



## **PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

- 1. Proposed Plan Change 20: Rural Subdivision.**
- 2. Proposed Plan Change 21: Greenbelt Residential Zone and Urban Growth.**

Notice is hereby given that the Horowhenua District Council has approved two Proposed Plan Changes (No's 20 and 21) for public notification and submissions.

Any submission on either of the Plan Changes must be received by the Horowhenua District Council before **5:00pm on 27 February 2009** in the required format. Submission forms are available on the Council's website or from Council offices and libraries.

The two changes will amend the Horowhenua District Plan as follows:

### **1 Plan Change 20: Rural Subdivision.**

Plan Change 20 seeks to amend the existing rural subdivision provisions in the District Plan by introducing new plan provisions which allow for amended policies and rules for subdivision. These will supersede the present provisions and will potentially affect all rural property owners and residents.

The Plan Change creates 10 landscape areas in the rural zone (called 'domains') and has specific provisions relating to subdivisions in each of these areas. In some cases these provisions will be more restrictive than those existing.

The Plan Change includes amendments to the following parts of the District Plan:

- Introduction
- Section 2 - Issues, Objectives: Rural Environment
- Section 19 - Rules: Rural Environment
- Section 24A - Assessment Criteria (New section)
- Schedules - Rural Subdivision Design Guide (New schedule)
- Planning Maps – Maps 38 and 39: Landscape Domains (New Maps)

### **2 Proposed Plan Change 21 Greenbelt Residential Zone and Urban Growth**

Plan Change 21 seeks to introduce new provisions to the District Plan for Greenbelt Residential areas, and to create and manage new urban growth areas for residential and industrial development. Development of growth areas will be managed in stages.

The Plan Change would see the introduction of Structure Plans for the Greenbelt Residential Areas and Urban Growth Areas predominantly on the fringe of existing urban areas.

Plan Change 21 would involve changes to the following parts of the District Plan:

- Introduction
- Sections 6, 14, 15, 21, 22, 25
- Section 6A, 6B, 14A, 15A, 19A, 24A (New Sections)
- Schedule 7 - Greenbelt Residential Subdivision Design Guide (New schedule)
- Schedule 8 - Structure Plans (New schedule)
- Planning Maps

### **More information:**

Full copies of these Proposed Plan Changes can be viewed at any of the following locations during opening hours:

- Horowhenua District Council Offices – 126 Oxford Street, Levin
- Foxton Customer Service Centre – Main Street, Foxton
- Horowhenua Public Libraries – Levin, Foxton, and Shannon
- Tokomaru Store – 2 Tokomaru Road, Tokomaru

The Plan Change documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the Council website, [www.horowhenua.govt.nz](http://www.horowhenua.govt.nz).

### **Submissions:**

Submission forms can be obtained from the above locations, or from the Council website. Any person may make a submission/s on these Proposed Plan Change. You may do so by sending a written submission to, the Chief Executive Officer, Horowhenua District Council, Private Bag 4002, Levin 5540.

The submission must be in Form 5 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003 or similar, and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission.

Submissions close at **5:00pm on 27 February 2009**

The Council Planning staff can provide you with additional information on making a submission and the Plan Change process. Further general information about the District Plan Change process is also available from the Ministry for the Environment, [www.mfe.govt.nz/rma/public/plans/index.html](http://www.mfe.govt.nz/rma/public/plans/index.html).

### **Process:**

The process for public participation in the consideration of a Proposed Plan Change under the Resource Management Act is as follows:

- After the closing date for submissions, the Council will prepare a summary of the submissions and this must be publicly notified; and
- There will be an opportunity to make further submissions in support or opposition to the submissions already made; and
- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of their submission, a hearing must be held; and
- The Council will give its decision on the Proposed Plan Change (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions); and
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision on the Proposed Plan Change to the Environment Court.

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10 January 2009.