



TARARUA District Plan

Transport

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

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

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.

These proposed changes aim to foster a safe, efficient, and well-managed transportation network, enhancing the district's overall connectivity and accessibility. Public feedback and further technical insights will shape the final plan.

Tararua District Council is updating the District Plan to establish a comprehensive Transport Chapter, reflecting the National Planning Standards 2019. This draft aims to provide clear direction for access, roads, and transportation environments across the district, ensuring alignment with current best practices and national standards.

Key Objectives for the Transport Chapter review:

Reflect Best Practices

Update standards to include clear design parameters for various roading environments, from residential access points to rural access and new roading networks

Update Objectives and Policies

Reflect the current direction set by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) for managing transportation environments

Align with District Plan Approach

Provide clear direction on access and roads, ensuring consistency with the new District Plan format

Set Minimum Design Standards

Establish acceptable design standards without further Council intervention, including specified widths, lengths, separation distances, sight lines, and design standards for new roads

Introduce Road Classification

Define different roading environments and classifications as directed by NZTA

Ensure Safe and Efficient Operation

Manage the effects of new development on the roading network's safe and efficient operation

Proposed Changes for the Transport Chapter:

Expanded Objectives & Policies: Promote sustainable and efficient provision of access and roads, ensuring good design outcomes that enhance character and amenity values.

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

Updated Matters of Discretion: Allow careful consideration of resource consent applications, focusing on design, layout, and configuration of new developments.

Additional Standards: Reflect current best practices for managing access and roads, setting clear thresholds for regulatory intervention based on proposal size and scale.

Consequential Changes: Align other chapters of the plan with the direction taken under the Transport Chapter.

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

