



WAIRARAPA
COMBINED
DISTRICT PLAN
REVIEW

Te Mahere
Rautaki
a-rohe o
Wairarapa

NEWSLETTER

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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 July Workshop

The Joint Committee met on Wednesday 27 July and received updates on relevant aspects of Government legislation which are under development. These include pending changes to The Resource Management Act 1991, and the introduction of two National Policy Statements; Highly Productive Soils and Indigenous Biodiversity. The Committee is conscious there will be changes introduced to Government legislation and policy direction during the District Plan Review process. There may be a need to revisit some draft provisions before a new District Plan is publicly notified in mid-2023. In light of this, the Committee is working to produce a plan based on the latest information it has and is monitoring Government progress closely.

The Committee also considered matters relating to the following Draft Chapters:

- Rural Subdivision
- Tāngata Whenua
- Māori Purpose Zone
- Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori
- Light

4. Looking Ahead

The Committee will convene for a workshop on Thursday 4 August to consider final drafts of Strategic Direction Objectives for the Draft District Plan, as well as the following final Draft Chapters:

- Natural Hazards
- General Rural Zone
- Future Urban Zone
- Open Space Zones
- Notable Trees
- Historic Heritage
- Network Utilities

The Joint Committee remains on track to adopt a Draft District Plan in September 2022.

Engagement

The Draft District Plan will be released for public consultation at the end of October 2022 following the local government elections. There will be a six-week opportunity for the public to provide feedback.

This will be an *informal* feedback process and is an extra chance for the community to provide feedback ahead of the formal notification next year.

Engagement will take place via a written feedback process, and also in the form of

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community 'drop-in' sessions where planning staff will be available to discuss any aspects of the Draft District Plan with the public. Further information on Draft District Plan engagement opportunities will be published on the website.

Formal notification and engagement on the Proposed District Plan will take place in mid-2023.

The table below outlines the key differences between these two engagement phases:

Draft District Plan	Proposed District Plan
Release date: October 2022	Release date: Mid-2023
Non-statutory consultation	Formal consultation
Release of the Draft District Plan offers an opportunity for consideration by, and feedback from, the community.	The public notification process includes submissions, further submissions, hearings, decisions, and appeals to the Environment Court.

3. Website

The website – www.wairarapaplan.co.nz – will provide information on all upcoming engagement opportunities once they are finalised.