

Public Notice - Notification of Proposed Plan Change

Whangarei District Council gives notice pursuant to Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) that it has prepared **Plan Change 1 – Natural Hazards (PC1)** to the Whangarei District Plan (WDP).

The Plan Change proposes to replace the existing Natural Hazards chapter in the WDP with a new Natural Hazards chapter and new rules for subdivision and earthworks in hazard prone areas. Key features of the proposed Plan Change include:

- Objectives, policies, and rules which apply to all natural hazards.
- Policies, rules and maps relating specifically to land instability, mining subsidence, flooding, coastal erosion, and coastal flooding hazards.
- Inserting new definitions to define each hazard overlay and a definition of vulnerable activities to cover land use activities which are more susceptible to the effects of natural hazards.
- Amendments to other parts of the WDP to use consistent terminology in relation to the management of natural hazards.

The scope of PC1 does not include amendments to the District Plan Area Specific Maps.

Public Inspection

The proposed Plan Change may be inspected from 31 May 2023 onwards on the Council's website at: www.wdc.govt.nz/PlanChanges and will also be available for printing upon request at all Whangarei District Council Service Centres: Rust Avenue, Whangārei; Ruakākā Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakākā; and Whangarei Central Library, Rust Avenue, Whangarei.

Submissions

Any person may make a submission on the proposed Plan Change. Submissions can be made in writing or electronically. Submissions must be in Form 5, or a similar format that complies with Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003. Form 5 is available on the Council's website, at the locations listed above upon request, or by contacting Council's District Plan Department at the address for service at the end of this notice.

The closing date for submissions is 4:00pm on Friday 28 July 2023.

Public Participation Process

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposed plan change is:

- After the closing date for submissions, Whangarei District Council must prepare a summary of all decisions requested by submitters and notify the availability of the summary for inspection.
- A further submission period must follow, where certain persons may support or oppose matters raised in the submissions already made.
- Where persons making a submission ask to be heard in support of their submission, a hearing must be held.
- Whangarei District Council must give and notify its decision on the proposed Plan Change provisions and matters raised in submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions).
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision to the Environment Court.

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