



# Draft Ruapehu District Plan



## Highlights for Tangata Whenua

*The Resource Management Act 1991 requires that district plans be reviewed within 10 years of first becoming operative. In 2006 Ruapehu District Council initiated a review of the District Plan prior to the end of its 10-year operative period and many resource management issues that require consideration have been identified, such as the growth in district property development. Council started consulting with tangata whenua and the community during the initial review phase in 2006. Council has worked through the issues raised in this initial consultation to develop the Draft District Plan and is now looking for further more detailed engagement on the key issues, suggested changes and overall provisions of this Draft.*

### *Some Highlights for Tangata Whenua*

The following highlights some of the sections that may affect tangata whenua and resources of interest to the tangata whenua of the Ruapehu District:

#### Maori Land

- No major changes to existing provisions of the Operative District Plan
- Provision for Papakainga housing in Rural, Residential, Urban Settlement, Protected Areas and Active Reserve Zones as a Permitted Activity

#### Surface of Water

- Rules introduced for activities occurring on the surface of water
- Consent required for structures and commercial motorised and transportation activities
- Assessment criteria developed for consideration of consent applications
- Iwi identified as an affected party to Discretionary Activity applications

#### Heritage Items

- Comprehensive list of heritage buildings and sites compiled
- Buildings and sites grouped "A", "B" and "C" according to their respective heritage value
- Rules require consent to be obtained where alterations (not maintenance and repair) are proposed for group "A" or "B" items
- Consultation with Historic Places Trust will be required
- No wāhi tapu sites recorded

#### Protected Areas

- No major changes to existing provisions of the Protected Areas Zone

#### Riparian Management

- No major changes to existing provisions of the Riparian Management and Public Access section of the plan.

### *Tangata Whenua Section*

Part 1 of the District Plan will contain an overview section summarising the key resource management issues for tangata whenua in the Ruapehu District. This section of the Draft District Plan is currently blank pending input from tangata whenua on what it should include. Council would value your comments and views on this particular part of the Plan during this engagement process.

### *Your feedback*

To assist Ruapehu District Council in the final drafting of the District Plan before its formal notification, we would appreciate your feedback on this draft version.

Please send all comments to Council before 11 September 2009.

If you have any questions about the Draft please contact Louise Cowan at Council.

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