



TARARUA District Plan

GUIDING **GROWTH**, PROTECTING **RESOURCES**

Celebrating our **heritage**, creating a **healthy, green** and fair **future for all**

Rural and Rural Lifestyle Zones

Council has been busy developing our Draft District Plan and now we want to hear what you think. Join us in shaping the future of our district by sharing your ideas and feedback.

So, what is the District Plan and how does it affect me?

The District Plan controls how land is used, developed, and subdivided across the Tararua District. It outlines where specific activities can happen, under what restrictions, and protects important natural and cultural features. This plan impacts how you and your neighbours can use and develop your properties. Often, people only become aware of the District Plan's rules when they're ready to start a new activity or redevelop their property.

Subdivision Chapter Updates:

Lot Size Adjustments: Align minimum lot size standards with best practices to support the rural and rural lifestyle development vision.

These proposed changes aim to foster a well-managed rural framework, enhancing the district's overall development potential and ensuring sustainable growth. Public feedback and further technical insights will shape the final plan.

Tararua District Council is updating the District Plan to establish comprehensive General Rural Zone (GRUZ) and Rural Lifestyle Zone (RLZ) chapters, reflecting the National Planning Standards 2019. This draft aims to manage development within rural areas, ensuring alignment with current best practices and national standards.

Key Objectives of the General Rural and Rural Lifestyle Zones review:

Update Objectives and Policies

Reflect a new approach to enabling rural activities and housing choice, protecting versatile soils, and ensuring necessary activities can proceed without unnecessary barriers

Align with District Plan Approach

Improve standards for development to align with best practices and address changing community needs

Reflect Best Practices

Ensure new development complements existing character while accommodating growth

Update Objectives and Policies

Enable lifestyle development in specific areas while continuing to support underlying rural activities

Align with District Plan Approach

Allow rural industry to continue operating and new activities to establish where necessary

Reflect Best Practices

Include provisions for Papakāinga development within the GRUZ and RLZ

Proposed Changes for the General Rural Zone (GRUZ):

Expanded Objectives & Policies: Promote rural activities and protect their viability, ensuring new development manages associated effects on the environment.

Clear Rules and Standards: Convert the old rule structure to the new National Planning Standards format, providing clear direction on activities within the zone.

Updated Matters of Discretion: Allow careful consideration of resource consent applications, focusing on protecting the rural environment.

Additional Standards: Reflect current best practices for managing rural development, including density controls and reverse sensitivity controls.

Proposed Changes for the Lifestyle Zone (RLZ):

Expanded Objectives & Policies: Promote housing choice and lifestyle development in appropriate locations, ensuring good design outcomes that enhance character and amenity values.

Clear Rules and Standards: Provide for rural lifestyle development, Papakāinga development, and continuation of rural activities.

Updated Matters of Discretion: Allow careful consideration of resource consent applications, focusing on protecting the rural environment.

Additional Standards: Reflect current best practices for managing rural and rural lifestyle development, including density controls and reverse sensitivity controls.

Have your say on the proposed changes at www.tararua.govt.nz/districtplan

