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An Act—

- (a) to vest in the Far North District Council certain property, documents, rights and liabilities of the Northland Regional Council including land vested in the Northland Regional Council under the Local Government (Northland Region) Reorganisation Order 1989, certain harbour and maritime facilities, resource consents and approvals; and**
- (b) to give the Far North District Council certain authorities and powers in respect of mooring charges; and**
- (c) to repeal the Northland Harbour Board Act 1965**

Whereas—

- (a) it is agreed by the Northland Regional Council and the Far North District Council that it is desirable that land and certain other assets and liabilities of the Northland Regional Council should be vested in the Far North District Council:
- (b) it is desirable that the Far North District Council be granted authorities and powers to levy mooring charges:
- (c) it is desirable to make special provision in respect of related resource consents and effect of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 on the land concerned:
- (d) it is desirable to repeal the Northland Harbour Board Act 1965.

Preamble paragraph (c): amended, on 24 August 2023, by section 805(1) of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (2023 No 46).

1 Short Title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council Vesting and Empowering Act 1992.

- (2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force with the close of 30 June 1992.

2 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Deed means the deed made between the Regional Council and the District Council on 4 February 1992

District Council means the Far North District Council

District Land Registrar means the District Land Registrar for the North Auckland Land Registration District

Regional Council means the Northland Regional Council.

3 Vesting of land and improvements

- (1) The land described in Schedule 1 is hereby vested in the District Council as an estate in fee simple, together with all improvements thereon that are the property of the Regional Council, other than the navigation light situated on the land described in clause 8 of that schedule.
- (2) The interests referred to in clause 6 of Schedule 1 and any interests of the Regional Council in the land vested by subsection (1) as lessee or licensee are hereby vested in the District Council.
- (3) The District Council shall cause plans of survey of the land described in clauses 3, 10, 14, 17, 20, 23, and 24 of Schedule 1 to be made and lodge them for deposit in the office of the District Land Registrar.
- (4) On the deposit of the plans of survey, the District Council shall file in the office of the District Land Registrar certificates in the form set out in Schedule 3 certified as correct by the Chief Surveyor.
- (5) Every such certificate shall have the same effect as a warrant issued under section 12 of the Land Transfer Act 1952, and the District Land Registrar shall accordingly vest the land described in the certificate in fee simple in the District Council by issuing under that Act a certificate of title for the land showing the District Council as the land's registered proprietor. All relevant outstanding certificates of title shall be produced to the District Land Registrar for partial cancellation and notation as appropriate.
- (6) The land comprised in any certificate of title issued pursuant to such a certificate by the Chief Surveyor shall be subject to the Land Transfer Act 1952 as from the date fixed by the last mentioned certificate as the date of acquisition of title thereto, and that date shall for all purposes whatsoever be deemed to be the ante-vesting date in the same manner as if the ante-vesting date had been inserted in a certificate given in respect of the land under section 116 of the Land Act 1948.

- (7) The date fixed by the certificate of the Chief Surveyor as the date of acquisition of title to the land comprised in that certificate shall be the date on which the certificate is given.
- (8) Every certificate by the Chief Surveyor under this section shall be conclusive evidence to the District Land Registrar of the matters required by this section to be stated in it.
- (9) Nothing in this Act shall affect any lease or licence granted by the Regional Council to the District Council in respect of any land that is not vested in the District Council by this Act or any land that is vested in the Crown by the Fore-shore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991.

4 Vesting of other property and documents

- (1) The wharves, boat ramps, grids, pile moorings, and swing moorings specified in Schedule 2 are hereby vested in the District Council.
- (2) The property and documents specified in the Schedule of the Deed and the rights and liabilities of the Regional Council under them are hereby vested in the District Council.
- (3) The District Council shall have the functions, duties, and powers of a regional council that has the functions, duties, and powers of a harbour board in respect of the provision and maintenance of the wharves, boat ramps, grids, pile moorings, and swing moorings vested in it by subsection (1).

5 Resource consents vested

Every resource consent within the meaning of the Resource Management Act 1991 granted in favour of the Regional Council (including all coastal permits deemed to be granted under section 384 of that Act) and relating to any property vested by this Act is hereby vested in the District Council irrespective of whether or not the resource consent is otherwise able to be transferred.

6 Conditions relating to vesting of land and other property

The real and personal property and resource consents vested in the District Council by virtue of this Act shall be so vested subject to all existing encumbrances, leases, and licences, and subject to the terms and conditions set out or referred to in the Deed.

7 Application of Natural and Built Environment Act 2023

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in section 574 of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023,—
 - (a) the vesting of any land by this Act; or
 - (b) the application for or issue of a certificate of title pursuant to such vesting in the name of the District Council; or

- (c) the issue of any certificate of title to the Crown in respect of any land adjoining that land under the Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991—

shall not constitute a subdivision for the purposes of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023.

- (2) Section 22 and Part 10 of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 shall not apply to any land vested in the District Council under this Act, nor shall the Regional Council or the District Council be required to apply for a subdivision consent under Part 6 of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 in respect of the vesting of any such land by virtue of this Act.

Section 7 heading: amended, on 24 August 2023, by section 805(1) of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (2023 No 46).

Section 7(1): amended, on 24 August 2023, by section 805(1) of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (2023 No 46).

Section 7(2): amended, on 24 August 2023, by section 805(1) of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (2023 No 46).

8 Mooring charges

- (1) The District Council may, by bylaw made under the Local Government Act 1974, impose charges payable by persons (other than the District Council or Regional Council) who use or have the right to use any pile or swing mooring within any coastal marine area (as that term is defined in the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023) that adjoins the district of the District Council.
- (2) Any such charges may be collected by the Regional Council on behalf of the District Council; and the Regional Council shall specify in its invoices that the charge is being collected on behalf of the District Council.
- (3) Where any such charges are collected by the Regional Council on behalf of the District Council pursuant to subsection (2) then the Regional Council shall be entitled to retain 5% of the charges so collected, or such other amount as may be agreed from time to time, as an administration charge.
- (4) The charges imposed under the authority of this section shall be applied by the District Council for the purpose of wharf maintenance, dredging, or the provision or maintenance of facilities or services that are or will become available for the use of persons using vessels entitled to use the moorings, and not for any other purposes.

Section 8(1): amended, on 24 August 2023, by section 805(1) of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (2023 No 46).

9 Provisions relating to Deed

- (1) Certified true copies of the Deed shall be kept available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at:
- (a) the offices of the Regional Council at Whangarei:
- (b) the offices of the District Council at Kaikohe.

- (2) The Deed may be amended from time to time by the parties to the Deed by an amending deed and this Act shall apply in respect of any such amendment as if it was and always had been part of the original Deed.

10 Certain matters not affected by transfers

No transfer of real or personal property or any resource consent under this Act—

- (a) shall be regarded as placing the Regional Council or the District Council, or any other person, in breach of contract or confidence or as otherwise making any of them guilty of a civil wrong; or
- (b) shall be regarded as giving rise to a right for any person to terminate or cancel any contract or arrangement or to accelerate the performance of any obligation; or
- (c) shall be regarded as placing the Regional Council or the District Council, or any other person in breach of any enactment or rule of law or contractual provision prohibiting, restricting, or regulating the assignment or transfer of any property or the disclosure of any information; or
- (d) shall release any surety wholly or in part from all or any obligation; or
- (e) shall invalidate or discharge any contract or security.

11 Consequential provisions

Where any real or personal property, any document, or any resource consent is vested in the District Council pursuant to this Act,—

- (a) a reference (express or implied) to the Regional Council in any Act or instrument relating to the property, document, or resource consent shall be read and construed as a reference to the District Council:
- (b) all contracts, agreements, conveyances, deeds, leases, licences, and other instruments, undertakings, and notices, (whether or not in writing) relating to the property, document, or resource consent, entered into by, made with, given to or by, or addressed to the Regional Council (whether alone or with any other person) subsisting immediately before the vesting shall, to the extent that they were previously binding on and enforceable by, against, or in favour of the Regional Council, thenceforth be binding on and enforceable by, against, or in favour of the District Council as fully and effectually in every respect as if, instead of the Regional Council, the District Council had been the person by whom they were entered into, with whom they were made or to or by whom they were given or addressed, as the case may be.

12 Taxation and duties provisions

- (1) The vesting in the District Council by sections 3 and 4 of the real and personal property and documents specified in this Act and the Schedule of the Deed, and

the resource consents vested under section 5 and the rights and obligations of the Regional Council under them, and anything done by the Regional Council or the District Council to give effect to such vesting,—

- (a) shall not, for the purposes of the Income Tax Act 1976, be treated as or giving rise to a sale or other disposition, distribution, or transfer of any property or any liability of the Regional Council:
 - (b) shall not, for the purposes of the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985, be treated as a supply of any goods and services:
 - (c) shall not, for the purposes of the Stamp and Cheque Duties Act 1971, be treated as a conveyance of any property:
 - (d) shall not, for the purposes of the Estate and Gift Duties Act 1968, be treated as a dutiable gift.
- (2) For the purposes of any Act, the property vested in the District Council in accordance with this Act and the Deed shall be deemed to have been acquired by the District Council at the value attributed to that property in the books of the Regional Council on 30 June 1992.

13 Apportionment of income and expenses

- (1) The income and expenses of the Regional Council and the District Council in respect of the real or personal property, documents, and resource consents vested in the District Council by this Act shall, by agreement between the Councils, be apportioned between them, as at the close of 30 June 1992.
- (2) If the agreement referred to in subsection (1) is not entered into by 1 December 1992, either Council may refer the matter to arbitration.
- (3) Where either the Regional Council or the District Council so refers the matter to arbitration,—
 - (a) one assessor shall be appointed by each of the Councils; and
 - (b) the assessors shall, within 7 days after their appointment, and before entering upon their reference, appoint a person to act as arbitrator between the assessors.
- (4) Any matters upon which the assessors cannot reach agreement shall be referred from time to time to the arbitrator for decision and that decision shall form part of the assessors' determination.
- (5) In the exercise of their powers under this section, the assessors may identify the income and expenses to be transferred, which income and expenses shall include all amounts and items that ought properly to be treated as being of the same character irrespective of how they may be described in the accounts or records of either Council.
- (6) The determination of the assessors shall be final and shall have the same force as if it were an agreement between the Councils.

- (7) For the purposes of arbitration under this section, the assessors and arbitrator shall have access at all reasonable times to any relevant books, papers, accounts, or documents of the Regional Council and the District Council, and the Councils shall allow or authorise the assessors and the arbitrator to have access thereto for the purposes of this section.

14 Veronica Channel

- (1) The District Council and the Regional Council shall comply with clause 11A of the Deed (relating to the dredging of the Veronica Channel).
- (2) The Regional Council shall contribute to the dredging of the Veronica Channel and make appropriate provisions in its reserves in that regard in accordance with the requirements specified in the Deed.

15 Powers of District Land Registrar

The District Land Registrar is hereby authorised and directed to make all such entries in the District Land Registrar's register, and do all such other things, as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Act.

16 Repeals

- (1) The Northland Harbour Board Act 1965 is hereby repealed.
- (2) *Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).*

Schedule 1 Land vested in District Council

s 3(1), (2), (3)

- 1 Opuā**
An area of 1.7905 hectares being Lots 1, 2 and 3, DP 59479, and Part Section 36, Block V Russell Survey District and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 408/281.
- 2 Opuā**
An area of 6.1543 hectares being Sections 47, 48, 49 and 60, Block V Russell Survey District and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 35D/396.
- 3 Opuā**
An area of 3.9629 hectares being Section 63, Block V Russell Survey District and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 43B/839 but excluding any land re-vested in the Crown by virtue of section 5(b) of the Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991.
- 4 Opuā**
An area of 3 010 square metres being Sections 7, 8 and 9, Block XXVII, Town of Opuā, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 60D/17.
- 5 Opuā**
An area of 8 979 square metres being Section 38, Block V Russell Survey District, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 55A/356.
- 6 Opuā**
The lessee's interest in Railway Leases 48492 and 42716.
- 7 English Bay**
An area of 9 862 square metres being Lots 1 to 12, DP 34284, and being all of the land comprised in certificates of title 23C/1336, 24C/1193 and 25C/1240 to 1249 inclusive.
- 8 English Bay**
An area of 9.1529 hectares being Part of Allotment 202, Parish of Kawakawa, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 360/170.
- 9 Paihia**
An area of 2 303 square metres being Lot 1, DP 74742, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 51C/212.

10 Paihia

An area of 1.5831 hectares being the balance of the land described in Schedule 9 of the Northland Harbour Board Vesting and Empowering Act 1967 but excluding any land revested in the Crown by virtue of section 5(b) of the Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991.

11 Paihia

An area of 7 441 square metres being Lots 1 to 5, DP 57340, and being all of the land comprised in certificates of title 12C/305 to 309 inclusive.

12 Paihia

An area of 1 920 square metres being Lot 1 and Part Lot 27, DP 11040, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 343/255.

13 Whangaroa

An area of 579 square metres being Lot 1, DP 62897, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 19B/460.

14 Whangaroa

An area of 1.6908 hectares being Lot 1, DP 62495, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 35A/602 but excluding any land revested in the Crown by virtue of section 5(b) of the Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991.

15 Whangaroa

An area of 1 922 square metres being Lot 2, Deeds Plan C34, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 764/221.

16 Totara North

An area of 1 871 square metres being Lot 1, DP 65554, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 40C/751.

17 Mangonui

An area of 1.5275 hectares being Lot 1, DP 74135, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 29D/1407 but excluding any land revested in the Crown by virtue of section 5(b) of the Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991.

18 Unahi

An area of 4 785 square metres being Lot 1, DP 91978, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 48D/91.

19 Unahi

An area of 9 650 square metres being Lot 2, DP 91978, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 48D/92.

20 Pukenui

An area of 1.1129 hectares being Section 22, Block XI Houhora East Survey District, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 43B/774 but excluding any land revested in the Crown by virtue of section 5(b) of the Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991.

21 Paua

An area of 4 047 square metres being Lot 1, DP 91881, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 48A/1320.

22 Paua

An area of 9 650 square metres being Lot 2, DP 91881 and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 48A/1321.

23 The Narrows

An area of 2.0133 hectares being Section 128, Block X Mangamuka Survey District, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 43B/842 but excluding any land revested in the Crown by virtue of section 5(b) of the Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991.

24 Rawene

An area of 5 438 square metres being Allotment 20, Block XIV Mangamuka Survey District, and being all of the land comprised in certificate of title 46C/103 but excluding any land revested in the Crown by virtue of section 5(b) of the Foreshore and Seabed Endowment Revesting Act 1991.

Schedule 2
Wharves, boat ramps, grids, pile moorings, and swing moorings
vested in District Council

s 4(1)

Those wharves situated at—

Opua, Bay of Islands
Paihia, Bay of Islands
Russell, Bay of Islands
Waitangi (2), Bay of Islands
Kerikeri, Bay of Islands
Waipapa, Bay of Islands
Whangaroa (2), Whangaroa Harbour
Totara North, Whangaroa Harbour
Mangonui, Mangonui Harbour
Mill Bay, Mangonui Harbour
Unahi, Rangaunu Harbour
Pukenui, Houhora Harbour
Paua, Parengarenga Harbour
Te Hapua, Parengarenga Harbour
Tangaoko Landing, Parengarenga Harbour
Kohukohu, Hokianga Harbour
Horeke, Hokianga Harbour
Opononi, Hokianga Harbour
The Narrows, Hokianga Harbour
Rawene, Hokianga Harbour
Rawene Pontoon, Hokianga Harbour
Te Karaka, Hokianga Harbour
Mangungu, Hokianga Harbour
Kohukohu, Hokianga Harbour
Omapere, Hokianga Harbour
Motuti Walkway, Hokianga Harbour

Those boat ramps situated at—

Okiato Vehicular Ferry, Bay of Islands
Russell, Bay of Islands
Tapeka, Bay of Islands

Waitangi, Bay of Islands
Opito Bay, Bay of Islands
Rangitane, Bay of Islands
Totara North, Whangaroa Harbour
Mangonui, Mangonui Harbour
Mill Bay, Mangonui Harbour
Taipa, Taipa River
Tokerau Beach, Doubtless Bay
Hihi Beach, Doubtless Bay
Unahi, Rangaunu Harbour
Pukenui, Houhora Harbour
Pukenui Dinghy, Houhora Harbour
Omapere, Hokianga Harbour
Opononi, Hokianga Harbour
Rawene, Hokianga Harbour
Rawene Ferry, Hokianga Harbour
Narrows Ferry, Hokianga Harbour
Horeke, Hokianga Harbour
Kohukohu, Hokianga Harbour

Those grids situated at—

Mill Bay, Mangonui Harbour
Taipa, Taipa River
Unahi, Rangaunu Harbour
Pukenui, Houhora Harbour
Rawene, Hokianga Harbour

Those pile moorings at—

Kawakawa River, Bay of Islands (19)
Waitangi, Bay of Islands (67)
Kerikeri, Bay of Islands (76)
Waipapa, Bay of Islands (42)
Doves Bay, Bay of Islands (48)
Taipa, Taipa River (18)
Unahi, Rangaunu Harbour (14)

Those swing moorings at—

Kawakawa River, Bay of Islands (14) Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15

Tapu Point, Bay of Islands (17) Numbers 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 419, 466, 979, 983, 1436 (Quarantine Mooring) and 1451 (very large tug mooring)

Whangaroa, Whangaroa Harbour (3) Numbers 1, 47 and 48

Mangonui, Mangonui Harbour (6) Numbers 292, 293, 294, 296, 299 and 306

Omapere, Hokianga Harbour (1)

Rawene, Hokianga Harbour (1)

Pukenui, Houhora Harbour (2).

Schedule 3

Certificate under section 3(4) of the Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council Vesting and Empowering Act 1992 for the issue of a certificate of title under the Land Transfer Act 1952

s 3(4)

The Far North District Council is entitled to the issue under the Land Transfer Act 1952 of a certificate of title in its name pursuant to section 3 of the Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council Vesting and Empowering Act 1992.

Area and description of land:

Date from which entitled:

I hereby certify that the above particulars are correct, and the District Land Registrar is hereby authorised to issue accordingly a certificate of title under the Land Transfer Act 1952.

Chief Surveyor:

Notes

1 *General*

This is a consolidation of the Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council Vesting and Empowering Act 1992 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 *Legal status*

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 *Editorial and format changes*

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 *Amendments incorporated in this consolidation*

Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (2023 No 46): section 805(1)