



## 1. Project Background

The Wairarapa Combined District Plan (the District Plan) is now over 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. Joint Committee General Business

The Committee welcomed Ra Smith, who replaces Robin Potangaroa as the iwi representative from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa. The Committee acknowledged the valuable input from Robin during the last year.

The Committee also noted that the Minister for the Environment, Hon David Parker, has announced that the Government's pending resource management reforms have been delayed. It is proposed that the legislation will now be introduced late in 2022. This does not impact the review timetable and the Committee intends to continue to develop a Draft Plan in line with its current timeframes.

## 3. Progress So Far

The scoping and research phase is winding up. Work on the following topics remains underway and will continue through April:

- **Open space and recreation** - consultation has commenced with landowners of some recreation facilities.
- **Heritage sites** - a reassessment of the schedule of heritage items and heritage precincts is underway.
- **Notable trees** – An arborist has commenced assessments of currently listed notable trees.
- **Rural subdivision** – a number of rural industry groups and surveyors are being invited to provide feedback on options for this topic.

At the Joint Committee's Workshop on 31 March a discussion paper on **Setbacks From Waterways** was considered. The following draft chapters were also presented to the Committee for consideration:

- Transport
- Energy
- Network Utilities
- Low and Medium Density Residential Zone
- Settlement Zone
- Future Urban Zone

## 3. Website

The website – [www.wairarapaplan.co.nz](http://www.wairarapaplan.co.nz) - has been live for a month and now features an email subscription function which enables anyone to



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#### 4. Looking Ahead

A Draft Plan remains on track to be released for public consultation at the end of October 2022.

Consideration and refinement of draft chapters will continue to take place over the next few months.

The Committee will convene its next workshop in mid May 2022 to consider the following matters:

- Natural hazards
- Historic heritage
- Notable trees
- Light
- Noise

The Joint Committee intends to consider and adopt a draft District Plan at the end of September 2022. This will be released to the community in late October 2022. There will be a six-week opportunity for the public to provide feedback.

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