I strongly support the excellent Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council collaborative GMO plan change, but want any Environmental Protection Authority approved outdoor GE experiments or field trials prohibited as well, and prohibition of all GMO releases.

I cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

I do not wish to be heard at a public meeting.

Rixt Botello

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**From:** [Suzanne Stewart](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Supportive submission in response to the WDC and FNDC proposed GMO Plan changes (#131 and #18)  
**Date:** Wednesday, 10 September 2014 11:57:15 a.m.

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Date: 9 September 2014

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Submission in support of WDC proposed GMO Plan change #131 and FNDC proposed GMO Plan change #18

I strongly support the excellent Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council collaborative GMO plan change, but want any Environmental Protection Authority approved outdoor GE experiments or field trials prohibited as well, and prohibition of all GMO releases.

I cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

I do not wish to be heard at a public meeting.

Marie Jones

**From:** [Suzanne Stewart](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Supportive submission in response to the WDC and FNDC proposed GMO Plan changes (#131 and #18)  
**Date:** Wednesday, 10 September 2014 11:58:24 a.m.

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Date: 9 September 2014

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Ted Jones

**From:** [Shushila Ajani](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Submission to FNDC Plan Change  
**Date:** Thursday, 11 September 2014 12:34:17 a.m.

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Dear Melissa,

Please accept my sincere apology for my late submission to the FNDC Plan Change to ban GMO's from our food and environment.

I am overseas at present, did try to send this a few days ago, but alas due to connection problems have notice today my email did not send

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RE: Submission to WDC Plan Change

I support the excellent WDC / FNDC collaborative GMO Plan change but want any EPA approved outdoor GE experiments or field trials prohibited as well as all GMO releases prohibited.

I have been involved in support of a Regional exclusion zones from GMO's since inception and spoke on behalf of local farmers and economic markets at the Royal Commission in 2001. Much work and education has been done by our local councils since 2001.

Whangarei District Council has an excellent collaborative GMO Plan change, which will ban all GMO releases and make any EPA (Environmental Protection Agency in Wellington) approved outdoor GE experiments/field trials a discretionary activity, subject to sensible additional local requirements beyond those required by the HSNO (Hazardous Substances and New Organisms) Act. This will protect our biosecurity, our unique biodiversity, our existing non-GE primary producers, our economy and the public health from the risks of outdoor use of GMOs. These excellent Plan Changes are in alignment with those of Auckland Council, which has excellent precautionary and prohibitive GE provisions in its Proposed Unitary Plan.

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Around the world GE Free food is preferred; more recently particularly due to emerging health problems. US companies are finding it harder to source due to contamination. New Zealand not only has an economic advantage for its products on the world market, but a chance for our growing seed companies to provide GE Free seeds to the world.

At present NZ has zero tolerance for GE organisms and imported seeds. Only 2

GE trials are currently running at Crown Research Institutes CRIs :- pine trees at Scion in Rotorua and GE cattle and goats (sheep also permitted) at AgResearch Hamilton. This GE trial proposed to include 9 species of animals in undisclosed locations around NZ for an unlimited time. Court action by GE Free NZ forced AgResearch to reapply for the current trial- 3 species, at Ruakura, Hamilton for a limited period.

Since the Royal Commission of Inquiry into GM 2001 recommended that '... districts be allowed to exclude GM crops where their presence would be a significant threat...' communities have been asking for GE Free zones. A Law Commission Study Paper on Liability 2002 stated 'it is difficult to estimate the level of risk posed by GMOs or assess the magnitude of the potential damage. GMOs have the potential to create catastrophic levels of harm; cause irreversible damage; some of the potential negative effects of GMOs will likely manifest in the long term and be diffuse in nature; and plaintiffs may face difficulty and expense in establishing causation and proving the extent of any damage. Genetically modified organisms are a source of ethical and spiritual concern for part of society.'

The evidence based research now shows the problems faced by GMO's to name a few: Crops becoming resistant to pesticide and herbicides use, thus an increase in pesticide use and super weeds: Soil contamination; Spread to neighbouring conventional and organic farms: Lower yields after several years: Destruction of economic markets: Not the save all to feed the world: Loss of economic markets and premium food markets: More recently public health concerns:

The Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act HSNO is inadequate without any precaution or liability, thereby forcing costs for mitigation onto ratepayers should any accidental contamination to water, soil, indigenous flora and fauna or crops ensue.

District, unitary and regional councils are charged with controlling contaminants and maintaining biodiversity, so it is important they respond to the serious threats posed by GMOs. The Resource management Act RMA enables councils to prepare combined plans where the cross boundary nature of issues demands it.

I wish to be heard

Sincerely Shushila Ajani

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## Mail Room

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**From:** Peta Kirkwood [pkjungle@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, 12 September 2014 1:16 p.m.  
**To:** Mail Room

Subject: GMOs - Plan Change 131

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I support the excellent Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council collaborative GMO plan change, but want any Environmental Protection Authority approved outdoor GE experiments or field trials prohibited as well, and prohibition of all GMO releases.

Genetic-DE-engineering corrupts DNA which has been refined over Millenia;

GE inserts foreign DNA which can be incorporated into genes which then code for a new toxic protein:

GE uses viral vectors; viruses carry disease which can infect DNA;

GE uses antibiotic resistant-marker.genes.and herbicide-resistant selector genes thus selectively breeding antibiotic-resistant microbes and super weeds;

BOYCOTT GE  
[www.gefree.org.nz](http://www.gefree.org.nz)  
[www.giantexperiment.co.nz](http://www.giantexperiment.co.nz)

Paula Kirkwood

I wish to be heard

I cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

**From:** Fenella Probert [fprobert@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 July 2014 6:50 p.m.  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Submission

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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I support the WDC and FNDC GMO plan change in entirety.

Fenella Probert.