

# Notification of Decisions on Plan Changes 15, 16 and 18 to the Waipā District Plan

*Public notification pursuant to clause 10(4) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

In accordance with clauses 10(4) and 29(5) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, Waipā District Council gives notice that Council's decisions to Plan Changes 15, 16 and 18 are now available.

Summary of the amendments to the District Plan:

## Plan Change 15 – Impermeable Surfaces

- Amend the definitions of coverage, site coverage, permeable surfaces and impermeable surfaces.
- Amend the rules for impermeable surfaces in the Residential Zone, Large Lot Residential Zone and the Marae Development Zone for consistency and make non-compliance with the rules a restricted discretionary activity instead of a discretionary activity.
- Make minor amendments to the rules in the Large Lot Residential Zone regarding impermeable surfaces for larger sites, and so that the site coverage rule applies to all site sizes.

## Plan Change 16 – Technical Improvements

- Water supply for firefighting purposes in rural areas:
  - add a new issue, objective and policy to support the existing rule;
  - add measurable standards to the existing rule to specify the amount of water required to be stored on a property for firefighting purposes.
- Facades and glazing in the Residential Zone:
  - amend the rules relating to facades and glazing so they no longer apply to stand-alone garages.
- Outdoor living areas in the Residential Zone:
  - amend the rule to provide greater flexibility regarding the location and size of an outdoor living area.

## Plan Change 18 – Beekeeping in Residential Zones

- Council's decision is to prepare a bylaw to manage the effects of beekeeping in urban areas.
- No amendments to the current provisions, however, once the bylaw is enacted the provisions for beekeeping in the Residential Zone and the Large Lot Residential Zone will be deleted.

Consequential renumbering of provisions / references / page numbers in the District Plan will be required due to the changes above.

The full copy of the Council's decisions on the above plan changes can be viewed at:

- Waipā District Council website: [www.waipadc.govt.nz/planchanges](http://www.waipadc.govt.nz/planchanges);
- Waipā District Council Offices in Te Awamutu and Cambridge;
- Waipā District Council Public Libraries in Te Awamutu and Cambridge.

Any person who has made a submission on Plan Changes 15, 16 and/or 18, may appeal Council's decisions on their submission to the Environment Court. Appeals to the Environment Court must be in the prescribed form and lodged with the Environment Court within 30 working days of the date of this public notice, that is by 5pm on Monday, 12 July 2021.

The Waipā District Plan is deemed to have been amended in accordance with the decisions made and any amendments to the Waipā District Plan have legal effect from the date of this decision.

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For and on behalf of the Waipā District Council