



TARARUA District Plan

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

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

General Residential and Settlement Zone

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:

Alignment with New Zoning Standards:

Adjust subdivision rules, minimum lot sizes, and provisions for medium-density developments.

Enhanced Stormwater Standards:

Require new developments to include stormwater management solutions upfront.

Tararua District Council is revising the District Plan, focusing on the General Residential Zone (GRZ) and Settlement Zone (SETZ) to promote diverse housing options and improve residential development standards. This draft aligns with the National Planning Standards 2019 and reflects community feedback, technical insights, and regulatory updates.

Key Objectives of the Residential Zone review:

Enhance Housing Choices

Expand housing options and encourage appropriate intensification in urban areas

Update Residential Standards

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

Protect Residential Character

Ensure new development complements existing character while accommodating growth

Proposed Changes for the General Residential Zone (GRZ):

Expanded Objectives & Policies: Promote housing choice, flexibility for medium-density development, and updated design outcomes.

New Rules for Medium Density Development: Allow medium-density projects with specific guidelines for appropriate integration into neighbourhoods.

Stormwater Management: Introduce clear standards for managing stormwater to minimize environmental impact.

Updated Standards for Development: Refine standards for density, setbacks, height, and site coverage to reflect modern best practices.

Support for Papakāinga Development: Include provisions for papakāinga (communal Māori housing) in a manner that respects cultural and environmental considerations.

Proposed Changes for the Settlement Zone (SETZ):

Revised Objectives & Policies: Continue providing for low-density residential areas while ensuring flexibility for ancillary uses, such as home occupations.

Stormwater and On-Site Services Management: Emphasize stormwater management and self-servicing for developments in remote settlements.

New Rules for Papakāinga Development: Introduce guidelines for papakāinga to encourage appropriate development within settlements.

These draft changes aim to accommodate evolving residential needs while safeguarding the character and sustainability of Tararua's communities. Public notification and feedback on the plan will be invited prior to formal adoption.

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

