



HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROPOSED SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES

New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) is revising its Significance and Engagement Policy, a key part of Council's decision-making framework and a requirement under the Local Government Act 2002. The policy helps ensure Council takes a consistent and transparent approach when determining the significance of decisions and the appropriate level of community engagement.

The policy has been substantially updated to reflect legislative requirements, recent case law, and current engagement practice.

Wai Hononga Water Services Limited has also prepared its inaugural draft Significance and Engagement Policy, as required by the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025. Wai Hononga is the council-controlled organisation that will be responsible for delivering drinking water and wastewater services from 1 July 2027 and is required to have its own policy.

Both are now open for consultation.

The proposed policies and submission forms are available at npdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay or from:

- Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth; or
- Puke Ariki Library and service centres at Bell Block, Inglewood and Waitara.

Community drop-in sessions

As NPDC and Wai Hononga Water Services Limited are consulting on their Significance and Engagement Policies at the same time, we're holding joint drop-in sessions where residents can learn more, ask questions, and discuss either or both proposals. However, each consultation has its own information and submission process.

Drop-in sessions will be held:

- Wednesday 16 September, 5.30pm to 6.30pm, NPDC Civic Centre (Plymouth Room), 84 Liardet Street, New Plymouth.
- Tuesday 22 September, 10.30am to 11.30am, Waitara Library and Service Centre (Boardroom), 15A Queen Street, Waitara.

Submissions close on 30 September 2026.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

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