

District Plan Review Update - Update to Register List - Drop-in Sessions for Urban Growth

Kia ora koutou

It's Ready!

The Proposed District Plan is now ready and has been approved by Council for public consultation, so now it's time to have your say.

The Proposed District Plan is the result of a number of years of hard work from many different people and it's fair to say we're more than a little excited about completing it, but we need your help to ensure it's ready for final adoption in the next few years.

He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea

The Plan's official name is the '*Proposed Timaru District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea*'. The Te Reo gifted to us by Te Runanga o Arowhenua means 'a new day/beginning', reflecting that it's a new modern District Plan that addresses modern issues facing our community. We're delighted with Mana Whenua involvement in the District Plan Review and their view that the Proposed Plan represents a new day and beginning.

Consultation

We're releasing the Proposed District Plan for submission until 15 December 2022.

Raising Awareness:

We're raising awareness of the Proposed Plan by:

- Adverts in The Courier and other local media
- Public notice to all ratepayers and properties within the District
- E-mail to the people on the DPR update service
- E-mail to those gave feedback on the Draft District Plan
- Radio, website and Facebook advertisements
- Newspaper articles e.g. from the Timaru Herald

Making Submissions:

Anyone can make a submission on the Proposed District Plan. Submissions can be:

- made online using the submission system in the ePlan (<http://timaru.isoplan.co.nz>); or
- delivered to Council offices in Timaru, Geraldine and Temuka; or
- posted to Timaru District Council at PO Box 522, Timaru, Attn: Planning; or
- emailed to pdp@timdc.govt.nz

The submission must be on Form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard in support of your submission. The relief you seek in your submission(s) must be clearly set out. Copies of the form are available from Timaru District Council offices and on our website [Public Participating Process](#).

What happens next

After the closing date for submissions, the Council will prepare a summary of submissions and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where the submissions can be viewed.

There must be an opportunity for the following persons to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:

- any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest:
- any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has:
- the Council itself.

If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held.

The Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within two years of notifying the Proposed District Plan and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time.

Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the plan change to the Environment Court if,—

- in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the plan change; and
- in the case of a proposal that is a proposed policy statement or plan, the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.

ePlan

The Proposed District Plan is an electronic plan, as is required by the National Planning Standards. This will make it easier to interact with and means you can click on your property and see what District Plan provisions specifically apply.

The ePlan also makes it easy to make a submission. The ePlan and the new rules may take some getting used to, but should ultimately prove to be easier, especially given all District Plans in New Zealand will eventually follow the same format. The ePlan can be viewed at <http://timaru.isoplan.co.nz/>.



Website

The Council website will be the focus of the Proposed District Plan consultation and contains:

- Link to the ePlan
- Guidance on how to use the ePlan
- Information about the process
- Background, assessment and evaluation reports

Visit the website at:



Enjoy reading the new plan and be sure to get involved in the consultation. We really want to hear what you have to say.