



TARARUA District Plan

GUIDING **GROWTH**, PROTECTING **RESOURCES**
Celebrating our **heritage**, creating a **healthy, green** and fair **future for all**

Consultation 28 Nov 2024 - 1 March 2025

What is the District Plan?

The District Plan controls the way land is used, developed and subdivided in the Tararua District. It helps determine where activities can take place in the District, under what restrictions and what natural and cultural features should be protected.

Examples of how it can affect me:

- How close to the boundary you can build or extend your house, garage, or other buildings
- How many dwellings you can have on your property
- Whether you can subdivide your property
- Whether you can operate a business from home
- The organisation of festivals and events, and more

Examples of how it can affect our communities:

- It influences the shape and future feel of our towns and communities
- It protects the uniqueness of our urban and rural communities
- It makes us more resilient to natural hazards
- It ensures there is accessible open space for recreation, and more

Examples of how it can affect our environment:

- It protects our indigenous biodiversity
- It affects what can occur in our special environments – like forestry
- It protects our unique landscapes and geology

District Plan consultation timeline:

2023/24

2023

Continuing targeted engagement with stakeholder groups and individuals to guide draft plan development

28th Nov 2024

Draft District Plan released for public feedback

2025

1st March 2025

Summary of feedback released

May 2025

Proposed District Plan released for public consultation

August 2025

Hearings start on proposed District Plan

Mid 2025

Hearings completed

Late 2025

Decisions on proposed District Plan released

2026

Environment Court appeals (if required)

Appeal process completed - New District Plan becomes fully operative

What we don't want to happen in our district:

Property value decrease because of poorly planned developments

Constant heavy traffic due to poor road planning

Your view blocked by an unexpected high building next door

Noise pollution from industrial areas too close to residential zones

Overcrowded neighbourhoods with insufficient green spaces

The District Plan affects everyone!

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