

# A Regional Spatial Plan: How do we do this together, to ensure the Timaru District thrives?

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# About

## A Thriving Timaru District

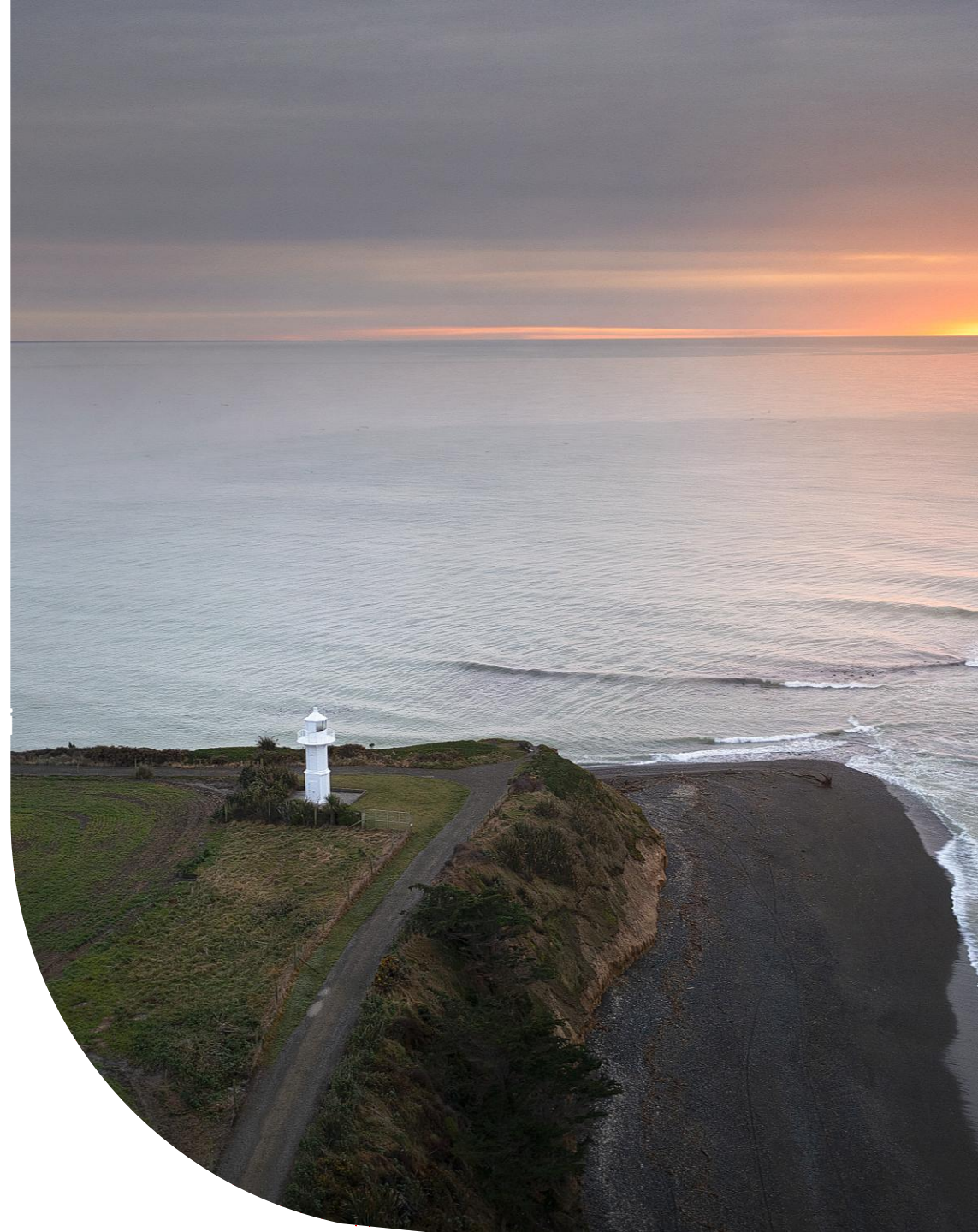
- We want to make sure the Timaru District is a thriving community moving into the future.
- New Zealand is moving into a new era of planning — with the shift from the Resource Management Act to the new planning framework, demand and growth, infrastructure and environmental management will be considered in a more connected way.
- We want to engage with the community and this is the first test of how we can engage with different stakeholders.



# Spatial Plans

## Our Direction

Regional Spatial Plans will be foundational to this change, setting Canterbury's strategic direction for development and public investment for at least 30 years. The proposed legislation will require councils to agree how each local authority works with infrastructure providers, development and sector groups, and communities — this is the only way for coordinated community into the drafting of the spatial plan, before the public hearing process determines the spatial plan



# Why Act Now

## Act Early

Waiting for the formal process may be too late — by then the draft spatial plan will already be set at a regional level, largely anchoring what can change.

Council wants to hear from representatives of all parts of the community; we want to understand how we can the community involved in the drafting process to ensure their aspirations are captured, and that we can generate social license through this work.



To Discuss

# Topics



| No. | Topic                                                             |
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| 1   | What the Timaru District needs to thrive moving forward?          |
| 2   | What has been lacking in supporting development to date?          |
| 3   | How Council can best support communities' aspirations?            |
| 4   | How Council can best engage stakeholders and the wider community? |

# We Want Your Voice

