



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 workshops

The Joint Committee is now in the final stages of preparation for notification of the Proposed District Plan.

At its 31 August workshop, the committee considered feedback relating to the Heritage Schedule.

It also considered reports relating to the feedback from the public and/or inputs from expert advisors on the following Draft Chapters:

- Fault Hazards
- Relocatable Buildings
- Housing and Business Capacity
- Signs

In addition, the Committee received updates on:

- Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori
- Māori Purpose Zone
- Resource Management Reform
- NPS Indigenous Biodiversity

At its 14 September workshop, the Committee considered the following draft Chapters:

- Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori
- Māori Purpose Zone
- Noise

It also received an update on the process relating to Designations.

3. Looking Ahead

Analysis of all feedback on the Draft District Plan has now been completed and being used to inform the final form and content of the Proposed District Plan. A summary of feedback received will be published to the website once this process is complete.

On the basis of the current programme, a Proposed District Plan is likely to be notified in late October 2023 and a formal submission process will be undertaken, with the ability to make submissions before the end of the calendar year.

At this stage it is envisaged that hearings will be held by a Hearings Panel in the second and third quarters of 2024 to consider submissions, followed by the release of decisions later that year, and then an appeal period.

4. Website

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