

Mail Room

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Sent: Tuesday, 16 December 2014 5:05 p.m.
To: Mail Room
Subject: further submission to WDC ...GE/GMO....by Kerikeri Organic

To:

att: Melissa Needham, Planner
PC #131 (GMO)
Whangarei District Council
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Further submission lodged by email: [,mailroom@wdc.govt.nz](mailto:mailroom@wdc.govt.nz)

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Kerikeri Organic makes further submissions in respect of submissions on the Proposed Plan Change 131 of the Whangarei District Council District Plan. (PC131)

We strongly oppose the whole of the following submissions:

PC131-26: The Minister for the Environment (formerly Amy Adams,
now Nick Smith)

PC131-188: Federated Farmers of New Zealand

PC131-217: The New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited

PC 131-228: Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Limited

PC131-232: Forest Owners Association

PC131-03 Catherine Meger

Kerikeri Organic opposes the above listed submissions for the following reasons:

In essence,
The R.M.A. DOES have a place in the management of GMO's

The E.P.A. lacks the local knowledge necessary to work on behalf of the local constituents' needs and aspirations, which are a fundamental part of the equation of whether or not to introduce new untried, untested technology. The RMA provides for that local aspirations – environmentally, economically, socially and culturally. HaSNO has been shown to be incomplete and needs the second tier of RMA oversight to see if GMO's "fit" in a Region / District
HaSNO is selective as to the science it adopts and needs further robust oversight.
HaSNO does not adequately address Community Aspirations.

The ICWP has worked sequentially and diligently throughout the process and the summaries and results it has come up with are robust and well-founded.
There has been more than adequate consultation throughout the process – every Annual Plan and Long Term Plan for about the past 10 years has canvassed and addressed local residents' and organisations' views.
All groups – including the above – have been free to be part of the process and add to the robust debate.

There have been numerous escapes and damages caused by GMO's overseas where the users have not had to pay for the damages caused.
For this reason farmers should not be allowed to use every tool in the toolbox.
GMO's have not provided the silver bullet overseas – quite the reverse.
There must be precaution in the adoption of new techniques till they are proven not only to be beneficial but also not detrimental in the long term.
We must be market driven, not commodity driven.
We must add value, not reduce costs and quality.

Federated Farmer's legal opinions were selective in the advice received and given and they should therefore be disregarded.

Kerikeri Organic seeks that the whole of the submissions above (as listed) be disallowed and the authority/ jurisdiction of our local councils be upheld.

However,

We strongly support the original submissions made to WDC by:

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-Northland Conservation Board #29

-Physicians & Scientists for Global Responsibility (NZ) #118

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-Organics Aotearoa NZ #244

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-GE FREE NZ #148

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Putiputi Ra Organic Shop (Heather Dyas) #75

We wish to be heard in support of [our](#) further submission and present supplementary evidence.

Date of Further submission: 15 December 2014

Mail Room

From: david lourie [da_lourie@hotmail.com]
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Further Submission on Plan Change 131 Whangarei District Council

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I oppose in full submission by Amy Adams Minister for the Environment

PC131-26 Amy Adams Minister for the Environment
Oppose Jurisdiction Plan change 131 not adopted

Not appropriate for Councils to use the RMA for the purpose of controlling GMOs. These decisions best made at a national level by the EPA using the HSNO Act. The EPA is an expert in environmental risk assessment. The HSNO Act gives the EPA the mandate to impose a broad range of conditions to ensure any adverse effects on the environment (includes economic, social, aesthetic and cultural factors) is prevented or managed.

The RMA is a tool which is able to be used by any person or foreign investor in the country. If a foreign investor is able to use the RMA to push through toxic, polluting and biodiversity damaging 'developments.' then surely the local governments must be able to use the RMA as a tool to protect local communities from foreign companies with demonstratable records of ruining water supplies, contaminating soils, creating serious intergenerational health problems causing harm to plants animals, people, communities, and ecosystems.

If the HSNO Act was capable of providing levels of protection that satisfied effected communities this would not be an issue, however the HSNO Act has failed in this respect even if it has cleared the business and political thresholds.

There is no reason to have any confidence in the EPA, as it, along with recently reformed New Zealand policy and political institutions have used failed US models as blueprints.

http://scholar.colorado.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1200&context=honr_theses

Abstract

Corporate Interests or Environmental Sustainability:

What effect has GMO policy had on the core environmental policies enacted in the United States in the 1970s?

By David Standerfer

This analysis works to provide a linkage between corporate interests, GMO policy and the corresponding effects on environmental policies in the United States. By running two separate tests, one focusing on State legislatures and the other on the Supreme Court , this analysis provides evidence of corporations using GMO policy as a vehicle to alter environmental policies in the U.S. At the Supreme Court level, this analysis examines the two most recent cases involving Monsanto, the de facto face of the genetically modified movement, *Bowman v. Monsanto* (2013) and *Monsanto v. Geertson Seed Farms* (2010). By focusing on the core goals of environmental policies, this analysis determines whether the goals of environmental policy or the goals of corporations are more successful in the Supreme Court. Next this paper examines the GMO

labeling efforts made in State legislatures and the corresponding anti-GMO initiatives that corporations, specifically Monsanto, use to fight the labeling initiatives.

After examining the data from both tests, there is a correlation between Monsanto's influence on GMO policy in the United States, and the correlating influence on environmental outcomes.

Since the Reagan/Thatcher/Reagan reforms research organisations, previous government departments and universities have been reduced to begging for research grants from corporate sponsors. Unsurprisingly corporate research funding is granted to universities that will show the greatest return to the shareholders of the funding corporation.

http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/major_universities_come_out_in_support_of_monsanto_in_supreme_court_case/

Researchers dare not produce results that may harm the interests of corporate shareholders so it becomes impossible for the 'research' to be any more than a publicity stunt if the 'researchers' want the funding to continue.

<http://documents.foodandwaterwatch.org/doc/PublicResearchPrivateGain.pdf>

Corporate Representatives

Department and School

Academic Role

Monsanto, Chiquita, Dole, United Fresh Center for Produce Safety,
University of California at
Davis Advisory Board

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Dole, Sysco, Earthbound Farms Center for Produce Safety,
University of California at
Davis Technical Committee

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Taylor Farms, Produce Marketing Association Center for Produce Safety,
University of California
at Davis Executive Committee

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Tyson, Walmart Sam W. Walton Business College,
University of Arkansas
as Advisory Board

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Novartis (now Syngenta)
University of California
Research Board (1998–2003)

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Cargill, ConAgra, General Mills, Unilever, McDonald's, Coca-Cola Center for Food Safety, University of
Georgia
Board of Advisors

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Monsanto, Pioneer Hi-Bred Plant Sciences Institute,
Iowa State University
Board of Advisors

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Iowa Farm Bureau, Summit Group
Iowa State University
University Board of Regents

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Dole Food
University of California
University of California Regents

²²

Kraft Foods
Cornell University
Cornell University Board of Trustees

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Given the lack of ethics and credibility demonstrated by our current Prime Minister and other ministers (re Dirty Politics) there is every reason to expect that senior appointments made by the EPA have been politically influenced weighted towards industry and Washington Consensus leanings. One would have greater confidence in the organisation if the 'environmental' backgrounds of senior staff included people with a real concern in protecting the environment rather than experts in skirting around environmental law to benefit dubious development projects.

<http://grist.org/article/2009-09-24-usda-obama-monsanto-organic/>

The above indicates how appointments are made in the US, whose neo cons are offering 'thought leadership' and courses in governance to local and central government leaders in countries of interest to the US.

Amy Adams is on the US/NZ Council <http://www.usnzcouncil.org/hon-amy-adams-bio/> which supports the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement, This agreement would allow NZ to be sued by Monsanto for hundreds of millions of dollars if we created any laws to protect us from the effects of GMOs. To have a Minister of the Environment actively promoting an agreement that diminishes this countries ability to protect our social, cultural, environmental and economic well beings shows how little concern is being given to anything other than business interests of the few, as most people do not want GMOs.

Mission | Principles

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The United States | New Zealand Council is the only independent U.S. group dedicated exclusively to advancing the business, strategic, and cultural relationship between the United States and New Zealand by:

- **Promoting shared interests** in trade, investment, economic growth, and security;
- **Providing thought leadership** on important Asia-Pacific regional matters; and
- **Expanding collaboration and understanding** in such areas as science and technology, the environment, education, entertainment and the arts.

Advocating for our members' interests – with US and NZ government officials, business leaders, interest groups, and the media – is integral to our purpose and our success.

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The United States | New Zealand Council is committed to the following six principles:

1. **The continued economic growth and well-being** of both nations.
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3. **Support for comprehensive free trade and open investment policies**, and a transparent, rules-based global trading system.
4. **Open and honest bilateral communication**, especially on the most critical, challenging issues.
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When we have government ministers who align themselves with the foreign policies of countries who are hostile to the interests of any country that does not concede to them then we rely on local

government to stand up and assert the democratic principles abandoned by a corrupt and spineless central government.

These are a few of the reasons that I oppose the submission in full from Amy Adams Minister for the Environment.

I wish to be heard

David Lourie



Form 6 - Further submission on a change proposed to the District Plan

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Plan change no PC131

Plan change name Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)

Doc ID

All correspondence to the Policy Department Attention: Melissa Needham

Further submission must be received by: 4:00pm Tuesday 16 December 2014

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I am [tick box whether you are]:

- a person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest; or
- a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public has; or
- the local authority for the relevant area.

Please explain why you come within the category indicated above:

Whangarei District ratepayer and... mana whenua

I support/oppose (delete not applicable) the submission of submitter

Name the following original submitters Submission no

Clearly indicate which particular parts of the submission you support or oppose

- PC131-26 The Minister for the Environment
- 188 Federated Farmers of NZ
- 217 The NZ Forest Research Institute (Scienc)
- 228 Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd
- 232 Forest Owners Association
- 03 Catherine Meyer

We oppose the above submissions for the reasons put forward in our original submission

and

the inclusion of objectives, policies and rules in District Plans is necessary for territorial authorities to carry out their functions under s31 of the

their submissions contain misleading and inaccurate information.

The reasons for my support/opposition are (state in summary the nature of your further submission giving clear reasons)

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I seek that the whole/part of the submission be allowed/disallowed (delete not applicable)

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We also support the following original submitters to PC131 -

- Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngāpuhi
- Ngātauai Trust Board
- Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board
- National Beekeepers Association - Soil + Health Association Aotearoa
- GE Free Northland - Northland Conservation Board
- Auckland GE Free Coalition - Far North District Council

I wish to be heard in support of my further 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

15 December 2014
Date

Notes

- 1 A copy of your further submission must be served, within 5 working days after making the further submission to the local authority, and on the person who made the original submission.
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- a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public has; or
- the local authority for the relevant area.

Please explain why you come within the category indicated above:

STRONGLY

I support/oppose (delete not applicable) the submission of submitter

Name 1. FEDERATED FARMERS OF NZ

Submission no #188

Clearly indicate which particular parts of the submission you support or oppose

2. MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT #26

3. CATHERINE MEGER #03

4. SCION - NZ FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE #217

5. FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION #232

6. HANCOCK FOREST MANAGEMENT NZ LTD # 228



The reasons for my support/opposition are (state in summary the nature of your further submission giving clear reasons)

THEIR SUBMISSIONS CONTAIN ERRORS OF FACT AND (UNFAIRLY) ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE OUR COUNCILS AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION. OUR COUNCILS (WDC AND FNDC) ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB OF PROTECTING OUR DISTRICT / REGION FROM THE RISKS OF GMO'S AND, THE INCLUSION OF OBJECTIVES, POLICIES + RULES IN DISTRICT PLANS IS NECESSARY FOR OUR TERRITORIAL

I seek that the whole/part of the submission be allowed/disallowed (delete not applicable)

AUTHORITIES

TO CARRY OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS

RESPONSIBILITY UNDER S31 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT (RMA)

ORIGINAL SUBMISSIONS WE SUPPORT:

- ★ PHYSICIANS + SCIENTISTS FOR GLOBAL
- ★ FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
- ★ NORTHLAND CONSERVATION BOARD
- ★ NGATIWA I TRAIT BOARD
- ★ AUCKLAND GE FREE COALITION
- ★ SOIL + HEALTH ASSOCIATION
- ★ ORGANICS AOTEAROA
- ★ PATUKARAKEKE TE IWI TRAIT BOARD
- ★ TE RUMANGA A IWIO NGAPUHI
- ★ GE FREE NORTHLAND
- ★ NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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Yes No

Yes No

Whangarei Far North

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Signature of submitter or authorised agent

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~~15-12-2014~~ 15-12-2014
Date

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From: Johanna 26 [<mailto:johanna.schatt@xtra.co.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 December 2014 1:01 p.m.
To: Melissa Needham; tammy.wooster@fndc.govt.nz
Subject: Fwd: Fwd: GE Submission

Date: 16/12/2014

Name: Johanna Schatt

Contact details:
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Email: johanna.schatt@xtra.co.nz
Mobile: 0277246816

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

I strongly support the original submissions made to WDC by:

- GE Free Northland submittor #206*
- Northland Conservation Board #29*
- Physicians & Scientists for Global Responsibility (NZ) #118*
- Soil & Health Association of NZ #153*
- Organics Aotearoa NZ #244*
- Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi #180*
- Ngatiwai Trust Board #179*
- National Beekeepers Association (NBA) #255*
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ (Inc) (northern branch) #243*
- Vision Kerikeri #171*
- Auckland GE Free Coalition #48*
- Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board Inc. #124*
- GE FREE NZ #148*
- Far North District Council #226*

Far North Organic Growers #23

Putiputi Ra Organic Shop (Heather Dyas) #75

I strongly oppose the original submissions made to WDC by:

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-Ministry for the Environment #26

-The NZ Forest Research Institute Limited (Scion) #217

-Forest Owners Association #232

-Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd #228

-Catherine Meger (Pararua Bay) #02

I oppose these submissions because....

I wish to be heard on this matter as GMO crops are dangerous to both the fragile and unique ecosystem of New Zealand as well as peoples health. The submissions opposed are targeted at only economic profit and do not take into consideration the ramifications of the effect GMO crops have on the ecosystem and people living in it. I cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Far North District Council

proposed GMO Plan change #18 (further submissions needed), see

www.fndc.govt.nz/services/environmental-policy-and-forward-planning/the-far-north-district-plan/genetically-modified-organisms-gmo

then click on "Plan changes" in Left hand of screen

send your further submission to Far North District Council by 5pm 17 December to:

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Far North District Council att: Tammy Wooster

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Date: 16/12/2014

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-Brendan Hoare Organics Aotearoa NZ #294

-Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi

-Ngatiwai Trust Board

-National Beekeepers Association (NBA) #70

-Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ (Inc) #192

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-Julieane Chetham / Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board Inc. #92

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- Whangarei District Council #141*
- Linda Conning #37*
- Kerikeri Organics #133*
- Nga Kaitiaki O Nga Wai Maori (Hona Edwards) #160*
- Environment River Patrol Aotearoa (Milan Ruka) #161*
- Te Runanga O Te Rarawa (Bronwyn Hunt) #163*
- Bay of Islands Farmers Market (Rob Schluter) #211*
- Zelka Grammer / Maungakaramea Landcare Group #299*

I strongly oppose the original submissions made to FNDC by:

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- Peter Robin Shepherd #194*
- Northland Province of Federated Farmers (Louise Wilson)#136*
- Ministry for the Environment (MfE) (Amy Adams) #195*
- Federated Farmers of NZ #301*
- Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd #270*
- Graeme Peters/ AGCARM #245*
- Ursula Buckingham / Hancock Forest Management NZ Ltd #270*

I oppose these submissions because....

I wish (or do not wish) to be heard

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

From: Mario [<mailto:mario61@xtra.co.nz>]
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Mail Room

From: Jenny Kirk [jennykirk@orcon.net.nz]
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16 December 2014

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We oppose these submissions because there is such a lack of knowledge about the future effects of GMOs on our soils, our plants, our future health, our reproductive growth that it is just too much of a risk for us to take.

WE (or do not wish to be heard

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



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I support/oppose (delete not applicable) the submission of submitter

Name *Ministry for the Environment* Submission no *PC 131-26*

Clearly indicate which particular parts of the submission you support or oppose

I oppose this submission in its entirety, particularly those parts referring to the EPA, the R.M.A 1991, Liability for the following reasons: - Precautionary principle etc.

1) No confidence in the EPA

Past experience demonstrates that the Whangarei Community can have no confidence in the decision making process of the EPA formerly ERMA because every single application to carry out GMO trials has been approved irrespective of public opposition including independent scientific evidence offered.

2) Threat of contamination by GMOs.

Containment of GMO field trials cannot be guaranteed as demonstrated by the failure to properly supervise brassica trials. Likewise GM crops already approved have the potential to contaminate neighbouring farms and orchards.

Submission continued.

3) Failure to provide compensation to those adversely affected by GHO escapes.

In a just world organic farmers and growers have a right to be compensated should their livelihoods be ruined by GHO contamination. The culprits should accept liability.

The Whangarei District has a number of organic producers and even those not strictly organic, like the farmer, still do not want their produce compromised as both would lose a market advantage and suffer financial or economic loss!

4) Ethical considerations as these apply to GH.

The failure of the Ethics Committee (advisers to the EPA) to follow time honoured ethical principles dating back to ancient Greece such as the wrongful abuse of power over the weak. This is demonstrated by the abuse of cows and their offspring by subjecting them to unnecessary pain and suffering as a result of GH experimentation. The end cannot justify the means.

5) Protection of the Whangarei community under the RMA 1991 - a precautionary approach.

The purpose of this Act as outlined in Section 5. Part 2 is to enable people and communities "to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing and for their health and safety", surely this must take precedence over Section 32. Part 4 is in implementing Section 32 it involves compromising Section 5.

The whole point of Plan Change 131 is to allow the Whangarei community to implement Section 5, this is to allow it to provide for its economic and cultural wellbeing and health and safety which is threatened by the introduction of GHO's. In a democratic society people

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should have the right to protect themselves from a perceived harm. After all we have no knowledge as to the long term effects of genetic modification and so as a precautionary approach should avoid it.

Moreover, it should be recognised that many residents have strong cultural, religious or ethical objections to meddling with the building blocks of life, they see it as an abuse of science.

6) Plan Change 131 an exercise in local democracy
The Whangarei Community, in fact Northland as a whole, has one of the lowest voter rates in elections and for making submissions. It is not noted for keen public participation. The fact that so many residents have made the effort to voice their opposition to GMOs speaks for itself. GMOs have to be a major use hence the introduction of Plan Change 131.

The Whangarei community has made it clear it does not want GMOs in its environment. It does not want to grow or breed them. It does not want to consume them. How else does one explain so little opposition to Plan Change 131?

Surely in a democratic society, the minister should respect the people's choice and not bow to vested interests. The minister should not seek to impose her/his will upon an unwilling community for that in itself, is an abuse of power!

I wish to have the submission disallowed.

I wish to be heard in support of my further submission in WHANGAREI.

Signed

Paragrett J. Miles

16th December 2011.

From: Plan Changes [<mailto:Plan.Changes@fndc.govt.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 December 2014 11:43 a.m.
To: 'Mary Wilson'
Cc: Melissa Needham
Subject: RE: Plan chnage 131 Atten. melissa Needham re. correction of email address

Good Morning Mary

You have emailed the Far North District Councils plan change address. I have copied Melissa into this email, as I note your email relates to her and the WDC GMO plan change.

Kind regards

Tammy Wooster
Senior Policy Planner
Environmental Management
Ph. 09 401 5200 or 0800 920 029

From: Mary Wilson [<mailto:mtierneywilson@xtra.co.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 December 2014 10:12 a.m.
To: Plan Changes
Subject: Plan chnage 131 Atten. melissa Needham re. correction of email address

Good morning Melissa Needham,
I support Steve Goldthorpe's further submission re. Plan change 131
I'd also like to bring to your attention that my email address needs to be corrected (there is an e missing) so I haven't received updates.
The correct address is mtierneywilson@xtra.co.nz
Kind regards,
Mary Wilson

----- Original Message -----

Subject:	Plan Change 131: Attention Melissa Needham
Date:	Tue, 16 Dec 2014 15:43:22 +1300
From:	Steve Goldthorpe < gldthrp@xtra.co.nz >
Reply-To:	Steve.Goldthorpe@xtra.co.nz
CC:	Dean Scanlen < dean@e-outcomes.co.nz >, tony18er@xtra.co.nz , elizamber@hotmail.com , maureenanneadair@gmail.com , aikens@slingshot.co.nz , natasha.tod@mfe.govt.nz , nativegardenman@gmail.com , Roger Alchin < bevieandrogie@gmail.com >, Moea Armstrong < reotahi@clear.net.nz >, j.ancliffe@xtra.co.nz , shushila1@gmail.com , bathamquest@yahoo.com , albertbarr@gmail.com , aum2121@gmail.com , dean baigent-mercier < dean.baigent.mercer@gmail.com >, bob.drummond@clear.net.nz , maggiebarrett@slingshot.co.nz , newvision@netsurf.co.nz , jessiebalding@gmail.com , bellamy@gmail.com , berrys1@xtra.co.nz , chris@chrisbooth.co.nz , living.leaves@clear.net.nz , wharepuke@xtra.co.nz , bachnz@ps.gen.nz , mikrolarisa@gmail.com , anton.bowker@gmail.com , peter-brake@hotmail.com , inge@oraoraresort.co.nz , brightria33@gmail.com , jean.brine@hotmail.com

15th December 2014

Steve Goldthorpe
25 St Marys Road, Waipu, 0510

PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 131.

For the attention of Melissa Needham (sent be separate email to submitters)

By way of further submission I present the WDC summary of my original submission PC131-64 that was mostly omitted in the summary of submissions that was distributed to submitters in hard copy. That WDC summary is:-

GMOs need to be prohibited until it is proven beyond reasonable doubt that there are no potential adverse effects, that there are proven significant environmental, social and economic benefits and universal acceptance in global food markets of benefits. Northlands geographic isolation means GMOs could be prohibited here evei if they were released in other parts of NZ. Niche market for GMO free. Northland could undertake controlled experiments for not using GMOs.

My final point is misrepresented in this summary it should use the word "control" not "controlled"

My point is that good experimental practice is to conduct a parallel "control" experiment without the active agent when testing for the effect of a new active agent. In this context Northland might be ideally placed to provide facilities for GE-Free trials in parallel with GE-trials elsewhere (preferably not in NZ).

I wish to be heard if I am in NZ at the time of the hearings.

I also strongly support the original submissions made to WDC by:

- Rowan Stanley PC131-15 etc
- Tony Achtzehner PC131-34

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Mail Room

From: Pamela Raggett [pamelar@fallsestate.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 December 2014 4:20 p.m.
To: Mail Room
Subject: submission re G.M.O's

Sorry this is so late. My computer played up, so no time for a proper submission.
Just want to say -

We Support the Whangarei District Council and the Far North District Council in their excellent collaborative work on the GMO plan changes, but we want any EPA approved outdoor experiments or field trials prohibited as well. And prohibition of ALL GMO releases

Yours faithfully

John and Pamela Raggett
46/94 Boundary road
Whangarei, 0112

Mail Room

From: Marama Waddell [marama.waddell@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 December 2014 2:26 p.m.
To: Mail Room; mailroom@nrc.govt.nz
Subject: Fwd: GE Free Taitokerau CALL TO ACTION, further submissions needed to WDC/FNDC

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From: Marama Waddell <marama.waddell@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 16, 2014 at 8:46 AM
Subject: Re: GE Free Taitokerau CALL TO ACTION, further submissions needed to WDC/FNDC
To: Linda Grammer <linda.grammer@gmail.com>
Cc: Bronwyn Hunt <brony@terarawa.co.nz>, Wayne Petera <wanep@ihug.co.nz>, Petra Witana <petra@terarawa.co.nz>, abe witana <abewitana@gmail.com>, Angela Byers <angela.byars@yahoo.co.nz>, Jacque Morris <moko.morris@hotmail.com>, Rueben Porter <rporter@xtra.co.nz>, Reuben Taipari - Porter <ahiparaonline@gmail.com>, Deborah Harding Te Uri o Hau <dharding@uriohau.co.nz>, Kristi HenareFOREST&BIRD <kristihenare.forestandbird@yahoo.co.nz>, Kristi Henare <ngatihauwahine@yahoo.co.nz>, Malibu Hamilton <[cleanearth@clear.net.nz](mailto:cleaneearth@clear.net.nz)>, Eva Stumpf <evastumpf3@gmail.com>, cici.mach5@gmail.com, Gail Aiken <aikens@slingshot.co.nz>, autetkiwi@yahoo.com.au, sofiakuczera@yahoo.com

Kiaora Zelka me ia koutou hoki.....heoiano ka tukua tenei whakautu kia mohio marika e koutou kahore matou e tiinii haere ta matou whakapae i whakatakot i mua ake koutou inga marama kua pahureatu, e pa ana tenei kaupapa ko GMO / GE; engari me whakawhaanuitia e koutou tenei ta matou tu kia mohio marika te katoa o nga kaunihera a rohe o tauwi me nga kamupene roopu o tauwi hoki; kia kore etahi i pohehe ta matou whakaaro; na te mea i orite tera kia whakakahore e ratou o nga roopu katoa hei mahi tukino marunga ta matou tupuna whenua, te taiao, nga puna maori era taonga tuku iho katoa na te mea ko IHOA onga Mano, me wana nei Anahera tapu hei tiaki marika wera taonga tuku iho mo matou marunga te huarahi tika pono aroha mete rangimarie

Mena e hiahia ana e koutou te whakarongo ta matou korero e pa ana tenei whakautu me emera mai konei / waea mai kia: 09 459 1935 / 022 459 1935.

Noho ora mai iroto inga manaakitanga ote Matua, Tama, Wairua tapu me nga Anahera pono mete Mangai hei tautoko nei.....Ae!!!

Ka mau te arohanui marunga ngai taua hei mahitahi ko nga uri whakaeke o ratou maa.....na Marama Waddell - Kaimahi Awhina mo nga whanau hapu ote wakaminenga rangatiratanga o nu tireni iraro mai o Hauraki.

On Mon, Dec 15, 2014 at 9:30 PM, Linda Grammer <linda.grammer@gmail.com> wrote:
Tena koutou

Important action alert from GE Free Taitokerau! to support our local District councils excellent proposed GMO plan changes (working to protect our biosecurity, unique biodiversity, existing non GM primary producers, our soils and waterways, heritage seeds, quality kai/ Hua parakore) and "give the fend" to Fed Farmers of NZ, Scion, Pastoral Genomics, Amy Adams/ Nick Smith (MFE), Monsanto, Syngenta! etc
thanks for standing with us, it's easy! (see our guide below :)
please circulate to your contacts
and help protect our Districts/ region from risky GE experiments and releases
DEADLINE for Whangarei District Council- 5pm tomorrow!
Far North District Council- 5pm Wed 17 Dec!!!

Kia kaha
arohamai
xxx zelka linda grammer 4322155 for GE Free Taitokerau

GE Free Taitokerau CALL TO ACTION
(one page easy submission guide available on request)
email: linda.grammer@gmail.com GE Free Northland head office!

Further submissions are urgently needed in support of Whangarei District Council...and... Far North District Council excellent proposed GMO Plan changes to BAN all GMO releases and make any EPA (Environmental Protection Agency in Wellington) approved (rubber stamped) outdoor GE experiments a Discretionary activity, subject to additional local Northland stringent conditions (NOT required by HSNO Act!)

The summary of all submissions for WDC's Proposed GMO Plan change 131 and FNDC's Proposed GMO Plan change 18 is now available online and further submissions can be made (whether or not you made an original submission or not) until 5pm 16 December (WDC) and 17 December (FNDC). Send in something similar to the template further submission below to each council separately:

WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

make a further submission by 5pm 16 December

send your submission to Whangarei District Council

more info at:

Whangarei District Council website
go to WDC public consultations
www.wdc.govt.nz/YourCouncil/PublicConsultations/Pages/default.aspx
then scroll down to section on the WDC proposed (excellent) GMO plan change

and you can use the online form (fill it out, using the GE free northland guide)
www.wdc.govt.nz/OnlineForms/Pages/District-Plan-change-further-submission.aspx
or ring Dr. Kerry Grundy or Melissa Needham at WDC
430 4200

email your submission to:

mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

or post to:

GMO Plan change #131 att: Melissa Needham

WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Private Bag 9023

Whangarei 0148

Sample (basic) further submission to WDC (for you to personalise/elaborate further, a succinct spreadsheet is ideal for your further submission identifying who you support/ oppose, the submitter #, and the reason why)

Date:

Your name:

Contact details (postal/ email....telephone)

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

I strongly support the original submissions made to WDC by:

-GE Free Northland submitter #206

-Northland Conservation Board #29

-Physicians & Scientists for Global Responsibility (NZ) #118

-Soil & Health Association of NZ #153

-Organics Aotearoa NZ #244

-Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi #180

Ngatiwai Trust Board #179

-National Beekeepers Association (NBA) #255

-Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ (Inc) (northern branch) #243

-Vision Kerikeri #171

-Auckland GE Free Coalition #48

-Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board Inc. #124

-GE FREE NZ #148

-Far North District Council #226

Far North Organic Growers #23

Putiputi Ra Organic Shop (Heather Dyas) #75

(NOTE: there are many others worth supporting! but the above are important ones to support)

I strongly oppose the original submissions made to WDC by:

-Federated Farmers of NZ #188

-Ministry for the Environment #26

-The NZ Forest Research Institute Limited (Scion) #217

-Forest Owners Association #232

-Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd #228

-Catherine Meger (Pararua Bay) #02

I oppose these submissions because....

I wish (or do not wish) to be heard

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

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next:

Far North District Council

proposed GMO Plan change #18 (further submissions needed), see

www.fndc.govt.nz/services/environmental-policy-and-forward-planning/the-far-north-district-plan/genetically-modified-organisms-gmo

then click on "Plan changes" in Left hand of screen

you can ring FNDC staff member

Tammy Wooster at Far North District Council (for help with that further submission, to FNDC)_
freephone number **0800 920029** or if that doesn't work outside Far North District
(09) **401 5200**.

send your further submission to Far North District Council by 5pm 17 December to:

Email: Plan.Changes@fndc.govt.nz

Or post to:

Far North District Council att: Tammy Wooster

**Memorial Avenue
Private Bag 752
Kaikohe 0440**

Date:

Your name:

Contact details (postal/ email....telephone)

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

I / we strongly support the original submissions made to FNDC by:

- GE Free Northland #190*
- Northland Conservation Board #44*
- Physicians & Scientists for Global Responsibility (NZ) #101*
- Soil & Health Association of NZ #193*
- Brendan Hoare Organics Aotearoa NZ #294*
- Te Runanga A Iwi O Ngapuhi*
- Ngatiwai Trust Board*
- National Beekeepers Association (NBA) #70*
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ (Inc) #192*
- Vision Kerikeri #135*
- Auckland GE Free Coalition #184*
- Julieane Chetham / Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board Inc. #92*
- GE FREE NZ #129*
- Far North Organic Growers #63*
- Whangarei District Council #141*
- Linda Conning #37*
- Kerikeri Organics #133*
- Nga Kaitiaki O Nga Wai Maori (Hona Edwards) #160*
- Environment River Patrol Aotearoa (Milan Ruka) #161*
- Te Runanga O Te Rarawa (Bronwyn Hunt) #163*
- Bay of Islands Farmers Market (Rob Schluter) #211*

-Zelka Grammer / Maungakaramea Landcare Group #299

I / we strongly oppose the original submissions made to FNDC by:

-Shoshona Galbreath / Pastoral Genomics Submission #14

-Peter Robin Shepherd #194

-Northland Province of Federated Farmers (Louise Wilson)#136

-Ministry for the Environment (MfE) (Amy Adams) #195

-Federated Farmers of NZ #301

-Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Ltd #270

-Graeme Peters/ AGCARM #245

-Ursula Buckingham / Hancock Forest Management NZ Ltd #270

I oppose these submissions because....

I wish (or do not wish) to be heard

I cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

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Mail Room

From: david lourie [da_lourie@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 December 2014 4:59 p.m.
To: Mail Room
Subject: Further submission PC131

Further Submission Proposed Plan Change 131 of the Whangarei District Council District Plan. (PC131)

**David Lourie
4 Cullen Road
Waipu
Whangarei**

**Ph 02102822330
email da_lourie@hotmail.com**

I oppose the whole of the following submissions:

PC131-188: Federated Farmers of New Zealand

PC131-217: The New Zealand Forest Research Institute Limited

PC 131-228: Hancock Forest Management (NZ) Limited

PC131-232: Forest Owners Association

PC131-03 Catherine Meger

As a person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest as I have already made a submission. I oppose the above submissions for the following reason:

For all the reasons provided in GE FREE NORTHLAND's original submission

I support our local councils which have identified serious gaps/ deficiencies in the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act, including a lack of strict liability and no mandatory requirement under HSNO for the EPA to take a precautionary approach to outdoor GE/GMO applications.

I wish to be heard

David Lourie