CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Monday 9 March 2026

Public Notification of Plan Change 1 to the Central Hawke's Bay District Plan - Operative in Part (2024)

Central Hawke's Bay District Council invites submissions on proposed Plan Change 1 to the District Plan - Operative in Part (2024). The period for lodging submissions opens 8.00am Monday 9 March 2026 and closes at 5.00pm, Wednesday 8 April 2026.

Summary of Plan Change 1

Waipukurau South Development Area

This change proposes to formally introduce the Waipukurau South Structure Plan and Development Area chapter into the District Plan. The chapter aims to ensure development is integrated with the delivery of infrastructure, with the structure plan identifying wetland reserves, new roading connections and areas for stormwater management.

Amendments to the renewable energy chapter

The proposed amendment updates the definition of small-scale renewable energy and introduces a new definition for community scale solar. These definitions, in combination with minor amendments to the rules, will generally permit small scale renewable energy activities, providing the primary purpose is to power an individual site. Community scale renewable energy will require resource consent as a restricted discretionary activity.

Where to find more information

Separate section 32 (cost/benefit) reports have been prepared for the Waipukurau South Development Area and the Renewable Energy Chapter. All documents can be found here: www.letstalkchb.co.nz

Physical copies of all documents can be viewed at:

- Central Hawke's Bay District Council office (28/32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa 4210)
- Waipawa Library (64 High Street, Waipawa 4210)
- Te Huinga Wai – The Knowledge and Learning Hub (4 Bogle Brothers Esplanade, Waipukurau 4200).

How to make a submission

Anyone may make a submission on the plan change, using one the of the following options:

- Complete the online form on www.letstalkchb.govt.nz (preferred option)
- Download a PDF of the submission form from our website or pick up a physical copy from Council's offices in Waipawa, the Waipawa Library or Te Huinga Wai – The Knowledge and Learning Hub and scan and email it to districtplan@chbdc.govt.nz
- Post it to Central Hawke's Bay District Council, PO Box 127, 28/32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa 4240; or
- Deliver it to Council's offices at 28/32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa.

Written submissions must be made using the prescribed form (as required under Schedule 1 clause 6(5) of the Resource Management Act 1991). Your submission must include whether you want to present your submission at a Council hearing.

Submissions close at 5.00pm, Wednesday 8 April 2026.

What happens next?

- Once all submissions have been received, the Council will prepare and publicly notify a summary of submissions and advise where the summary and full submissions can be viewed.
- There will be an opportunity for those who submitted to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, any of the original submissions.
- A hearing will then be arranged to consider all submissions and recommendations. Any submitter will have the right to attend and speak at any hearing.
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision to the Environment Court.

For more information see www.letstalkchb.govt.nz or email districtplan@chbdc.govt.nz or phone 06 857 8060