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The Timaru District Plan (the District Plan) is a statutory document that manages land use and subdivision activities in the Timaru eDistrict (the District). It plays an important role in guiding the sustainable development of the eDistrict, indicating what type of development is anticipated in particular locations. ~~It provides a framework that enables expected activities and manages other activities so they do not affect the environment<sup>1</sup>.~~

Preparation of the ~~Proposed~~ District Plan occurred over several years and involved extensive consultation and collaboration with the public, stakeholders, mana whenua, government departments, elected members, Timaru District<sup>2</sup> eCouncil staff and experts. Consultation initially focused on identifying issues and then subsequently on a series of discussion documents. Consultation then occurred on ~~the~~ a Draft District Plan and finally ~~the~~ a Proposed District Plan.

The Timaru District Council (the Council) highly valued the interest, ideas and commitment shown by stakeholders, staff and the public and ensured their comments were closely considered. Council believes the new District Plan will help sustainably manage development and support the continued prosperity and enjoyment of the eDistrict.

**Nigel Bowen, Mayor**

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<sup>1</sup> Fonterra [165.9]

<sup>2</sup> Schedule 1, cl16(2)