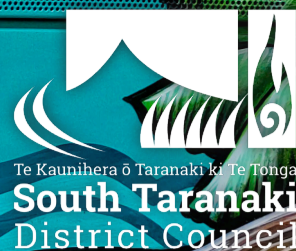


# Tuia Taitonga Southlink



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

## It's time to demand a better Water Reform Give your feedback to Government before 22 July

It's time for the community to demand a better three waters reform, and reject the Government's one-size-fits-none plan, says South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon.

The public currently have their one and only opportunity to have their say on the water reforms through the Select Committee process and Mayor Nixon says it's important that they don't miss the opportunity. Everyone has until July 22 to have their say.

Mayor Nixon says that he and other Councillors had been approached by many people unhappy with what was being suggested and now it is time for everyone to take action.

"This is the only chance you will get to have any say whatsoever on what happens to our District's infrastructure," he says.

"We need to deliver a strong message to the Government that people want a better form of reform that respects the decades of investment by local communities and enables them to preserve a real say in how their money is spent in future.

"Through Communities 4 Local Democracy He Hapori mō te Manapori we've developed a common-sense model for reform that everyone can get behind and that delivers every outcome sought by the Government," says Mayor Nixon.

"We've worked hard to create a model for reform that will ensure better long term water services for every community, now it's time for our community to take a few minutes and demand a better water reform.

"We're also calling on the Government to ensure that local communities are heard by making sure that the select committee meetings aren't based solely in Wellington, so when you have the option of speaking in person it's important to take that opportunity."

"If you don't want to see future water services that are 'all pay, no say' this is your only opportunity to stand up and be counted."

"Every person that doesn't take part in the process will be counted by the government as being in support of this plan."

Submissions are now being accepted on the Water Services Entities Bill at: [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCFE\\_SCF\\_BILL\\_124081/water-services-entities-bill](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/make-a-submission/document/53SCFE_SCF_BILL_124081/water-services-entities-bill) (or scan the QR code below).

For guidance on how people can provide their feedback and support our work to deliver better water reform, visit [www.demandbetter.nz](http://www.demandbetter.nz)

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### Upcoming meetings

**Te Kāhui Matauraura**  
Wednesday 13 July, 10 am  
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

**Environment and Hearings Committee**  
Wednesday 13 July, 4pm  
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

**Extraordinary Council - To approve the submission on the Water Services Entities Bill**  
Monday 18 July, 11.30 am  
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera

**Policy and Strategy Committee**  
Wednesday 25 July 2022 at 1 pm  
Council Chamber, Administration Building, Albion St, Hāwera



### Will you join the challenge?

Plastic Free July is here – are you ready to challenge yourself to use less (or no!) single use plastics for the month of July?

Head to [www.plasticfreejuly.com](http://www.plasticfreejuly.com) to find out more and join the challenge today.

### Annual Dog Registrations

If your dog is over the age of three months, it needs to be registered and microchipped - simply pop into the Hāwera Administration Building or your local LibraryPlus to get this organised. Take advantage of early bird rates by paying in full by 31 July 2022. After this date, registration fees increase by 50%. You can pay online at [www.southtaranaki.com/pay-online](http://www.southtaranaki.com/pay-online).

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MARK



VOTE  
2022  
LOCAL ELECTIONS

### Are you enrolled to vote?

Head to [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz), enter some of your details and it will let you know whether you are on the roll or not. You can either enrol online at [www.vote.nz](http://www.vote.nz), call 0800 36 76 56 (make sure you have a form of ID), or come and see one of our Electoral Officials at Council by calling 0800 111 323.

## Candidate nominations open Friday 15 July

What better way to Make Your Mark than running as a candidate for South Taranaki District Council, or one of the four community boards. Learn how, as an elected member, you can help make decisions that shape the development of South Taranaki and build strong local communities. The information meeting will be held Saturday 16 July, 9am at the East Lounge, TSB Hub. Tea, coffee and hot food provided. Nominations open on Friday 15 July and close on Friday 12 August. Visit [www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022](http://www.southtaranaki.com/vote2022) for more information about standing for this year's election.

### Come along to the Candidates Information Morning

Saturday 16 July 2022, 9am  
East Lounge, TSB Hub, Camberwell Entrance,  
Hāwera. Tea, coffee and food provided.

TE KŌWHIRINGA PŌTI  
LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES

KA TUWHERA NGA WHAKAARINGA  
NOMINATIONS OPEN  
FRIDAY 15 JULY 2022

KA KATI NGA WHAKAARINGA  
NOMINATIONS CLOSE  
12PM, FRIDAY 12 AUGUST 2022



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