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## The Kaipara Harbour

Jewel of the Kaipara  
Taonga of the People  
unique special harbour  
been here longer than us  
and long after we're gone

But how will we leave it  
what state will it be in  
for the next generation

Southern Hemisphere's biggest harbour  
ancestral home fish breeding grounds  
now endangered by very real threat  
of a massive rubbish dump  
in the Dome Valley ecosystem

So not a case of NIMBY  
thank you Auckland Mayor Phil Goff  
this is a New Zealand issue

Old-school dumps we've stopped before  
In mangrove harbour edges  
right back to the 1970's  
and now your proposed hi-tech  
refuse disposal dump

We do know the difference  
so there Waste Management  
you're not fooling us

High tech wrap that cannot survive fire  
and other potential breaching  
sending toxic waste residue  
polluting the HOteo River  
right down into the Kaipara Harbour

What good are paper legal conditions  
what to do when disaster strikes  
not good enough - that will be too late

What will the next generation say  
about irreparable harm  
when disaster strikes - and it will –  
like Hampton Downs fire  
and Fox River sea breach

It's the 21st century for goodness sake  
we'd love our harbour to have a future  
How Dare You Waste Management

**WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP THE DOME DUMP**