

Seven-hour council saga

A Far North District Council meeting this week lasted seven hours and ploughed through an agenda of more than 20 items filling 339 pages. Four speakers addressed councillors on topics ranging from septic tanks to flood protection in Kaeo.

Vigorous debate included a discussion of more than an hour on how to respond to an Environment Court ruling.

Whangarei District Council's monthly meeting, held a day earlier on Wednesday, lasted just over 10 minutes.