



# Draft Ruapehu District Plan

## User Guide



*The Draft District Plan has been prepared as a single document which brings together all the resource management issues facing the Ruapehu District. Generally the document should be viewed as a whole so that the common themes and inter-relationships between various sections can be understood and appreciated.*

### Overview

The Plan is made up of four parts and a separate volume of planning maps:

#### Part One - Introduction

Provides a general overview of the District Plan, discusses tangata whenua issues, sets out definitions of words, outlines information requirements and provides overall district rules.

#### Part Two - Policy

Divided into sections and identifies Issues, Outcomes, Objectives and Policies. It firstly outlines policy for the various zones and then policy for specific activities and issues undertaken throughout the District.

#### Part Three - Rules

Identifies the rules for land use and subdivision undertaken across the district. Generally the rule sections mirror those sections used in Part Two - Policy, as there are rules outlined for the various zones and for specific activities and issues undertaken across the District. Where appropriate the various rule sections outline assessment criteria. Applications for Resource Consent should refer to these criterion where applicable and to the corresponding objectives and policies.

#### Part Four - Appendices

Provides supporting information to other sections of the District Plan within Part Two - Policy and Part Three - Rules. It also provides a schedule of sites that are designated throughout the District.

#### Planning Maps

The Planning Maps identify the zoning of all land within the District. They also identify additional planning notations that may exist on specific land parcels (for example heritage buildings and designations).

#### Navigating the District Plan

- When using this District Plan, users should first refer to the Planning Maps to identify the zone of the site with which they are concerned and to ascertain whether there are any other relevant planning notations.
- Reference should then be made to the applicable zone sections within both Part Two - Policy and Part Three - Rules and if any other notations were shown on the planning maps, reference should be made to the corresponding sections of the plan. Depending on the nature of the proposed activity, it may also be necessary for plan users to then refer to the sections of the Plan relating to specific activities and issues.
- If a resource consent is required, then users should also refer to the provisions set out in Part Two - Policy.

### Resource Consents

When considering an application for a resource consent Council will consider, in accordance with Section 104 of the Resource Management Act 1991, all the relevant objectives, policies, rules and other provisions of the Plan, not just those contained in the specific parts of the Plan directly addressing the activity.

### 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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