



He karere tā te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki te Tonga News from the South Taranaki District Council

The South Taranaki District is now at COVID-19 Alert Level 2. Find out more at [www.covid19.govt.nz](http://www.covid19.govt.nz)

## Council demands Government reverse its Three Waters decision



Note: File photo taken prior to COVID-19 and social distancing measures.

Last week, the Mayor and Councillors sent the below letter to the Minister of Local Government, the Honourable Nanaia Mahuta.

Dear Minister Mahuta,

### Three Waters Reform

On behalf of the ratepayers and residents of South Taranaki, we are writing to express our absolute dismay, disappointment and frustration with your government's decision mandating Councils must be part of the Three Waters Reform programme.

Irrespective of individuals views of the reform, you and your officials consistently told us that councils, and therefore our community, would be afforded the opportunity and courtesy for full public consultation on this hugely significant matter. But now, and after the majority of councils asked the Government to pause and rethink the proposal, you have broken your promise and commitment and taken the decision-making out of the hands of the people who actually own the assets.

This decision is wrong on so many levels, it's anti-democratic and in

our view represents a major breach of trust.

In the past councils have been reproached by the government for not consulting with their communities on matters of far less significance than this. For central government, it seems to be a case of do as we say, not as we do.

While we acknowledge that there is a need for regulatory changes in the three waters activities, this move to force councils to participate without public consultation is totally unacceptable. The South Taranaki District Council demands that you reconsider this decision and do what you said you would do, which is to give our residents an opportunity to have their say on this matter.

Only then can we, in good faith, truly work in partnership for the well-being of our communities.

Regards,  
South Taranaki District Mayor and Councillors

### Upcoming meetings

**Iwi Liaison Committee**  
Wednesday 24 November, 10am  
Southern Lounge, TSB Hub,  
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 24 November, 4pm  
Southern Lounge, TSB Hub,  
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

**Novus Contracting Annual General Meeting**  
Monday 29 November,  
12.15pm  
Council Chamber,  
Administration Building,  
Albion Street, Hāwera

**Policy and Strategy Committee**  
Monday 29 November, 1pm  
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,  
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

**Ordinary Council**  
Monday 13 December, 7pm  
Camberwell Lounge, TSB Hub,  
Camberwell Road, Hāwera

### Pātea Centennial Bursary

Applications are now open for the Pātea Centennial Bursary, until the end of November. The Centennial Bursary is available to Pātea residents for the first four years of their tertiary study. To see if you're eligible, or to find out more, visit [www.southtaranaki.com](http://www.southtaranaki.com)

### Rates notice

Ratepayers are reminded that the last day for payment of the second instalment of rates for 2021/22 without incurring a penalty will be Wednesday 24 November 2021.

## Waverley Public Toilets repainted

Waverley artist Jenni Corbett is working with local students to bring some colour to the walls of the public toilets at Aotea Park in Waverley. These are still a work in progress, but great to see our young people involved in this project too (and thanks to Resene who donated the paint!).



## Pātea Picnic Table installation

Recently, the Pātea Community Board funded the installation of a picnic table at the Manchester Street play area. Concreting has been completed and the new addition looks great. Thanks to Colin Shrader, Allan Johnson and the team who did the hard work.



## Taranaki Speed Review

**Monday 15 November - 13 December**  
Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) is working toward a future where no-one is killed or seriously injured in road crashes in Aotearoa. Speed is the single biggest factor determining if you or someone you love, dies or survives a crash. That's why speeds on a number of state highways in Taranaki are being reviewed where the current speed limits may not be safe and appropriate. These roads are:

- State Highway 45 New Plymouth to Hāwera (Surf Highway)
- State Highway 44, State Highway 45 and State Highway 3 in New Plymouth
- State Highway 3 between New Plymouth and Hāwera
- State Highway 3A Sentry Hill to Inglewood.

Find out more and give your feedback at [www.nzta.govt.nz/taranaki-speed-review](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/taranaki-speed-review)