



1. Project Background

The Wairarapa Combined District Plan (the 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 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 Workshop

The Joint Committee met on 23 March 2023 where it considered feedback from the consultation relating to the following Draft Chapters:

- Energy
- Network Utilities
- Transport
- Heritage
- Notable Trees
- Natural Environment
- Subdivision

The Committee also considered discussed matters relating to climate change, the General Rural Zone and Strategic Direction.

3. Looking Ahead

The next Joint Committee Workshop will be held on 4 May 2023, where the Committee will consider feedback received on the following Draft Chapters:

- Natural Hazards
- Hazardous Substances
- Contaminated Land
- Coastal Environment
- Commercial and Mixed Use and Industrial Zones
- Future Urban Zone
- Māori Purpose Zone

All feedback is still being analysed and will be used to inform a Proposed District Plan. A summary of feedback received will be published to the website once this process is complete.

A Proposed District Plan will be notified in mid-2023 and a formal submission process will be undertaken, with the ability to make submissions and further submissions.

Hearings will be held to consider submissions, followed by the release of decisions, and then an appeal period.

5. Website

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