

Public Notice for Plan Change 66 – Miscellaneous 3

Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

Whanganui District Council hereby gives public notice of proposed Plan Change 66 to the Operative Whanganui District Plan pursuant to Clause 5 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991.

Plan Change 66 – Miscellaneous 3 aims to update the provisions that are outdated, unworkable, or create barriers to good-quality development. The key matters being reviewed through this plan change are outlined below:

- Removal of the requirement of NZ firefighting water supplies Code of Practice 2008 (SNZ PAS 4509:2008) from the District Plan and rely on Building Code for fire safety regulation.
- Updates to earthworks provisions associated with erection of retaining walls.
- Updates to transport designations and reapplication for a lapsed designation.
- Removal of Engineering Standards from the District Plan and create a standalone document.
- Updates to the Transport chapter to better align with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) standards and remove inconsistencies from the provisions.
- Updates to the Town Centre Design Guidelines to reflect the current planning system.

The proposed changes may be inspected during normal office hours at:

- Customer Services Desk at Whanganui District Council, 101 Guyton Street; or
- Public Libraries at Queens Park and Gonville; or
- Anytime on the Council's District Plan website [Plan Change 66 – Miscellaneous 3 Whanganui District Council](#)

Making a submission:

Any person may make a submission by using the online submission tool. Alternatively, a written or electronic submission may be sent to Whanganui District Council, PO Box 637, Whanganui 4541, or email PlanningPolicy@whanganui.govt.nz. The submission **must** be in the format of **Form 5** and state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. Copies of the form are available from the Council offices and website (see above). Electronic submissions do not require a signature.

Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 14th September 2026

Doug Tate

Chief Executive, Whanganui District Council

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Public Participation Process

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- After the closing date for submissions Council must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of where the summary and submissions can be inspected; and
- Any person may make a further submission in support of, or opposition to, the submissions already made.
- If any person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and
- Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decisions within 2 years of notifying the proposal and service it on every person who made a submission at the same time; and
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court if, the persons submission referred to the matter for which an appeal is to be lodged; and the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.