

# PROPOSED LONG TERM PLAN 2018-28 NOW OUT FOR CONSULTATION

MAKING SOUTH TARANAKI

THE MOST  
*liveable*  
DISTRICT IN NZ



From 26 March – 2 May the Council is consulting on our proposed 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.

A Consultation Document is being posted to South Taranaki households during this time.

The Consultation Document covers the key issues and proposals in our proposed Plan, including the main projects and services the Council intends to carry out and the impact on rates over the next ten years.

This week's Southlink is just a snapshot of our Consultation Document. Keep an eye out in your mail box, call into any one of our LibraryPlus centres or visit our Council website [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com) to read the Consultation Document. It's not a big document but it is important, because it provides an opportunity for you to have your say on the services the Council provides and the rates we pay.

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MEETINGS

## MAKING SOUTH TARANAKI THE MOST LIVEABLE DISTRICT IN NEW ZEALAND KIA EKE A TARANAKI KI TE TONGA HEI TE TAKIWĀ HĪHIRI I AOTEAROA

South Taranaki is a unique place, blessed with abundant natural resources, stunning scenery and innovative people. But we can't take our future wellbeing for granted.

Our Council has a vision to make South Taranaki the most liveable district in Aotearoa/New Zealand, with an attractive and affordable lifestyle, connected people, in sustainable and vibrant communities.

Previously, the Council's focus has been on upgrading our district's water infrastructure, key community facilities and implementing projects designed to make South Taranaki a desirable place to live and do business.

We now have a much improved and reliable water network and, since our last Long Term Plan three years ago, we have progressed the Hāwera Town Centre redevelopment, District Pathways Programme, Ōpūnake Beach Masterplan and the regional landfill.

Our focus for the next ten years is to complete these key projects, maintain our current assets and core services and improve our wastewater infrastructure.

At the same time the Council is conscious of the **need to keep rates at an affordable level**, so we are funding key projects with existing reserves and earnings from the Council's Long Term Investment Fund, rather than through rates.

With an expected **average total rate increase of 3.08%** per year over the next ten years, we believe our proposed Long Term Plan strikes the right balance between progress, providing the services and facilities our communities expect and affordability.

### BUT WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Please take a moment to read this Consultation Document which covers the key issues and proposals in our Long Term Plan. We want to make the best decisions we can for the future of South Taranaki and your feedback will help us do that.



**ROSS DUNLOP**  
South Taranaki Mayor



**WAID CROCKETT**  
STDC Chief Executive

*Coffee*  
MEETINGS

## KEY PROJECTS IN OUR PROPOSED LONG TERM PLAN

- Complete the Hawera Town Centre Redevelopment
- Design and build 'CHALCI' (Centre for Heritage, Arts, Library Culture and Information)
- Undertake a feasibility study for a District Industrial/Business Park
- Complete chlorination of the Patea, Waverley, Waverley Beach and Wai-inu water supplies
- Find and develop a new water source for the (interconnected) Waimate West, Inaha and Kapuni water supplies
- Develop Town Centre Strategies for Eltham, Manaia, Opunake, Patea and Waverley
- Complete the District Pathways Programme
- Earthquake strengthen the Hunter Shaw Building in Patea and Kaponga LibraryPlus
- Design and build a new 'community facility' in Manaia
- Upgrade the Manaia Swimming Pool
- Upgrade the Patea LibraryPlus
- Upgrade our water and wastewater reticulation networks
- Complete the Wai-inu Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Implement the Opunake Beach Management Plan
- Develop a District Digital Strategy
- Build the new regional landfill, south of Eltham



# KEY PROPOSAL FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

# TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

## ANGA KI TE PARAKORE

As part of our Long Term Plan we want to know what you think about our proposed Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP). This Plan, which is a requirement by law, sets out the goals, objectives and actions we will use to help us manage the district's (solid) waste; encourage waste minimisation and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill over the next five years.

The overarching aim of the WMMP is to work towards having **Zero Waste**.

The **key issues** over the next five years are:

- The need to build a new regional landfill
- The lack of a facility accepting e-waste
- The need for ways to increase waste minimisation and divert more products away from landfill
- The rising costs for ratepayers of managing our waste

### BUILDING A NEW LANDFILL

All of our rubbish is currently taken to the Colson Road Landfill in New Plymouth. We will continue to use Colson Road until it is full, which will be sometime in 2019/20, and then open a new regional landfill just south of Eltham, known as the Central Landfill.

All three Taranaki district councils recognised the significant expense of building a new landfill and that a regional landfill, which we all contributed to, was the most cost effective way to deal with waste.

So, all three councils have committed to fund the initial costs for the Central Landfill and, once opened, will send our rubbish there. A regional Joint Committee will oversee and govern the development, finance and operation of the new landfill, while the New Plymouth District Council will carry out the day to day operation. After our initial contribution the Landfill is not expected to cost Council any more, apart from the usual gate charges, as the Landfill will generate its own revenue for day to day operations and future capital expenditure. The Landfill will be designed to receive up to 60,000 tonnes of waste per year, for a consented period to 2034.

### HOW HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

#### *Pretty good really*

- In the last six years the amount of kerbside waste going to landfill has decreased by 20%
- The amount of kerbside recycling being collected has increased by 6%
- Customer satisfaction with Council's kerbside collection service has increased from 74% to 85%

#### *But, we could do better....*

- About 19% of the material put in kerbside recycling bins was non-recyclable
- Approximately 40% of waste being disposed of at the landfill could have been diverted to either recycling, re-use or composting

#### **KEY TARGETS** over the next five years:

- Reduce the total amount of waste going to landfill by 5% per capita by 2023
- Reduce the amount/volume of organic material going to landfill by 10% by 2023
- Increase the amount of kerbside recycling by 1% each year

This information is just a summary of the key matters in our WMMP. To see the full document go to your local LibraryPlus or [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)

### PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD:

#### PĀTEA

Wednesday 4 April, 5.30pm, Pātea Old Folks Hall on Egmont Street

#### HĀWERA

Thursday 5 April, 5.30pm, TSB Hub Western Lounge

#### KAPONGA

Monday 9 April, 7.00pm, Kaponga Town Hall on Victoria Street

#### MANAIA

Tuesday 10 April, 5.30pm, Robert Gibson Memorial Hall on Tauhuri Street

#### ELTHAM

Wednesday 11 April, 7.00pm, Taumata Recreation Centre on Preston Street

#### ŌPŪNAKE

Tuesday 17 April, 5.30pm, Sandfords Event Centre on Tasman Street

#### WAVERLEY

Monday 23 April, 5.30pm, Waverley Community Centre on Chester Street

### MORNING COFFEE MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD:

#### MANAIA

Tuesday 3 April, 10.00am, Manaia LibraryPlus, South Road, Manaia

#### HĀWERA

Friday 6 April, 10.00am, Hāwera LibraryPlus, High Street, Hāwera

#### ELTHAM

Wednesday 11 April, 10.30am, Eltham LibraryPlus, High Street, Eltham

#### WAVERLEY

Wednesday 11 April, 10.30am, Waverley LibraryPlus, Weraroa Road, Waverley

#### ŌPŪNAKE

Wednesday 18 April, 10.30am, Ōpūnake LibraryPlus, Tasman Street, Ōpūnake

#### PĀTEA

Friday 20 April, 10.30am, Pātea LibraryPlus, Egmont Street, Pātea

## HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY?

## ME PEWHEA AU E WHAKAHOKI MAI?

The Council's proposed 2018 - 2028 Long Term Plan is available for comment from 26 March until 2 May 2018. This is your chance to give your feedback about the proposed Plan, so please take the time to get involved and have your say.

### COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS CAN BE SENT TO THE COUNCIL BY:

- Completing the online submission form at [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)
- Sending an email to [longtermplan@stdc.govt.nz](mailto:longtermplan@stdc.govt.nz)
- Completing the hard copy feedback form attached to The Consultation Document and posting it to us at Private Bag 902, Hāwera, 4640 or dropping it into any LibraryPlus or the Hāwera Administration Building.
- Faxing us on (06) 278 8757
- Phoning us on 278 0555 or toll free 0800 111 323 and we can fill out a submission form for you over the telephone

CONSULTATION RUNS UNTIL WEDNESDAY 2 MAY.  
FIND OUT MORE AT [WWW.SOUTHTRANAKI.COM](http://WWW.SOUTHTRANAKI.COM)