

WDC Notices

Restricted Fire Season - Waitomo District Rural Fire Authority

Pursuant to the powers vested in Council under the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, notice is hereby given of an extension to the period that lighting of fire in the open air is restricted over all of the Waitomo District as from midnight, 1st April 2013 until 21st April 2013 or notified otherwise by public notice.

All fires in the open air are required to have a permit issued by an authorised Rural Fire Officer, except for those activities noted below:

- Barbeques lit in properly constructed containers and fuelled with gas, solid or liquid fuel
- Traditional cooking fires within a pit or confined area and where not less than three metres of ground surrounding the fire is cleared of grass and all combustible material

Any fire within 1km of Department of Conservation administered land requires a permit from the Department of Conservation.

Section 23 of the Act states that it is an offence to set on fire, to assist in the setting on fire, or cause or permit to be set on fire, to aid, abet or assist in setting on fire in the open air, any vegetation of combustible material whatsoever, during a restricted fire season except pursuant to an authority or permit from a Fire Officer for the Rural Fire District.

It shall be no legal defence against claims for damage caused by any fire, that such fire was of the type, or lit at the time permitted, by the notice.

Permit applications should be made to the Waitomo District Council, phone 07 8780 800 during the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Permits should be applied for at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the planned fire to enable site inspections to be made by the Fire Officers.

Permits will not be issued after hours, during weekends, public holidays.

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PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICER

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Draft Exceptions Annual Plan 2013/14

Council's draft Exceptions Annual Plan 2013/14 is open for public submission in the period: Tuesday 9th April 2013 to Thursday 9th May 2013. In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council wishes to consult with the Community. The Summary Annual Plan will be arriving in your letterbox. You can also view this online from Tuesday 9th April 2013 at: www.waitomo.govt.nz/waitomoway

This document summarises the full dEAP and contains the key proposals and identifies the impacts in the coming year.

Additional copies of the draft EAP (including submission form) will be made available for you to view or collect at these locations:

- Waitomo District Council Office
- Waitomo District Library
- Cloverleaf Café Piopio
- Mokau Museum
- Benneydale Foodmarket
- Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre
- Marokopa Camping Ground
- Our website: www.waitomo.govt.nz

Council will hold public meetings and you are welcome to come along and find out about the proposals contained in the draft Plan.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Piopio	Thursday 11th April 2013	5.30pm
Te Kuiti	Monday 15th April 2013	5.30pm
Waitomo	Tuesday 16th April 2013	5.30pm

There is no set format that a submission must take, however you should aim to present your submission in a way that is organised and easy to read. You can make your submission online at: www.waitomo.govt.nz/haveyoursay

You can return your submission form to Council via post, hand delivery, facsimile or email. Details for each of these methods are as follows:

Post: PO Box 404, Te Kuiti 3941
Deliver: Queen Street, Te Kuiti
Fax: (07) 878 7771
Email: Consultation@waitomo.govt.nz
Online: www.waitomo.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Please note that all submissions will be made available to the public, subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

When making your submission in writing please provide your name and contact information, and whether or not you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a Council hearing. Submissions to the Draft EAP will be heard by Council at a meeting to be held on 23rd May 2013. This meeting will be open to the public.

For further information please call our friendly Customer Services Team on 0800 932 4357.

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