



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

A Joint Committee workshop took place on 23 June 2022. The committee received updates on policy development at the national level.

The Resource Management Act reform process remains on track for a Natural and Built Environments Bill and Spatial Planning Bill to be introduced to Parliament during the last quarter of 2022.

A review of the Wellington Regional Policy Statement has commenced which will impact on how Wairarapa District Councils implement their freshwater, biodiversity, climate change, and urban development work, and how they manage issues of significance to iwi.

The committee also noted that the National Policy Statements on Indigenous Biodiversity and Highly Productive Land remain in development and acknowledged that there may be some provisions in the Draft District Plan

which will need to be further reviewed once these directives come into effect.

3. Progress So Far

Targeted engagement with stakeholders is now in the final stages.

At its 23 June workshop, the following draft chapters were presented to the Committee for consideration:

- Coastal Environment
- Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity
- Natural Features and Landscapes
- Natural Character
- Public Access

3. Website

The website – www.wairarapaplan.co.nz - features an email subscription function which enables anyone to register to receive Joint Committee newsletters by email.

4. Looking Ahead

The District Plan review remains on track.

Consideration and refinement of draft chapters by the Joint Committee will continue throughout June and July 2022.

The Committee's next workshop is scheduled for 6 July 2022, where it will consider the following matters:

- Rainwater tanks for non-potable water
- Residential Zone
- Settlement Zone



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REVIEW

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A Draft Plan remains on track to be released for public consultation at the end of October 2022 after the local government elections. The Joint Committee intends to consider and adopt the Draft Plan by 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 feedback process, and also in the form of community 'drop-in' sessions where planning staff will be available to discuss any aspects of the Draft Plan with the public. Further information on Draft Plan engagement opportunities will be published on the website.

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