Public Notice of Proposed Waitomo District Plan

Clause 5 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

Waitomo District Council has prepared the Proposed Waitomo District Plan (the Proposed Plan). The Proposed Plan is now open for submissions.

The Proposed Plan is a full review of the current Operative Waitomo District Plan (the Operative Plan).

As the Proposed Plan is a full review of the Operative Plan and / or sets the framework for the use, development and management of resources throughout the district, Council considers that every resident and ratepayer is likely to be directly affected by some aspects of the provisions contained in the Proposed Plan.

The Proposed Plan relates to all chapters arising from the review of the Operative Plan.

Designations

Request to rollover existing designations without change

The following requiring authorities have requested that their existing designations contained in the Operative Plan be included in the Proposed Plan without change:

- Chorus NZ Ltd
- Department of Corrections
- First Gas Ltd
- KiwiRail Holdings Ltd
- Meteorological Service of New Zealand Ltd
- Minister of Police
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Justice
- New Zealand Transport Agency
- Spark New Zealand Trading Limited
- The Lines Company
- Transpower NZ Ltd
- Waipa Networks
- Waitomo District Council

Requests to add new designations

The following requiring authorities have requested that new designations be included in the Proposed Plan.

- Chorus NZ Ltd
- The Lines Company
- Waitomo District Council

Making a Submission

Waitomo District Council and any other person may make a submission on the Proposed Plan. However, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the Proposed Plan that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

You may make a submission in the following ways:

- Download a submission form from the Waitomo District Council website; or
- Pick up a hard copy submission form at all Waitomo District Council offices or library.

To lodge a submission, send a written or electronic submission in the prescribed form to Council at: Waitomo District Council PO Box 404 Queen Street, Te Kuiti 3941 or Email: districtplan@waitomo.govt.nz or Fax: (07) 878 7771

If you decide not to make a submission using our form, written submissions must be on Form 5 as prescribed by clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Act. Your submission must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission.

Where to view the Proposed Plan, Planning Maps and all supporting documents

- Waitomo District Council website: www.waitomo.govt.nz
- At the Waitomo District Council office, Queen Street, Te Kuiti
- Waitomo District library at 28 Taupiri Street, Te Kuiti

Process for public participation

After the closing date for submissions

- Waitomo District Council will publish the submissions received and where these submissions can be viewed.
- There will 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; and

- Waitomo District Council itself.
- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held.
- Waitomo District 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 2 years of notifying the Proposed 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 Proposed Plan 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 Proposed Plan; and the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the Proposed Plan as a whole.

Submissions on the Proposed Plan close on Friday, 23 December 2022 at 12pm.

Contact details:

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