



WAIRARAPA
COMBINED
DISTRICT PLAN
REVIEW

Te Mahere
Rautaki
a-rohe o
Wairarapa

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1. Project Background

The Wairarapa Combined District Plan (the Plan) is now ten years old and is due for review.

District Plans must be reviewed and updated every 10 years. The review of the District Plan is an opportunity to influence how land use and subdivision is managed in the District.

The three Wairarapa District Councils have resolved to continue having a Combined District Plan for all three districts, and to jointly review the operative Combined District Plan.

2. Progress So Far

A Joint Committee of the three councils was established in November 2020 with an independent Chair. This Committee is responsible for reviewing the current Combined District Plan, and preparing and approving a new Combined District Plan covering the Wairarapa.

The Joint Committee comprises David McMahon (independent Chair), Councillors Frazer Mailman (MDC), Tina Nixon (MDC), Robyn Cherry-Campbell (CDC), Rob Stockley (CDC), Alistair Plimmer (SWDC), Brian Jephson (SWDC), and iwi representatives Robin Potangaroa (Ngāti Kahungunu), and Jo Hayes (Rangitāne o Wairarapa). Brian Deller (CDC) will replace Cr Stockley following his pending Council resignation.

A work programme has been agreed to which seeks to publicly notify a new *proposed plan* in 2023. It is anticipated a non-statutory *draft*

district plan will be released in 2022 for public feedback.

3. Looking Ahead

The first step is determining whether the resource management issues identified in the existing district plan are still relevant (and to identify any new issues that have risen) and to assess which provisions in the existing district plan are working or are not working.

This will include the currently underway initial issue-scoping process with input sought from iwi and key stakeholder agencies and groups. This initial scoping and research phase is likely to conclude in the first quarter of 2022.

The next phase will be developing new plan provisions and testing these with parties throughout 2022 and into 2023.

The final phase will be to seek formal submissions on an updated district plan (starting in 2023).

4. Opportunities for Input

Future communications will provide further details on the review timeline and identify opportunities for community participation in the review. There will also be later opportunities for formal submissions once the draft consultation document is released.

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