



1. Project Background

The Wairarapa Combined District Plan (the District 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 districts.

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

The scoping and research phase is now winding up. The technical advisory group has been consulting with iwi and key stakeholders on resource management issues to identify which rules and provisions are still relevant, any new issues which have arisen, and to assess which provisions are working or are not working well.

The Joint Committee is continuing to work alongside the technical advisory team to provide high level policy direction and to oversee the

development of draft provisions for the following topics:

REVIEWED TOPICS FOR DRAFT PLAN

- Natural Hazards
- Historic Heritage
- Notable Trees
- Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori
- Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity
- Natural Character
- Natural Features and Landscapes
- Public Access
- Subdivision
- Activities on the Surface of Water
- Coastal Environment
- Earthworks
- Light
- Noise
- Signs
- Temporary Activities

At the Committee's meeting on 24 February 2022, the Committee reviewed draft chapters relating to the following topics: Activities on the Surface of Water, Temporary Activities, Open Space Zones, Commercial Zones, Residential Zone, Subdivision and Development, and the Rural Zone.

REVIEWED TOPICS FOR DRAFT PLAN

- Urban Form and Development
- Energy
- Network Utilities/Infrastructure
- Transport
- Contaminated Land
- Hazardous Substances

3. Website

A website – www.wairarapaplan.co.nz - has been developed which provides information on the Plan Review development process, the project timeline, updates on progress and events, and contact details for the three district



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Councils. The website will also display newsletter and topic-specific discussion papers as they become available.

4. Looking Ahead

Revisions to the District Plan will continue to be drafted over the next few months. From there, a draft District Plan will be developed which will be released for feedback from the community in October 2022. There will be a six-week opportunity for the public to respond to the Draft District Plan. Engagement will take place via a written submission process, and also through targeted consultation. For information on what sort of engagement opportunities are available, keep an eye on the website.

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AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you have questions about the review process in the meantime, contact your Council directly.