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[Draft Māpua Masterplan - submissions are open](#)

Submissions are now open for formal comments on the draft Māpua Masterplan and Supporting Document.

Submissions close: 5pm on Sunday 16 February 2025.

The Masterplan process has resulted in a draft Māpua Masterplan illustrating a series of housing, business, cultural, open space, ecological, infrastructure, recreational and movement actions which set the direction for Māpua. The Masterplan includes;

- Proposed zoning changes
- Future infrastructure upgrades
- Planned recreational linkages and open spaces
- Catchment management planning

The Masterplan is supported by an Action Plan (which is included in the Masterplan Document) that outlines all of the proposed actions required to achieve the Masterplan principles, many of which cannot be illustrated spatially.

A Masterplan Supporting Document also accompanies the draft Māpua Masterplan document, outlining in detail the Masterplan development process.

You can download and read the draft Māpua Masterplan and supporting document as well as complete the submission form online at shape.tasman.govt.nz/Mapua-masterplan

There are other ways for you to provide your views/ make a submission;

EMAIL - mapuamasterplan@tasman.govt.nz. If you email this address a submission form will be sent to you.

IN WRITING - Download and complete the submission form and drop it into any Tasman District Council office or library.

The submission form will ask whether you wish to speak in support of your submission at a Council hearing. Please tick this box if you wish to be heard. Following hearings, the council will make a decision on a final Masterplan. These steps are expected to be undertaken between March and April 2025.

Final proposal for Tasman representation

The six-yearly review of our Council representative arrangements has decided to keep the status quo.

Earlier this month, Councillors considered submissions and heard from two submitters in our Representation Review consultation.

Following considerations, the majority of elected members voted to keep our previously proposed representation structure for the next two Council elections in 2025 and 2028.

We received 93 submissions which showed overall support for the proposal to include 14 Councillors, elected to represent the District's five General Wards and one Māori Ward, with a Mayor elected at large.

The decision was also made to keep the Motueka and Golden Bay Community Boards.

Numerous submissions were either in support of or against the decision to establish a Māori Ward, however this was outside the scope of the review and not included in the Representation Review process.

There's now an appeal period for objections on the final proposal decision which is open until Friday 22 November.

You can make an appeal, or see details of the decision and a summary of submissions at shape.tasman.govt.nz/representation-review.

Dog control policy process paused

We've had to put the next phase of our Dog Control Policy and Bylaw on 'paws' for a brief period. We are being careful to ensure we're not barking up the wrong tree so due to the sheer volume of feedback we've received, we need more time to process all the information.

Due to the high volume and complexity of the submissions, the deliberations, originally scheduled for 16 October, have been rescheduled to 20 November 2024.

We understand that this delay may be disappointing, but it is important that we thoroughly review and evaluate each submission to make a well-informed decision.

Safe bores are healthy bores this summer

As summer approaches, it's important to make sure that we can make full use of all water available to us.

We want to remind residents taking water from their own private bores to ensure that the water consumed by their household is safe.

Residents abstracting water from shallow aquifers which are vulnerable to contamination have a responsibility to have adequate water quality treatment systems in place to ensure their water is safe from potential sources of contamination.

It is also important for landowners to know activities on their properties can have an impact on the water quality in the underground aquifer where the water comes from.

If you have a bore on your property, please ensure contaminated water cannot get back down into the bore either through flooding or backflow.

Contamination can include stagnant water near the well, localised seepage into the well, animal faecal contamination, septic tank seepage, and runoff/seepage following rainfall.

Even if the water from your bore looks clean and smells fine, contamination cannot normally be noticed just by looking at or smelling it.

That's why it's important to have a water quality treatment system in place which will ensure the water is safe to drink. There are a number of treatment options available, ranging from boiling through to filtering, chemical or UV treatments.

If you're on a private water supply and you have concerns about your drinking water safety, we recommend you:

- Get your water tested
- Check your filtration system is maintained
- Consider boiling your water

If you need advice about water quality from private water supplies, give us a call on 03 543 8400 and ask to speak to an environmental health officer.

Local Water Done Well

The supply of safe quality water, the removal and treatment of wastewater, and managing stormwater has been the subject of much Central Government inquiry and legislation, repealed legislation, and now further advancing legislation.

In short, in a few years, the way waters are currently managed will be very different.

Both the previous and current governments believe the increasing cost and the required higher standard of regulation make it essential to provide alternative governance, funding and operating models, and most councils agree.

As part of this process, we must provide the Government with an approved water service delivery plan by early September 2025.

Within this plan, we must identify how water, wastewater and stormwater will be delivered within the new legislation, what operating and governance model we believe is the best for Tasman residents, and the costs involved.

In Tasman, we have another level of complexity to work through – the variety of water delivery systems we currently manage.

The key question we will be asking our community in the first half of next year is what service delivery model to create that will deliver the best solution at a realistically sustainable cost.

The Department of Internal Affairs, the Government Department charged with delivering the changed water delivery environment, has provided five examples of service delivery models. These include a modified status quo (in-house), a water Council controlled organisation (CCO), a joint CCO with other Councils, and two varieties of Trusts.

Each of these models has different features, which may or may not be the best fit for Tasman and its current array of systems.

A new Navigation Safety Bylaw has docked

We approved the new Tasman District Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2024 at the Council meeting on 24 October 2024. The bylaw comes into force from 1 December and is pursuant to the Maritime Transport Act 1994.

The bylaw helps ensure that the many inland and coastal water environments across Tasman can be safely used and shared by everyone.

Some of the new requirements in the bylaw include:

- Clear rules for wearing a life jacket.
- Easily identifying a vessel, and its owner or skipper.
- The visibility of small, lone watercraft, such as kayaks.
- Communication requirements for all vessels.

Earlier this year, we sought feedback from the community around the key provisions of the draft bylaw. We were pleased to receive and consider 256 submissions, which provided a great launching pad for discussion during the hearings and deliberations in September.

We are excited to have the bylaw in place in time for summer – this allows us to keep everyone safe and mindful of their responsibilities in and around our waters.

We'll provide further information on the main aspects of the bylaw across our channels in the coming weeks.

Our Harbourmaster team will also be a visible presence in our bays and lakes – with more staff on deck and an additional vessel covering the coastline. Look out for them at one of the many shows and events on shore too.

Copies of the new bylaw will be available to view at all our service centres and on our website in the next few weeks.