

Agenda

**Notice is hereby given of
an Ordinary Council Meeting**

Tuesday 16 September 2025

10:15am

Council Chamber
Waimate District Council
125 Queen Street
Waimate

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Waimate District Council, 125 Queen Street, Waimate, on Tuesday 16 September 2025, commencing at 10:15am.

Elected Members

Craig Rowley	Chairperson
Sharyn Cain	Deputy Mayor
John Begg	Councillor
Peter Collins	Councillor
Sandy McAlwee	Councillor
Colin Pankhurst	Councillor
Lisa Small	Councillor
Rick Stevens	Councillor
Vacant	Councillor

Quorum – no less than five members

Significance Consideration

Evaluation: Council officers, in preparing these reports have had regard to Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Council and Committee members will make the final assessment on whether the subject under consideration is to be regarded as being significant or not. Unless Council or Committee explicitly determines that the subject under consideration is to be deemed significant then the subject will be deemed as not being significant.

Decision Making

The Council, in considering each matter, must be:

- i. Satisfied that it has sufficient information about the practicable options and their benefits, costs and impacts, bearing in mind the significance of the decision;
- ii. Satisfied that it knows enough about and will give adequate consideration to the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decisions to be made.

Stuart Duncan
Chief Executive

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OPENING

1 MEETING OPENING

Cr Colin Pankhurst will open the Council Meeting.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

3 APOLOGIES

The Chair will call for any apologies.

4 VISITORS

Quotable Value Presentation & Discussion - 11.30am

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

As per the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 (as below), the Chair will enquire if there are any Conflicts of Interest to be declared on any item on the agenda, and if so, for any member to declare this interest.

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Councillors are reminded that if they have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

6 IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR (URGENT), MINOR OR PUBLIC FORUM ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. The Chair will call for any major (urgent business) or minor items not on the agenda to be raised according to Standing Orders, as below:

- a. **Standing Orders 3.7.5 – Major Items**

An item not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if the local authority by resolution so decides, and the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public –

- i. The reason why the item was not listed on the agenda; and
 - ii. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

- b. **Standing Orders 3.7.6 – Minor Items**

An item not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if –

- i. That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - ii. The presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
 - iii. No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.

MINUTES**7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****7.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2025**

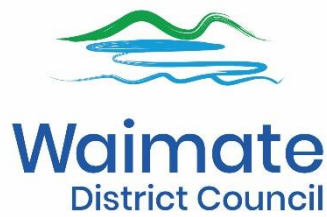
Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments: 1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 August 2025

PURPOSE

To present the unconfirmed Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 August 2025 for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 August 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 August 2025

**MINUTES OF WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL, 125 QUEEN STREET,
WAIMATE ON TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2025, COMMENCING AT 10:15AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Craig Rowley (Chair), Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain, Cr John Begg (via Microsoft teams), Cr Peter Collins, Cr Sandy McAlwee, Cr Colin Pankhurst, Cr Lisa Small, Cr Rick Stevens

IN ATTENDANCE: Stuart Duncan (Chief Executive), Rachel Holley-Dellow (Human Resources Manager), Michelle Jones (Executive Support Manager), Dylan Murray (Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager), Tina Stevenson (Corporate Services Group Manager), Nicole Timney (Community and Strategy Group Manager), Karalyn Reid (Committee Secretary)
Shey Taylor (Strategic Planner/Policy Advisor)

OPENING

1 MEETING OPENING

Cr Rick Stevens opened the Council Meeting by reciting a poem of farewell by Mark Twain 'To Jennie', referencing the late Cr Tom O'Connor.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers at the Public Forum.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 VISITORS

Philip Simpson from Martin-Jenkins will join the meeting via Microsoft Teams for Item: 16.4 Local Water Done Well.

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chair called for Conflicts of Interests.

Cr Rick Stevens declared he was employed in the hospitality business and may have a received conflict in relation to 16:11 Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority but it was decided he had no real conflict.

6 IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR (URGENT) OR MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no major/minor items identified.

MINUTES

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 JULY 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/87

Moved: Cr Rick Stevens

Seconded: Cr Lisa Small

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2025 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note:

The Deputy Mayor asked for staff to follow up on the possibility of the Infometrics team offering the Waimate community a remote session.

8 RECEIPT OF MINUTES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE DOWNLANDS JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/88

Moved: Cr Sandy McAlwee

Seconded: Mayor Craig Rowley

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Downlands Joint Standing Committee Meeting held on 14 July 2025 be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

9 MAYOR'S REPORT

9.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/89

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Cr Rick Stevens

That the Mayor's Report is accepted.

CARRIED

10 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

10.1 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/90

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Cr Lisa Small

That the Deputy Mayor's Report is accepted.

CARRIED

Note:

The Deputy Mayor suggested it would be useful for other Councillors to watch the Local Government New Zealand: Hitting Reset the Systems Improvements Bill Explained (23 July) and asked staff to circulate if it has been recorded.

11 COUNCILLORS' REPORT

11.1 COUNCILLORS' REPORT

RESOLUTION 2025/91

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Cr Rick Stevens

That the Councillors' Report is accepted.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Nil

13 COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT

13.1 OUTSTANDING COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT - PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2025/92

Moved: Cr Colin Pankhurst

Seconded: Cr Peter Collins

That the Outstanding Council Actions Report – Public is accepted.

CARRIED

Note:

Council noted it was disappointing there has been no further progress with Fire & Emergency NZ in relation to the transfer of assets. The Mayor agreed if the Chief Executive still does not achieve a resolution that he would write to the Waitaki and Rangitata Member of Parliaments to lobby the Minister of Internal Affairs.

14 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Nil

15 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT

Nil

16 GENERAL REPORTS**16.1 MINUTE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE LATE CR TOM O'CONNOR**

Councillors and staff verbally acknowledged the late Cr Tom O'Connor and the contribution he had made to the Waimate District and finished with a minute's silence.

RESOLUTION 2025/93

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

1. That the Minute of Appreciation for the late Cr Tom O'Connor report is received; and
2. That Council receives and notes the remarks of Mayor Craig Rowley, Councillors and staff.

CARRIED**16.2 WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY: PAREORA-OTAIO-MAKIKIHI WARD COUNCILLOR**

Council considered appointing a replacement Councillor for the Pareora-Otaio-Makikihi Ward for the remainder of the Council term.

RESOLUTION 2025/94

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Cr Rick Stevens

1. That the Waimate District Council Extraordinary Vacancy: Pareora-Otaio-Makikihi Ward Councillor report is accepted; and
2. Council receives and notes the formal advice of the creation of an extraordinary vacancy on the Waimate District Council following the death of Cr Tom O'Connor on 6 August 2025, as required under section 117(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001; and
3. That Council decides that the vacancy is not to be filled and the position remains vacant until the upcoming triennial general elections on Saturday 11 October 2025; and
4. Notes that the decision will be publicly notified immediately after the meeting in accordance with legislative requirements.

CARRIED

16.3 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chair of the CEPRC, Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain asked Council to consider a replacement member on the Chief Executive's Performance Review Committee (CEPRC) for the remainder of the Council term.

RESOLUTION 2025/95

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Mayor Craig Rowley

1. That the Appointment of Chief Executive's Performance Review Committee Member report is accepted; and
2. That Council duly appoints a new member to the Chief Executive's Performance Review Committee Member; being Councillor Sandy McAlwee.

CARRIED**16.4 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - SUBMISSION OF THE WATER SERVICES DELIVERY PLAN**

Council were presented with the Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) to be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) for approval on behalf of the Secretary for Local Government.

The Chief Executive spoke to the plan and gave a verbal background and explanation of the WSDP.

Philip Simpson of Martin Jenkins attended the meeting via Microsoft teams.

RESOLUTION 2025/96

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Cr Lisa Small

1. That the Local Water Done Well – Submission of the Water Services Delivery Plan report is accepted; and
2. That Council approves the submission of the Water Services Delivery Plan to the Department of Internal Affairs for review and approval; and
3. That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the Water Services Delivery Plan, with minor amendments, and to certify that the Water Services Delivery Plan complies with the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 and that the Water Services Delivery Plan is true and accurate.

CARRIED**Note:**

Council discussed the membership of the Water Services Committee and highlighted the need for members to be appointed as having local and specific expertise.

Council were assured the Water Services Delivery Plan was presented to meet all the legislative requirements to seek approval from DIA, with opportunities to review and develop within the transition period (2 years) and regular reports to the incoming Council.

16.5 INTERIM FINANCE REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/97**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Cr Rick Stevens

That the Interim Finance Report for the 12 months ended 30 June 2025 is accepted.

CARRIED

Note:

Council asked for further clarification on budget underspend in the roading area and carry forwards and for a breakdown on budget for library book purchases.

Staff will identify through the Audit and Risk Committee budget carry forward report projects that were completed under budget in order for Council discussion and possible review.

16.6 EXPENDITURE VARIATION REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/98**

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Cr Sandy McAlwee

That the Expenditure Variation Report for the 12 months ended 30 June 2025 is accepted.

CARRIED

Note:

Page 51: 24 Building Control – Legal Fees: Council asked for an update outside of the public meeting.

Page 54: Items approved by Council (not the Chief Executive)

16.7 QUARTERLY TREASURY DASHBOARD REPORT 30 JUNE 2025

Council received the Quarterly Treasury Dashboard for the period ended 30 June 2025.

RESOLUTION 2025/99

Moved: Cr Peter Collins

Seconded: Cr Lisa Small

That the Quarterly Treasury Dashboard Report for the period ended 30 June 2025 is received.

CARRIED

16.8 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FEES AND CHARGES 2025/26

Council considered adopting the proposed amendments to Waimate District Council Fees and Charges for 2025/26.

RESOLUTION 2025/100

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

1. That Council accepts the Proposed Amendments to Fees and Charges 2025/26 report; and
2. That Council adopts the proposed amendments to Fees and Charges for 2025/26, effective 19 August 2025, being:
 - (a) Building – Amendment Applications: An update from \$1-\$124,999 to \$0-\$124,999 has taken place so that a fee can be applied in the event that an amendment application of nil value is submitted.

CARRIED

Note:

Council discussed the Cemetery Additional Charges – Interments and agreed to retain after 4pm from October to April on Saturdays, Sundays or Statutory Holidays.

16.9 RISKPOOL: UPDATE AND CALL TO MEMBERS

Council received an update regarding the winding up of Riskpool and proposed member consultation.

RESOLUTION 2025/101

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Cr Peter Collins

That the Riskpool: Update and Call to Members report is received.

CARRIED

16.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT REQUESTS REPORT 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/102**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Mayor Craig Rowley

That the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act Requests report is accepted.

CARRIED

Note:

Council discussed calculating staff time across the organisation to undertake information requests and agreed this was the cost of democracy and requirement to be transparent and accountable to the public.

16.11 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ALCOHOL REGULATORY AND LICENSING AUTHORITY 2024-25

Council were informed on liquor licensing matters, and to retrospectively seek endorsement of the Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority (ARLA).

RESOLUTION 2025/103

Moved: Cr Lisa Small

Seconded: Cr Rick Stevens

1. That the Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority 2024-25 report is accepted; and
2. That Council receives and adopts the Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

CARRIED

Note:

Council noted the report in error states Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain, instead of her title being Commissioner, which is unrelated to her role at Waimate District Council.

16.12 RECREATIONAL TRACK GRANT APPLICATION - WHITEHORSE MTB RIDERS INC.

Council considered a Recreational Track Grant funding application from Whitehorse MTB Riders Inc.

RESOLUTION 2025/104

Moved: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

Seconded: Cr Peter Collins

1. That the Recreational Track Grant Application - Whitehorse MTB Riders Inc. report is accepted; and
2. That Council approves the funding application from Whitehorse MTB Riders Inc, of \$10,000 from the Recreational Track Grant.

CARRIED

16.13 WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS REPORT 2024-2025

Council received performance measure reporting for Quarter 4, March 2025 to June 2025, and accumulative annual data from July 2024 to June 2025.

RESOLUTION 2025/105

Moved: Mayor Craig Rowley

Seconded: Cr Lisa Small

1. That the Performance Measure Reporting July 2024 to June 2025 which includes Quarter 4 measures be accepted; and
2. That Council accepts the Performance Reporting as presented.

CARRIED**Note:**

The new Council will undertake a deeper dive into the purpose of and review current performance measures.

17 CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR (URGENT) OR MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Nil

PUBLIC EXCLUDED**18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC REPORT****RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION 2025/106**

Moved: Cr Rick Stevens

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Sharyn Cain

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
18.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2025	s6(a) - the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

18.2 - Outstanding Council Actions Report - Public Excluded	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
18.3 - Alpine Energy Limited Shareholder Dashboard - Quarter 1 of the 2026 Financial Year	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
18.4 - Chief Executive's Performance Review	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
CARRIED		

19 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC REPORT

<p>RESOLUTION 2025/107</p> <p>Moved: Cr Rick Stevens</p> <p>Seconded: Cr Lisa Small</p> <p>That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
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MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1.50pm.

The Minutes of this meeting are to be confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled on 16 September 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 RECEIPT OF MINUTES

Nil

REPORTS

9 MAYOR'S REPORT

9.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments: Nil

MAYORAL ACTIVITY



Visiting Japanese Students



Citizenship Ceremony



Canterbury Mayoral Forum



Otago Medical School Students

EXTERNAL MEETINGS & FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR

To present for the information of Council a register of external meetings and functions attended by Councillors outside of Waimate District Council meetings and general business from 9 August 2025 to 5 September 2025.

Date	Meetings and Functions
11 August 2025	Meeting with Waitaki MP Miles Anderson re Waihao Bridge replacement and cycle clip-on upgrade – Council
11 August 2025	Mayoral welcome to Japanese students of Nichidai-Tsurugaoka High School and Yasuda Junior High School – Waimate
11 August 2025	Monday Morning Meeting with Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive – Council
13 August 2025	Tuia Programme recipient Arlin Wikaira update with Deputy Mayor – Council

15 August 2025	VJ Day Celebration Service with Waimate RSA – Waimate
15 August 2025	Council facilitated community meeting on Rural Policing Restructuring – Waimate
15 August 2025	South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Business Awards with Mayoress – Timaru
17 August 2025	Funeral of late Cr Tom O'Connor – Timaru
18 August 2025	Mayor's catchup with Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator – Council
18 August 2025	Monday Morning Meeting with Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive – Council
19 August 2025	Citizenship Ceremony – Council
19 August 2025	Hakataramea Sustainability Collective annual general meeting – Hakataramea
21 August 2025	Canterbury Regional Transport Committee Workshop – Christchurch
21 August 2025	Canterbury Mayoral Forum working dinner – Christchurch
22 August 2025	Canterbury Mayoral Forum – Christchurch
22 August 2025	Civil Defence Emergency Management Memorandum of Understanding signing – Christchurch
25 August 2025	Meeting with ratepayer re draft Biodiversity Strategy – Council
25 August 2025	Mayor's catchup with Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator – Council
25 August 2025	Monday Morning Meeting with Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive – Council
25 August 2025	Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Programme Update – via Microsoft teams
26 August 2025	Meeting with Otago Medical School Students – Council
26 August 2025	Environment Canterbury facilitated community meeting re nitrates – Glenavy
28 August 2025	Timaru District Council facilitated governance meeting with Mackenzie Waimate Waitaki on water sharing services – Waimate
29 August 2025	Meeting with Audit and Risk Chair David Ward – Council
1 September 2025	Mayor's catchup with Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Coordinator – Council
1 September 2025	Biodiversity Stakeholders Meeting – Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor's Report is accepted.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**10.1 DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments: Nil

*Greypower Meeting**Waimate Main School**Nitrates meeting at Glenavy***EXTERNAL MEETINGS & FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

To present for the information of Council a register of external meetings and functions attended by Councillors outside of Waimate District Council meetings and general business from 9 August 2025 to 5 September 2025.

Date	Meetings and Functions
11 August 2025	Mayoral welcome to Japanese students of Nichidai-Tsurugaoka High School and Yasuda Junior High School – Waimate
11 August 2025	Meeting with Deputy Mayor and Russell Wallace Abbeyfield Development Update – Waimate
11 August 2025	Meeting with staff – Chief Executive's Performance Review Committee – Council
12 August 2025	Greypower Meeting, with remembrance for the late Cr Tom O'Connor – Waimate
13 August 2025	Tuia Programme recipient Arlin Wikaira update with Mayor – Council

15 August 2025	Council facilitated community meeting on Rural Policing Restructuring – Waimate
17 August 2025	Funeral of late Councillor Tom O'Connor – Timaru
18 August 2025	Monday Morning Meeting with Mayor and Chief Executive – Council
18 August 2025	Assisting ratepayers with submissions to the Rural Policing Restructuring – Waimate
18 August 2025	Meeting ratepayer regarding equestrian matters – Waimate
19 August 2025	Citizenship Ceremony – Council
22 August 2025	Chief Executive's Performance Review Committee conversation with consultant – via phone
23 August 2025	Meeting ratepayers for Rural Policing Restructuring protest outside St Andrews police station – St Andrews
25 August 2025	Monday Morning Meeting with Mayor and Chief Executive – Council
25 August 2025	Chief Executive's Performance Review Committee conversation with consultant – via phone
26 August 2025	Chief Executive's Performance Review Committee conversation with consultant – via phone
26 August 2025	Environment Canterbury facilitated community meeting re nitrates – Glenavy
28 August 2025	Timaru District Council facilitated governance meeting with Mackenzie Waimate Waitaki councils on water sharing services – Waimate
29 August 2025	Judge Cancer Society Daffodil Day Dress up and window competition at Waimate Main School – Waimate
29 August 2025	Meeting with Audit and Risk Chair David Ward – Council
1 September 2025	Biodiversity Stakeholders Meeting – Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the Deputy Mayor's Report is accepted.

11 COUNCILLORS' REPORT**11.1 COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To present for the information of Council a register of external meetings and functions attended by Councillors outside of Waimate District Council meetings and general business from 9 August 2025 to 5 September 2025.

Cr John Begg	
Date	Meetings and Functions
1 September 2025	Canterbury Mayoral Forum Waste Management Reference Group meeting – via zoom

Cr Peter Collins	
Date	Meetings and Functions
17 August 2025	Funeral of late Councillor Tom O'Connor – Timaru
19 August 2025	Citizenship Ceremony – Waimate
27 August 2025	Centrecare Annual General Meeting – Waimate
28 August 2025	Timaru District Council facilitated governance meeting with Mackenzie Waimate Waitaki on water sharing services – Waimate

Cr Sandy McAlwee	
Date	Meetings and Functions
15 August 2025	Council facilitated community meeting on Rural Policing Restructuring – Waimate
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Cr Lisa Small	
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Cr Rick Stevens	
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19 August 2025	Citizenship Ceremony – Waimate
20 August 2025	Waimate2gether Board Meeting – Waimate
27 August 2025	Waimate Historical Society Workshop – Waimate
28 August 2025	Timaru District Council facilitated governance meeting with Mackenzie Waimate Waitaki on water sharing services – Waimate
1 September 2025	Biodiversity Stakeholders Meeting – Council
3 September 2025	Waimate District Resource Trust Meeting – Waimate

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillors' Report is accepted.

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**12.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ACTIVITY REPORT****Author:** Stuart Duncan, Chief Executive**Authoriser:** Stuart Duncan, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

1. To inform the Council of the Chief Executive's activities.

MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS ATTENDED


2. Meetings and functions attended by the Chief Executive from 12 July to 5 September 2025:

Date	Meetings and Functions
14 July 2025	Meeting with Police NZ Aoraki Area Commander Vicki Walker and Mayor Rowley – Council office
15 July 2025	Waimate District Biodiversity Strategy Stakeholder Meeting – Event Centre
21 July 2025	Meeting with South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Board and Mayor Rowley – Timaru
23 July 2025	Taituara Webinar on Systems Improvement Bill Explained
4 August 2025	Alpine Energy Shareholders Quarterly Meeting – Timaru
7 August 2025	Meeting with South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive – Council office
26 August 2025	Environment Canterbury Community Meeting on Nitrates – Glenavy
28 August 2025	Waitaki/Waimate/Timaru/Mackenzie District Councils Governance Meeting on Water Services – Event Centre
1 September 2025	Waimate District Biodiversity Action Group Meeting – Council
3 September 2025	Ageing in Place Discussion with Waimate Community Link
4 September 2025	Better Building Webinar for Building Control Authorities

RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive's Activity Report is accepted.

13 COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT**13.1 OUTSTANDING COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT - PUBLIC**

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments: 1. Outstanding Council Actions Report - Public [↓](#) 

PURPOSE

For the Outstanding Council Actions Report – Public to be presented for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Outstanding Council Actions Report – Public is accepted.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 23-Apr-24	Duncan, Stuart	General Reports	Licence to use Response Assets (Fire and Emergency New Zealand)
RESOLUTION 2024/52			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the License to Use Response Assets (Fire and Emergency New Zealand) report is accepted; and 2. That Council recommends that the Chief Executive negotiate the transfer of debt and that the appliance remains in community if possible; and 3. That Council delegates the Chief Executive to negotiate directly with Fire and Emergency New Zealand. 			
CARRIED			
Note:			
12 Aug 2025 10:35am Jones, Michelle			
Currently under negotiation by the Chief Executive.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 28-Jan-25	White, Stacey	General Reports	St Andrews Closed Landfill Assessment of Remedial Options
RESOLUTION 2025/20			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the St Andrews Closed Landfill Assessment of Remedial Options report, together with the St Andrews Assessment of Remedial Options Report (under separate cover) is accepted for finalisation by Environment Canterbury, as presented; and 2. That Council seeks advice and information on the implications of the report and agrees that staff seek joint conversations with all stakeholders on possible remediation options. 			
CARRIED			
Note:			
08 Sep 2025: No further updates at this time.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 22-Jul-25	Macdonald, Alex	General Reports	Delegation to consider an objection under section 357A of the Resource Management Act
RESOLUTION 2025/82			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Delegation to consider an objection under section 357A of the Resource Management Act report is accepted; and 2. That Council delegate to the Chief Executive, using the power of delegation in s34A of the Resource Management Act, the power to either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consider, and make a decision on, the objection to RM250034 (under sections 357A and 357D of the Resource Management Act), in the event a hearing is not required, or b. Appoint a hearing commissioner for this matter, with Council authorising the hearing commissioner appointed to make the decision on the objection to RM250034 (under sections 357A and 357D of the Resource Management Act). This delegation includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Any necessary powers consequential to the exercise of this power, including powers related to hearings, and the specific powers under 357CA, and ii. The power to waive or extend a timeframe in relation to this matter under 37 and 37A. 			
CARRIED			
Note:			
10 Sep 2025: Objection is on s37 extension, waiting for objector to provide information. Once information provided either objection will be resolved (under CE authority) or appointment and decision completed.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 22-Jul-25	Murray, Dylan	General Reports	Waimate District Climate Resilience Strategy
RESOLUTION 2025/81			
1. That the Waimate District Climate Resilience Strategy report is accepted; and 2. That the draft Waimate District Climate Resilience Strategy is adopted with the Chief Executive having the ability to amend grammatical and minor amendment changes; and 3. That Council agreed to look at establishing a Climate Resilience Action Group tasked with addressing the various action points within the six Action Plans of the strategy document.			
CARRIED			
Councillors Colin Pankhurst, Peter Collins and Lisa Small voted AGAINST the motion.			
Note:			
12 Aug 2025: No task described in action item. Awaiting grammar identification from Deputy Mayor. Further work required to address some of the action items and measurements before implementation.			
09 Sep 2025: Previous notes remain valid. An amendment proposal is an agenda item before Council 16.09.2025.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 19-Aug-25	Reid, Karalyn	Council Actions Report	Outstanding Council Actions Report - Public
RESOLUTION 2025/92			
That the Outstanding Council Actions Report – Public is accepted.			
CARRIED			
Note:			
10 Sep 2025: Action: Council noted it was disappointing there has been no further progress with Fire & Emergency NZ in relation to the transfer of assets. The Mayor agreed if the Chief Executive still does not achieve a resolution that he would write to the Waitaki and Rangitata Member of Parliaments to lobby the Minister of Internal Affairs.			
Awaiting instructions from Chief Executive for Mayoral action.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 19-Aug-25	Reid, Karalyn	Deputy Mayor's Report	Deputy Mayor's Report
RESOLUTION 2025/90			
That the Deputy Mayor's Report is accepted.			
CARRIED			
Note:			
10 Sep 2025: Action: The Deputy Mayor suggested it would be useful for other Councillors to watch the Local Government New Zealand: Hitting Reset the Systems Improvements Bill Explained (23 July) and asked staff to circulate if it has been recorded.			
Emailed Deputy Mayor with offer to screen at Council if still appropriate.			

14 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**14.1 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

Author: Rachel Holley-Dellow, Human Resources Manager

Authoriser: Stuart Duncan, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

1. For the Human Resources Manager to update Council.

RECRUITMENT

2. Since the last report, two staff have been recruited for the Waimate Lakes Camping Ground season (Waimate Lakes Campground Cleaner and Administrator, and Waimate Lakes Campground Support), which are roles that are utilised each year under fixed terms, with the camping areas opening on 13 September 2025 and closing 3 May 2026.
3. We have also recruited a Library and Event Centre Assistant (a new position but reutilisation of existing budget), a Cleaning Team Supervisor (a new position but reutilisation of existing budget), and an Event Centre Supervisor (a new position to provide adequate cover for bookings and work at the Event Centre). The latter two positions begin work at the end of the month.
4. We are still currently recruiting for a Roding Engineer (a re-worked replacement position), and a Health and Safety Advisor (a position that is both new and a replacement position).
5. We will shortly be going out to recruit for a Finance Support Team Leader (a re-worked replacement position), and a Three Waters Quality Assurance Lead (a replacement position).
6. The Parks and Reserves Manager has advised the Human Resources Manager that the opening period to the public for the Norman Kirk Memorial Pool is Tuesday 28 October 2025 to 15 March 2026.
7. Recruitment will be undertaken shortly for the Aquatics Team, but no further information as yet has been provided to the Human Resources Manager.
8. The following staff headcount is based on currently employed staff and does not include staff who have been offered and accepted a position with us but not yet started, nor any vacancies we are or will be recruiting for.

Staff Headcount

Date	Total Headcount	Parental Leave	Permanent Full Time*	Permanent Part Time**	Fixed Term	Casual
As at 18/6/2024	80	0	50	21	5	4
As at 18/3/2025	89	1	54	23	7	4
22/7/2025	82	0	51	22	4	5
14/9/2025	83	0	53	22	6	2

* 37.5 hours per week or more

** Less than 37.5 hours per week

RECOMMENDATION

That the Human Resources Manager's report is accepted.

15 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT**15.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT - DAVID WARD**

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

1. As required by the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee, the Chair is to prepare a report for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council following each Audit and Risk Committee Meeting. The report does not replace the minutes of the meeting.

REPORT ON MEETING: 9 SEPTEMBER 2025

2. This was the first meeting attended as the newly appointed Committee Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee. I took the opportunity to introduce myself and provide an overview of my experience and background in Local Government.

Chair's Written Report

3. I spoke to my report which was written as a glimpse into the future of Local Government. I raised issues in respect to the Local Government (System Improvement Bill) focussing specifically on the definition of core services and asked Committee members to give thought as to whether our community would also agree with the list in section 11A of the Bill.
4. Reference was also made to the proposal to remove the four wellbeings with a cautionary note as to how these may be delivered in the future particularly in the rural and provincial sector. The report also made reference to a proposed model for rate capping and reforms intended for resource management and building consents. These items all have potential to impact on Council's discussion for its future Annual Plan.

Human Resources Report

5. In receiving this report, Committee members acknowledged that employees with high leave balances are typically employed in positions considered high demand roles. Also, it was noted that the introduction of Local Water Done Well may have an impact on the employment within the Asset Group. It was acknowledged that managing staff time and wellbeing is important.

Health and Safety Report

6. This report identified recent health and safety incidents and acknowledged concerns about staff being called to certain locations late in the evening.

BCA Accreditation Report

7. Staff presented a report which focussed on the response to eight General Non-Compliances issued during Council's bi-annual IANZ routine assessment which is required to maintain accreditation. Three of these were signed off during the review period and the remaining five have subsequently been addressed and we are expecting the Building Consent Authority to provide clearance evidence to IANZ before the 17 October 2025 closing date.
8. The Committee acknowledged that the BCA Report contained a number of very positive comments in respect to Council staff being very communicative and engaged in implemented their BCA systems and procedures.

Legislative Reform Risk Report

9. Staff presented a proposed quarterly report tracking Central Government reforms and proposed legislative changes, risk and general mitigation strategies for the Committee's consideration. The Committee complemented staff on this initiative and look forward to receiving the report at future meetings.

Council Policy Status

10. This report from staff identified Council's extensive list of policies and gave an update on the timeframe of respective review. Conversation was generally directed to those policies whose current review date had expired.

Major Projects Report

11. In receiving this report, the Committee heard staff comment on a range of projects being undertaken across the district. A question was asked in respect to the ability to complete the current year's list of capex projects within the financial year.

Risk Register

12. Committee members noted the mitigations required in a number of identified risk areas including human resources, the unintended consequences on our community resulting from Central Government reforms, regulatory compliance and climate change. This list will continue to be reviewed in depth at future meetings.

Audit Matters

13. Audit NZ Director Rudie Tomlinson was in attendance via Microsoft Teams to speak to his report on the audit of Council's Long Term Plan. The Chief Executive and staff were congratulated on the receipt of an unmodified opinion for the Long Term Plan for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2034.
14. During Mr Tomlinson's presence, members took the opportunity to discuss progress on a number of open recommendations from prior year audits and were satisfied that appropriate progress is being made by Council staff to address these matters.
15. This section concluded with a discussion on Council's response to Audit NZ's request for an additional fee recovery in respect to the LTP. The Committee requested that staff prepare a report for future consideration identifying known reasons for the additional recovery request.
16. Committee members discussed the extent of Audit work and the value of the Audit to Council and its community.

Insurance Update – Public Excluded

17. A representative from Marsh joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams to speak to a power point presentation and key aspects of Council's insurance programme for the 2025/2026 financial year. A significant reduction in premiums for this programme for the current financial year was acknowledged.

In Closing

18. Committee members were thanked for their attendance and engagement. I gave an outline of some of the matters we will be considering during the first scheduled meeting of the newly appointed Committee, including reviewing the Terms of Reference, form and content of reports and frequency of those reports to the Committee.

David Ward, Chair

RECOMMENDATION

That the Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report is accepted

16 GENERAL REPORTS

16.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2025

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor

Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager

Attachments: 1. LGFA Annual Report 2024-25 Cover Letter to Guarantors [↓](#) 

PURPOSE

1. To present the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) Annual Report to 30 June 2025 and cover letter for the information of Council.

BACKGROUND

2. Council decided in December 2021 to become a guaranteeing member of the LGFA in order that it could access the most economic financing available to the Local Government sector.
3. The [LGFA Annual Report](#) for the 12-month period to 30 June 2025 is now available from the LGFA website.
4. The LGFA's covering letter from the Chief Executive is attached and highlights LGFA's new initiatives:
 - a. We broadened our funding base with the establishment of a European Medium term Notes (EMTN) Programme. This reduces our financing and liquidity risk and delivered a cost of borrowing (on a fully hedged basis) over the past financial year below that of our comparable domestic borrowing levels.
 - b. We negotiated a refreshed Crown Liquidity Facility that is upsized and extended in tenor.
 - c. Our Stand-Alone Credit Profile increased two notches under the revised credit ratings methodology adopted by S&P Global Ratings.
 - d. We introduced more flexible financing for high growth councils and enabled lending to new water Council controlled Organisations

PROPOSAL

5. That Council receives the LGFA Annual Report to 30 June 2025 and covering letter.

ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

6. This item is deemed to be of low significance under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legislation

7. Local Government Act 2002.

FINANCIAL

8. There are no costs associated with receiving the LGFA Annual Report.

Cost-effectiveness

9. Cost effectiveness is not a consideration in receiving the LGFA Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Government Funding Agency Annual Report to 30 June 2025 report is accepted.



28 August 2025

Dear Guarantor,

LGFA 2025 Annual Report

The LGFA Annual Report for the 12-month period to 30 June 2025 is now available from the LGFA website: [LGFA 2025 Annual Report](#)

We are pleased to highlight a strong year for LGFA that included a number of financial and non-financial achievements.

Financial performance was strong with Net Operating Profit of \$19.0 million compared to \$10.05 million for the prior year. Our total operating income was higher, and our operating expenses were lower than the Statement of Intent (SOI) forecasts.

We achieved 17 out of 21 SOI performance objectives. Sector borrowing was less than our forecast and we missed the SOI targets for loans made to the sector, market share and the number of new sustainable loans. We had one minor breach of the Foundation Policies which was regrettable but was rectified immediately without any financial loss.

We undertook several initiatives which will underpin the success of the business well into the future

- We broadened our funding base with the establishment of a European Medium term Notes (EMTN) Programme. This reduces our financing and liquidity risk and delivered a cost of borrowing (on a fully hedged basis) over the past financial year below that of our comparable domestic borrowing levels.
- We negotiated a refreshed Crown Liquidity Facility that is upsized and extended in tenor.
- Our Stand Alone Credit Profile increased two notches under the revised credit ratings methodology adopted by S&P Global Ratings.
- We introduced more flexible financing for high growth councils and enabled lending to new water Council controlled Organisations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Butcher', is written over a light blue horizontal line.



Mark Butcher
Chief Executive

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16.2 DISCHARGE OF CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY WATER ZONE COMMITTEES

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments: 1. ECan Memo: TA Update on CMF Zone Committee Review Discharge and Next Steps  

PURPOSE

1. For Council to approve the discharge of all Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Zone Committees at the end of the Council triennium in October 2025.

BACKGROUND

2. The discharge of water zone committees aligns with the recommendations endorsed at the 30 May Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF), following the review initiated by the CMF.
3. A memorandum prepared by Environment Canterbury Senior Strategy Manager, is attached for the information of Council.
4. The two Zone Committees, which were supported by Council were the:
 - (a) Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora; and
 - (b) Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury.
5. Council also had a non-financial interest in the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee.
6. All Zone Committees ceased operating in May/June of this year, with honoraria payments to community and rūnanga representatives at the end of June 2025.

PROPOSAL

7. There are plans underway to establish 8 new Local Leadership Groups for freshwater management for the 2025-2028 term of Council, with Environment Canterbury facilitating an online Local Leadership Hui planned for Tuesday 23 September.
8. It is expected further information will be brought to the new Council in due course.

Option

9. At this stage, Council are asked to approve the discharge of the former Zone Committees.

ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

10. This is not considered significant under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

CONSIDERATIONS

11. There are no other known considerations.

Legislation

12. Clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Risk

13. There are no other known risks to discharging the CWMS Water Zone Committees.

FINANCIAL

14. The annual expenditure for the 2024/25 financial year was \$5,800 (Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee) and \$9,000 (Lower Waitaki Zone Committee). This is exclusive of travel costs and time spent attending meetings by the Council representative.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Discharge of Canterbury Water Management Strategy Water Zone Committees report is accepted; and
2. That Council considers approving the discharge at the end of the 2022-2025 Council triennium.



Memo

Date	August 2025
To	Environment Canterbury Councillors
CC	Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive
From	Cam Smith, Senior Strategy Manager, Environment Canterbury

This memo provides updates to Council on:

1. The discharge of all Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Water Zone Committees in Canterbury, as joint committees of Council, at the end of the Council triennium in October 2025.
2. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum's review of Water Zone Committees which concluded on 30 May 2025.
3. Progress towards establishing new local leadership groups for freshwater management for the 2025-2028 Council triennium.

1. The Discharge of all CWMS Water Zone Committees at the end of the Council triennium – October 2025

The discharge of the water zone committees aligns with the recommendations endorsed at the 30 May Canterbury Mayoral Forum (CMF) meeting following the review of zone committees initiated by the Mayoral Forum.

In accordance with clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the water zone committees listed below shall be discharged at the conclusion of the 2022-2025 triennial term of Councils.

Water Zone Committees:

- Ashburton
- Banks Peninsula
- Christchurch – West Melton
- Kaikōura
- Lower Waitaki – South Coastal Canterbury
- Ōrāri – Temuka – Ōpihi – Pareora
- Selwyn – Waihora
- Upper Waitaki
- Waimakariri
- Noting: the Hurunui Waiau Uwha Water Zone Committee was discharged in 2021.

To enable water zone committees to continue to meet and advance their 2021-2024 Action Plans (supporting the implementation of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy), the term of all CWMS Water Zone Committee members was extended to 30 June 2025. This

timing enabled committees to continue to operate until the conclusion of the CMF zone committee review (30 May 2025) and aligned with the end of 2024/25 financial year.

Consequently, water zone committees curtailed their meeting engagements in May/June of this year, with honoraria payments to community and Rūnanga representatives concluding at 30 June 2025.

From 1 July 2025, water zone committees across Canterbury are no longer meeting and their discharge will coincide with the conclusion of the current Council triennium in October 2025.

2. Canterbury Mayoral Forum Water Zone Committee Review 2024 – 2025

Background

The Canterbury Mayoral Forum initiated a review of CWMS zone committees that started in early 2024 and was led by Environment Canterbury. Work included engagements with all zone committees, Mayors, Rūnanga representatives, and a Mayoral Forum Working Group consisting of Mayors (Black, Bowen, Mackle, Mauger/Cotter, Munro), Rūnanga Chairs (Dardanelle McLean-Smith, Rik Tainui) and Environment Canterbury (Chair Pauling).

The Review's first stage was completed in November 2024 when the Mayoral Forum endorsed a [technical report](#) outlining key findings and steps to refine a potential replacement model of local leadership groups.

Outcome of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum meeting on 30 May 2025

Environment Canterbury Chair Craig Pauling presented a final report on the Review to the Mayoral Forum. This report was submitted on behalf of the Mayoral Forum Working Group and represented the result of 18 months of consultation and collaborative work, which demonstrated wide-ranging views on how to best ensure local freshwater leadership into the future.

The Mayoral Forum endorsed the following recommendations from the Working Group:

- The establishment of eight local leadership groups.
- These groups will connect councils and mana whenua at leadership level to prioritise, align, and recommend actions that support integrated catchment management.
- Groups will have flexibility to locally determine wider (community) membership or engagement.
- Collaborative agreements are the default structure, with options to (re)establish joint committees or Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements where preferred.
- Groups will meet 4-6 times annually, guided by an adjustable work programme.

Further details are available in the agenda and unconfirmed minutes of the 30 May Canterbury Mayoral Forum meeting via the [Mayoral Forum's website](#).

3. Progress towards establishing new local leadership groups for freshwater management for the 2025-2028 Council triennium

Details of Local Leadership Groups

The proposed new groups will consist of core membership of Territorial Authorities, Mana Whenua and the Regional Council. It is proposed they operate in eight hydrologically connected catchments.

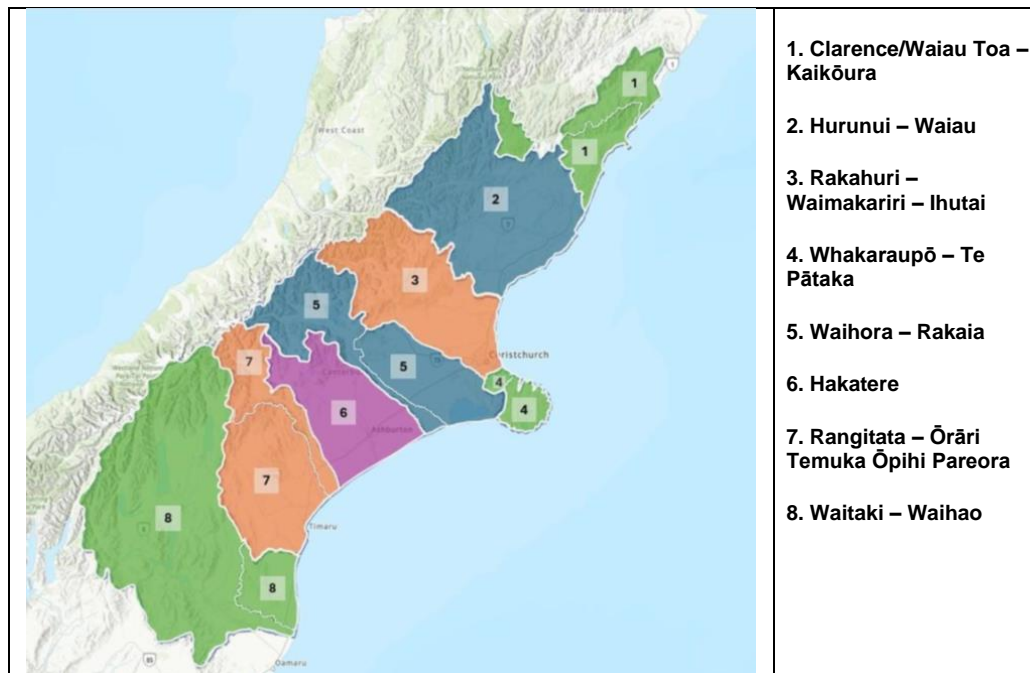
The proposed leadership groups' core purpose is to connect councils and mana whenua at the governance level to support collaborative and strategic integrated catchment management.

Their proposed primary function is to prioritise, align, and recommend relevant actions in connection with communities and interest groups, guided by work programmes that align with councils' Long-Term and Annual Plan cycles.

Through council engagements and work of the Working Group, it was made clear that local flexibility and ongoing connection with communities is critical. The developed model balances a level of regional consistency with the ability to tweak aspects to meet local needs. This includes flexibility for each group to determine how it includes, or connects to, community representation.

Indicative Scale of Local Leadership Group Catchment areas

Map 1 below – outlines indicative boundaries for each of the eight local leadership groups. Upcoming discussions in each area will clarify whether refinement of the geographic boundaries is required to ensure they best meet local needs.



These catchments align with natural catchment boundaries and capture where the water flows, from the mountain to the sea. Upcoming discussions in each area will clarify if refinement of these geographic boundaries is required to ensure they best meet local needs.

Next steps

Initial engagement with all Councils and Papatipu Rūnanga is being arranged from July to September 2025 to introduce this local leadership group approach in advance of the pending Local Government elections. Following local body elections in October 2025 it is intended the newly elected Councils, in conjunction with Rūnanga Executives, will determine their local leadership group's preferred structure, approach, and membership for the next Council triennium (2025 – 2028).

This is an opportunity to reinvigorate the collaborative spirit of the CWMS and shape how Territorial Authorities, Regional Council, and Mana Whenua work together with our communities and partners to improve freshwater outcomes, building on the achievements of water zone committees.

16.3 DOG CONTROL ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

Author: Dylan Murray, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager

Authoriser: Dylan Murray, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of dog control activities during the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

BACKGROUND

2. Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) requires that Waimate District Council provides specific information publicly by way of an annual report each financial year (within one month of the Council adopting this report). This report is provided to satisfy that requirement.

PROPOSAL

3. The following dog control data relates to the 12-month period ending 30 June 2025.

Number of registered dogs in the district

Class	2023/24	2024/25
Pet, Working, and Rural Pet	2842	2735
Dangerous	5	3
Menacing	19	20
Total	2866	2758

Number of disqualified/probationary owners in the district

Class	2023/24	2024/25
Disqualified Owners	1	0
Probationary Owners	3	0
Total	4	0

Number of dogs classified as dangerous during the reporting year

Dangerous	2023/24	2024/25
Total	2	1

Number of dogs classified as menacing during the reporting year

Menacing	2023/24	2024/25
Total	3	1

Number of infringement notices issued

Infringement	Section	2023/24	2024/25
Failure to keep dog under control or confined on owners' property	s52A	6	5
Failure to keep dog under control	s53(1)	1	1
Failure to microchip dog	s36A(6)	17	18
Failure to register dog	s42	30	24
Failure to comply with classification	s33EC	1	1
Failure to comply with any bylaw authorised by the section	s20(5)	2	0
Total		57	49

Note: The total number of infringement notices served excludes cancellations.

Number and nature of dog related service requests received

Service request	2023/24	2024/25
Wandering dogs	150	115
Barking dogs	66	71
Rushing dogs	13	6
Animal attacks	9	9
Person attacks	4	4
Total	242	205

Number of prosecutions undertaken

Prosecutions	2023/24	2024/25
Total	0	1

4. It is a statutory requirement for Waimate District Council to provide an annual report each financial year, which must be publicly notified.

ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

5. This matter is not deemed significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

CONSIDERATIONS

6. The animal control data identifies a decrease of 108 registered dogs throughout the Waimate District, compared to 2023/24. 100% of known dogs in the Waimate District were registered for the 2024/25 year.
7. There was a decrease in wandering dogs, down 35 on the previous year. There were 7 dogs impounded with all 7 being reclaimed by their owners.
8. Dangerous and Menacing dogs are 100% compliant with all specified requirements.

9. The dog behaviour/safety programme was completed for 2024/25 and it was very successful. 'Wolfie' the retired greyhound is still proving very popular within the community as staff continue to promote safety around dogs.
10. The report meets the reporting requirements of section 10A of the Act, as adopted by the Council.

Legislation

11. Dog Control Act 1996.

Territorial or Regional Council Regulations, Plans or Bylaws

12. Waimate District Council Bylaw Chapter 6 – Control of Dogs
13. Waimate District Council Policy Document – Dog Control

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Dog Control Annual Report 2024/25 be accepted; and
2. That, as required by the Dog Control Act 1996, Council adopts and publicly notifies the report.

16.4 OPERATIVE DISTRICT PLAN MINOR CORRECTION - DESIGNATION BOUNDARIES

Author: Alex Macdonald, Senior Planner

Authoriser: Dylan Murray, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek Council's authorisation to make minor correction to the operative Waimate District Plan (the Plan).

BACKGROUND

2. Changes to GIS mapping standards since the Plan maps were originally prepared and notified have resulted in a number of situations where relevant Plan layers (e.g. zone boundaries, designations) do not align with the relevant underlying feature (e.g. property boundaries)
3. Most Plan users now rely on (and are expected to rely on) Council's online mapping system. Section 2AC of the Resource Management Act (the RMA) alongside the (currently suspended) requirements under the national planning standards to provide an ePlan mean Council should ensure its online maps are fit for purpose.
4. There are currently a number of cases where Council's GIS mapping for Designation 3, New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) designation for State Highways 1 and 82, does not line up with the legal boundaries of the road. This has been identified through pre-application discussions with NZTA about a related application.
5. Consequently, NZTA have provided an updated dataset, and request that we correct the Plan using the power to correct minor errors in the Plan. Examples of the misalignment are included below.

PROPOSAL

6. Authorise Council officers to correct Designation 3, including the maps, using the process in Clause 20A of Schedule 1 of the RMA. Clause 20A states "A local authority may amend, without using the process in this schedule, an operative policy statement or plan to correct any minor errors."
7. The error to be corrected is the alignment of Designation 3, with the mapped designation to be aligned with the legal boundary of the State Highway. Examples are shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: Examples of boundary misalignment. Existing designation is solid hatch, corrected designation is outlined in orange

8. The correction will apply district wide. If authorised, Council officers will complete the process, including maintaining a record of the correction and republishing the online and paper maps.

ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

9. The proposal is assessed as being of negligible significance. Under Note 1 of Appendix A of the Plan, all legal roads are designated. The correction ensures that the relevant road controlling authority is recognised by the plan designation.

CONSIDERATIONS

10. Council must be satisfied that the error is of a minor nature to exercise the power in Clause 20A of the RMA. Officers consider that this standard is met, as:
 - a. The difference is barely distinguishable at the scale of the paper maps (which were the primary tool at the time the plan was notified); and
 - b. Council records indicate when the designation was rolled over into the current Plan, officers wrote to NZTA, indicating that the designation would be rolled over, with the legal description of Designation 3 noted as "State Highways 1 and 82"; and
 - c. Officers note that it is common for Clause 20A to be used to correct similar errors at other councils.
11. In the event that Council does not consent to the correction, officers will have to manage the mismatch for upcoming applications, potentially adding uncertainty, cost, and risk for both Council and NZTA.

FINANCIAL

12. There are no financial implications for this paper.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Operative District Plan Minor Correction: Clause 20a - Designation Boundaries report is accepted; and
2. That Council note that the boundary of Designation 3 on the planning maps of the Waimate District Plan does not match the legal boundary of State Highway 1 or State Highway 82; and
3. That Council authorise the Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager to make a correction to the Waimate District Plan, under Clause 20A of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act, to align the boundaries of Designation 3 to the legal boundaries of State Highway 1 and 82.

16.5 APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LOCAL CONTROLLERS

Author: Ann Hume, Emergency Management Officer and Health & Safety Advisor
Authoriser: Dylan Murray, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

1. To provide the relevant information to enable Council to consider the appointment of Peter Mark Winnington as an additional Local Controller.

BACKGROUND

2. The Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Act (2002) s64 (1) states a local authority must plan and provide for civil defence emergency management within its district, s64 (2) states a local authority must ensure that it is able to fully function, even though this may be at a reduced level, during and after an emergency.
3. A critical part of planning is the legislated role of a Local Controller. The Local Controller provides overall leadership and decision-making during emergencies and has widespread powers during a declared state of emergency.
4. Until recently Waimate District Council currently had four Local Controllers: Carolyn Johns, Mike Downes, Alison Banks and Dylan Murray.
5. Waimate District Council now has three Local Controllers: Dylan Murray, Steven Johnston and Shey Taylor.

Peter Mark Winnington (Mark)

6. Mark returned to the Timaru area with his family after spending the past 33 years in Wellington and moved to the Waimate area approximately two years ago.
7. He currently works as a Senior Advisor with WorkSafe New Zealand.
8. Previously he had an extensive career as a Police Officer during which he undertook a variety of roles, responsibilities, and had various ranks within the organisation. These included: Frontline Constable; CIB Constable on Trial/Detective Constable/Detective; Wellington Metro Organised Crime Unit; Operations Manager involved in covert policing with 40 staff; CIB Instructor at the Royal New Zealand Police College.
9. He gained extensive experience working within a regulatory environment having investigated and managed many complex investigations. He also has extensive supervisory experience through various roles undertaken with the New Zealand Police.
10. CDEM Qualifications and Background:
Mark completed CIMS 1 as part of his promotion to Sergeant. He has registered for the Control Function & Leadership Course in October 2025.

PROPOSAL

11. For Council to confirm the appointment of Peter Mark Winnington as an additional Local Controller.
12. Following Council's approval, the appointment of Peter Mark Winnington will be confirmed by Canterbury Chief Executive's Group (CEG) and Canterbury's Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee.

Options

13. That Council approves the appointment of Peter Mark Winnington as a Civil Defence Emergency Management Local Controller or;
14. That Council declines the appointment of Peter Mark Winnington as a Civil Defence Emergency Management Local Controller.

ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

15. This matter is not deemed significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

CONSIDERATIONS**Legislation**

16. The Civil Defence Emergency Management Act (2002) s64 (1, 2).

FINANCIAL

17. There will be no change to existing financial obligations.

Cost-effectiveness

18. Cost-effectiveness consideration has been applied in relation to the appointment (replacement). The new Local Controller will undertake training applicable to the role with a mix of training offered nationally and locally.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Appointment of a Civil Defence Emergency Management Local Controller report be accepted, and
2. That Council approves the appointment of Peter Mark Winnington as Civil Defence Emergency Management Local Controller.

16.6 WAIMATE DISTRICT CLIMATE RESILIENCE STRATEGY REVIEW

Author: Dylan Murray, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager

Authoriser: Stuart Duncan, Chief Executive

Attachments: 1. WDC Climate Resilience Strategy 2025 Final  

PURPOSE

1. For Council to review the Waimate District's Climate Resilience Strategy, with a view to separating the Climate Resilience Strategy from the Climate Resilience Action Plan section, including other minor changes.

BACKGROUND

2. Council adopted the Waimate District's Climate Resilience Strategy at the Council Meeting 22 July 2025 in line with national legislation and community engagement.
3. The Strategy aligns with several key national laws and plans:
 - (a) Climate Change Response Act 2002 (including the Zero Carbon Amendment Act 2019): Establishes the legal basis for emissions reduction and adaptation planning, including the creation of national emissions budgets and adaptation plans.
 - (b) Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA): Requires local authorities to consider climate change in environmental planning and land use decisions.
 - (c) National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP): These central government strategies provide guidance for local governments to manage climate risks and reduce emissions in line with the Paris Agreement targets.
4. Following the adoption of the Waimate District's Climate Resilience Strategy, aspects of the strategy did not align with agreed Council budgets for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027, therefore affecting the ability to measure and report on requirements of the plan with the adopted timelines for the action points.

PROPOSAL

5. It is proposed that the strategy section of the Climate Resilience Strategy be separated from the Climate Resilience Action Plan section.
6. The Strategy Resilience Strategy, pages 1 to 18 form the strategy to be adopted, with two changes proposed:
 - (a) Page 14 – Change of wording to say Short Term, Medium Term and Long Term only.
 - (b) Page 18 – Removal of the paragraph headed “Measuring the success of this strategy”.
7. The Climate Resilience Action Plan from page 19 to 50 is separated from the original strategy document. The action plan section should be reviewed to determine processes and systems, including any supporting software that will be required to deliver on the outcomes expected in the plan.
8. Each action deliverable requires to be costed and a budget determined so that an application for funding can be put forward in the Annual Plan 2026-2027 and the action plan brought back to Council for adoption with an accompanying budget.

Options

9. Option 1 - Council adopts the separation of the Climate Resilience Strategy from the Climate Resilience Action Plan, including the changes to pages 14 and 18 as noted in item 6. That a separate Climate Resilience Action Plan be brought back to Council fully costed for further discussion.

10. Option 2 - Council confirms the Climate Resilience Strategy, received and adopted on 22 July 2025 remains as a whole document and that all requirements of the plan be actioned.

ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

11. This matter is deemed as insignificant in accordance with the Waimate District Council Significance and Engagement Policy 301.

CONSIDERATIONS

12. No further considerations are known.

Legislation

13. Climate Change Response Act 2002.
14. Zero Carbon Amendment Act 2019.
15. Resource Management Act 1991.
16. Local Government Act 2002.

Territorial or Regional Council Regulations, Plans or Bylaws

17. Canterbury Climate Change Partnership Plan.
18. Audit New Zealand requires some regulatory reporting via Annual Plan and Long Term Plans which have be integrated into the strategy document.

Risk

19. Continuing with the Climate Resilience Strategy, as adopted, will incur unbudgeted expense in setting up processes, systems and allocation of staff time and resources to measuring against the outputs of the action plan.

FINANCIAL

20. The six Climate Resilience Strategy Action Plans require to be fully costed to determine the cost effectiveness of each plan against the expected outcomes.

Budget

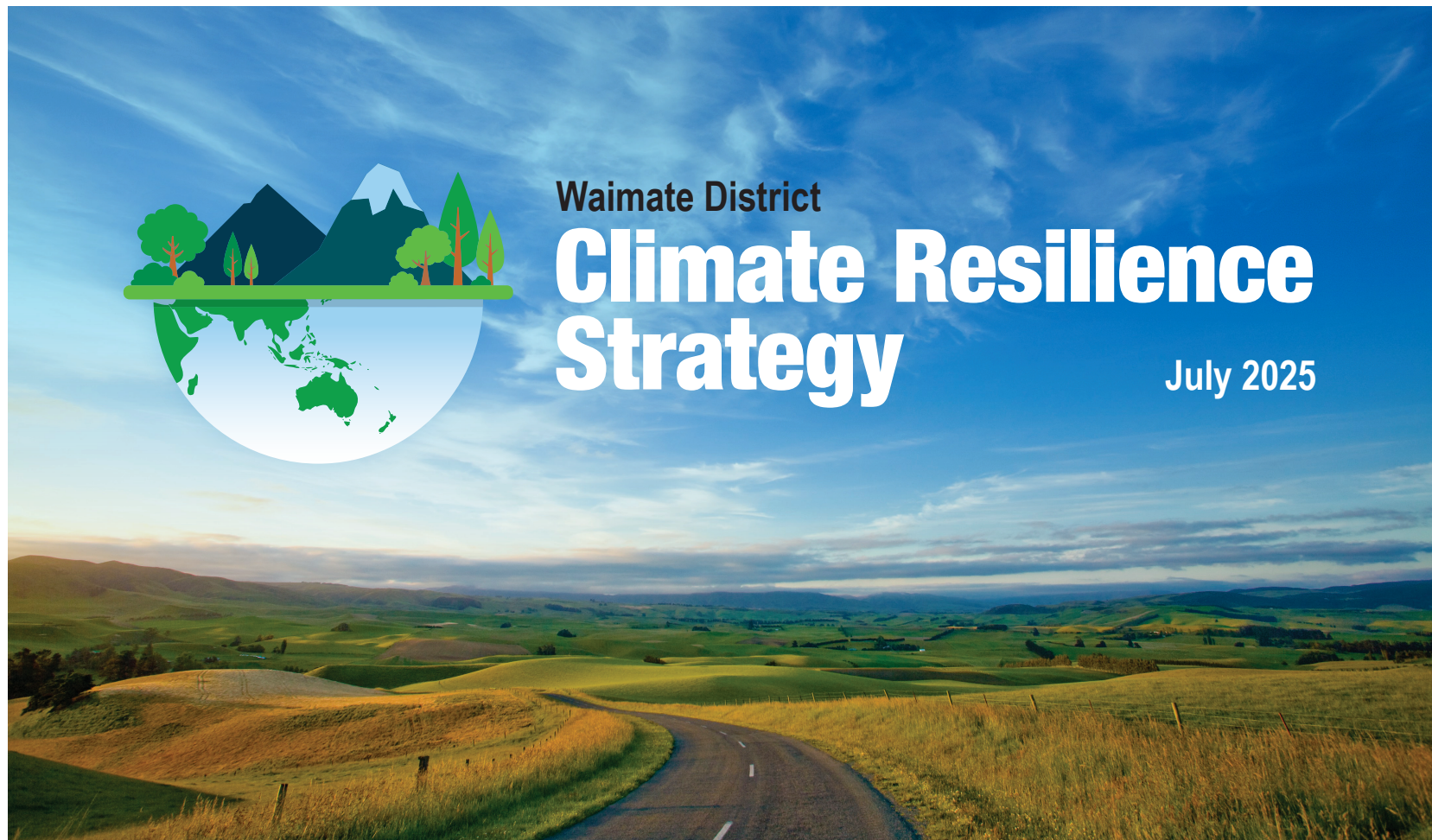
21. No provision has been made in Council budgets for addressing the six Climate Resilience Strategy Action Plans.

Cost-effectiveness

22. Cost effectiveness over time should be considered by Council as part of any decision making.

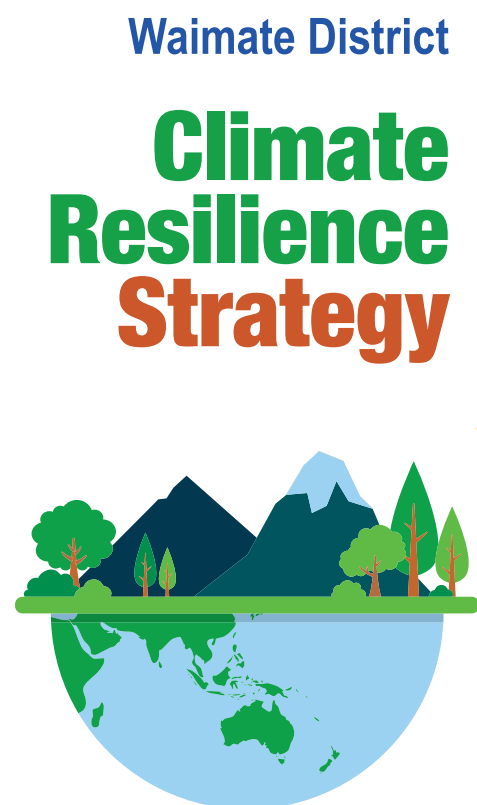
RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Waimate District Climate Resilience Strategy Review report is accepted; and
2. That Council either adopts Option 1 to separate the Climate Resilience Strategy from the Climate Resilience Action Plans including the minor alterations on page 14 and 18 of the strategy section; or
3. That Council adopts Option 2 and confirms the Climate Resilience Strategy, received and adopted on 22 July 2025, remains as a whole document and that all requirements of the plan be actioned.



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Whakataukī

“He taura whiri
kotahi mai anō te
kopunga tai no i te
pu au.”

*From the source
to the mouth of the sea,
all things are joined together
as one.*

This proverb highlights the interconnectedness of all elements in the environment, a concept crucial to understanding the impacts of climate change across our economy, natural environment, community and personal wellbeing.

Message from the Mayor



Craig Rowley, Mayor
Waimate District Council

The world around us is evolving at a remarkable pace, presenting both challenges and opportunities. Our Climate Resilience Strategy represents a pivotal step towards securing a prosperous, sustainable future for the economy, environment, and overall wellbeing of our district's community. Accordingly, this strategy is focused on our district and what is happening at a local level. It gives us an opportunity to work locally to ensure that the Waimate District is in the best possible position moving forward into an ever-changing environment with both challenges and opportunities to be faced together for the security and safety of our district and residents

Climate change stands as one of the most critical issues of our time. Though there remains much to uncover, its effects are already visible in our weather patterns, public health, natural ecosystems, cherished taonga species, mahinga kai, food systems, biosecurity, infrastructure, and economy.

In 2024, through a comprehensive community engagement effort, we undertook a district-wide assessment that underscored a strong local commitment to climate action. By working together, we can shape a brighter future for the Waimate District, unlocking new possibilities as we transition to a low-emission, innovative, and sustainable region.

The world around us is evolving at a remarkable pace, presenting both challenges and opportunities. Our Climate Resilience Strategy represents a pivotal step towards securing a prosperous, sustainable future for the economy, environment, and overall wellbeing of our district's community. Accordingly,

The Waimate District Council Climate Resilience Strategy serves as both a roadmap for collective action and a platform for meaningful dialogue. It shifts the focus beyond debates about the existence of climate change to understanding its broader implications and addressing its impacts. By taking this inclusive approach, we aim to enable both mitigation and adaptation efforts across the Waimate District, collaborating closely with neighbouring councils and the Canterbury Region as a whole.

This strategy provides overarching guidance for decision-making and planning related to climate adaptation and mitigation. It envisions a shared responsibility between the Council and the community, working hand-in-hand towards achieving goals that safeguard the wellbeing of our people—today and for generations to come.

By embracing a forward-thinking mindset, we can not only enhance community wellbeing but also generate a ripple effect of positive outcomes. Together, we must acknowledge the challenges ahead and reimagine our district's future amidst a changing climate.

**Now is our opportunity –
let's seize it together.**

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What is climate change?

Climate encompasses the weather patterns of a specific geographic area, the Waimate District is characterised by a generally 'dry' climate. Over the vast timeline of Earth's history, the climate has always been in a state of flux and will continue to change naturally.

The global concern with 'human-induced' climate change, however, arises from its disruptive impact on the relative climate stability that has persisted for the last 10,000 years, following the end of the last ice age. This stability has been a cornerstone for humanity, enabling agriculture to flourish and laying the foundation for civilization as we

know it. It has provided millennia of economic, environmental, social, and personal security.

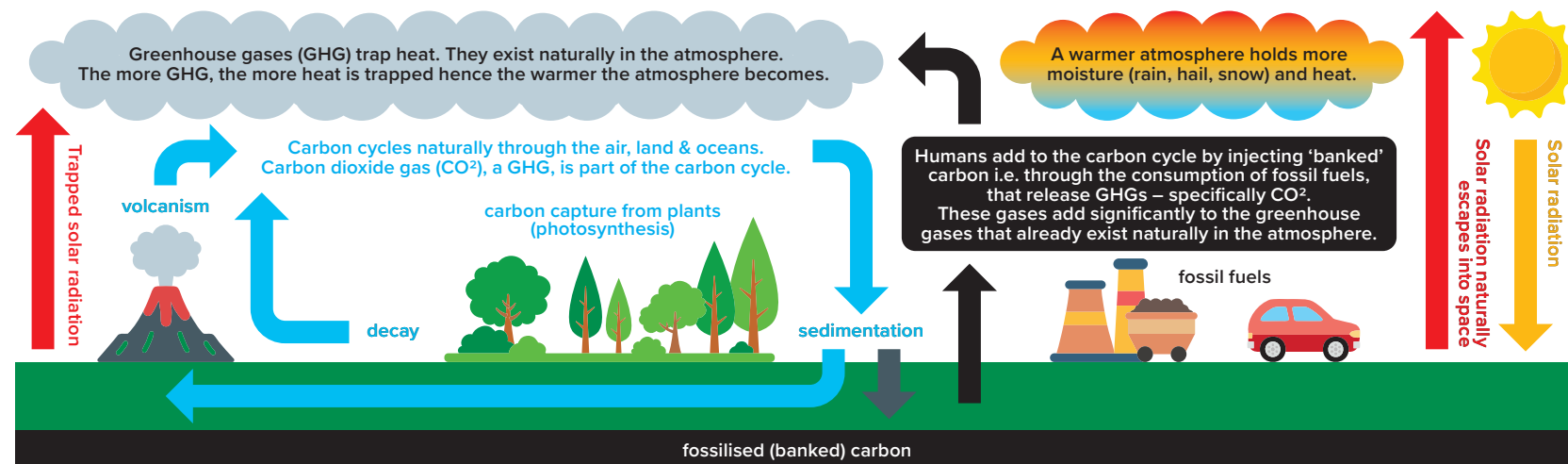
Since the mid-1800s, with the advent of the Industrial Revolution, humans have been extracting and burning 'banked' carbon stored in fossil fuels. This process releases greenhouse gases – specifically carbon dioxide gas (CO_2), which trap more of the Sun's energy that would otherwise escape into space, resulting in a warming effect on both the atmosphere and oceans.

A warmer atmosphere holds increased moisture. As a result, areas that are typically wet can expect

heavier rainfall, while dry regions are likely to experience intensified heat and aridity. Human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels during this phase of Earth's history, are driving these climatic shifts, creating a 'new normal.' Addressing this new reality is at the heart of our strategy.

Extreme weather events have already proven costly for our district. A well-developed Climate Resilience Strategy allows us to adapt effectively to these changes, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future. Additionally, this strategy aligns with broader Canterbury and national climate policies, as well as our international commitments.

The Carbon Cycle, CO_2 and Climate Change



Ref: What Is Climate Change? | United Nations.

Likely impacts of climate change for the Waimate District

Climatic changes to the Waimate District are generally reflective of Canterbury as a whole. Looking towards the years 2050 and 2100, these changes are likely to be more significant than what we are experiencing today. Reflecting on climate extremes over the past 30 years and projecting these 30 years into the future can provide context beyond the immediacy of what we see and experience on a day-by-day basis. Increases in temperature and drought potential are among the main impacts to our district. It is important to note that climate stability is a key input and consideration for the sustainability of our rural economy.



Ref: Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment.

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The sea level is projected to rise by about 0.8m above present day levels.



Wildfires will become more likely as hotter, drier summers occur. Rural areas will be more highly exposed.



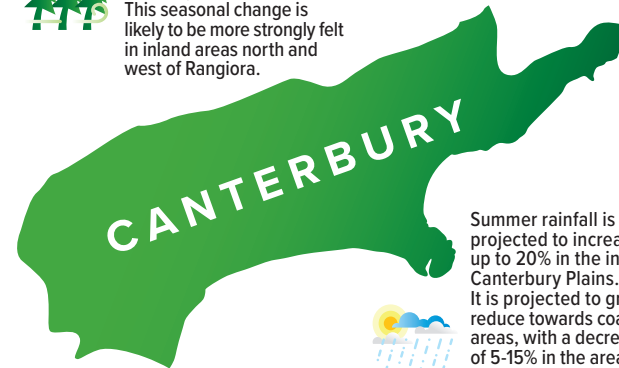
Drought potential is likely to increase across most of Canterbury.



Hot days are those over 25°C. It is projected that there will be between 20 and 60 more hot days annually by 2100.



Wind is likely to increase in speed, and winter and spring are likely to be windier. This seasonal change is likely to be more strongly felt in inland areas north and west of Rangiora.



Summer rainfall is projected to increase up to 20% in the inland Canterbury Plains. It is projected to gradually reduce towards coastal areas, with a decrease of 5-15% in the area around Christchurch.



An increase in winter rainfall of 15-40% is expected in the eastern, western, and southern parts of the region. Winter rainfall has the potential to be more strongly associated with storm events.



As temperatures rise, there will be less snow days across the region.



It is projected that there will be 20-50 fewer cold days per year, where the temperature is at or below 0°C.



Extreme weather events (e.g., severe storms) are likely to happen more often.



Our annual mean temperature is set to rise by 1.5 - 3.5°C. Overall, our maximum daytime temperatures will be up 2-5°C. Canterbury's alpine and subalpine areas could be 5-6° warmer.

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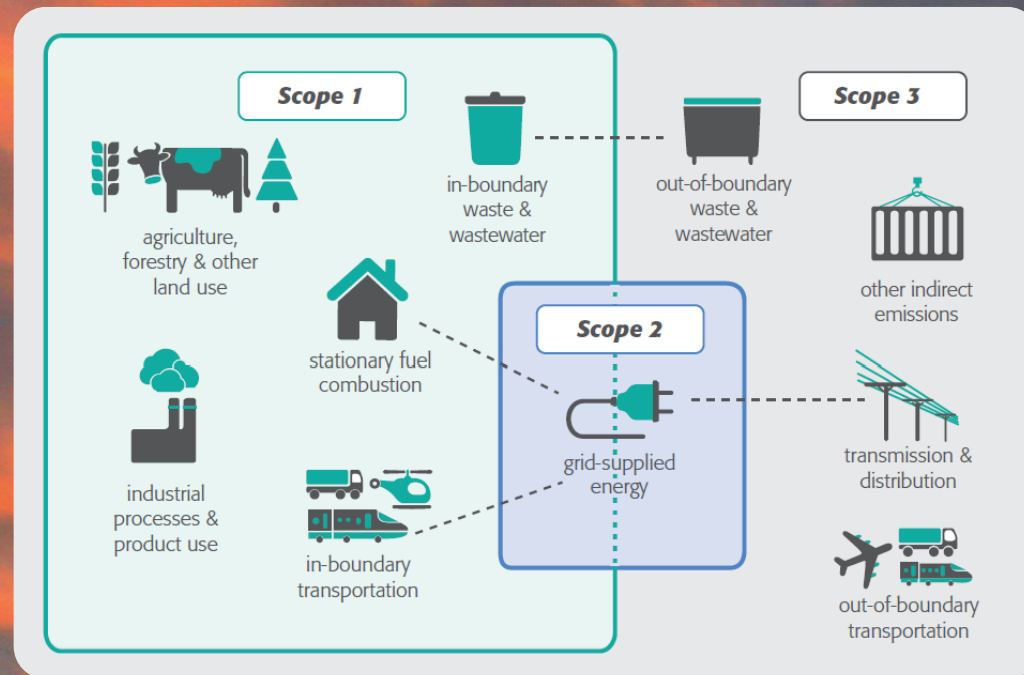


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Understanding carbon emissions

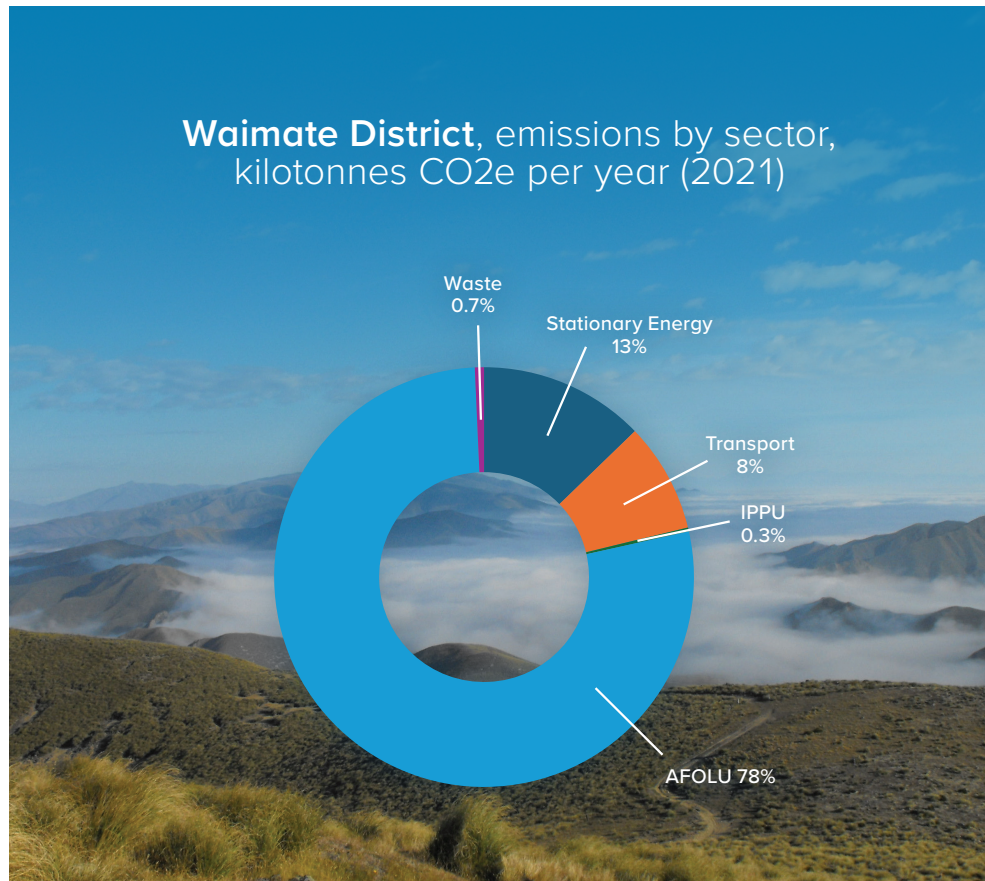
For reporting purposes, greenhouse gases (GHG) are expressed as CO₂ equivalents (CO₂e). These express all GHG emissions in terms of the warming potential of carbon dioxide. This allows a comprehensive view of total emissions across all gases. GHG's are further grouped into scope 1, 2, and 3 and refer to where emissions occur in relation to a geographic area.

- **Scope 1 (Direct Emissions)**
Emissions from sources directly controlled by an organisation, such as fuel burned in vehicles or boilers on-site.
- **Scope 2 (Indirect Energy Emissions)**
Emissions from the production of energy (like electricity or heat) that the organisation purchases and uses.
- **Scope 3 (Value Chain Emissions)**
Indirect emissions related to the organisation's activities but occurring in its supply chain, such as emissions from suppliers, transportation, waste management, or employee commuting.



Ref: Emissions inventory a first for Canterbury | Environment Canterbury.

Carbon emissions from the Waimate District



Ref: Emissions inventory a first for Canterbury | Environment Canterbury (2023).

A 2021 report, commissioned by the Canterbury Regional Council, showed a 2% drop in emissions since 2018. Four main greenhouse gases were measured—CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, and fluorinated gases (F)—expressed as kilotonnes of CO₂ equivalent per year (tCO₂e). Rural areas like ours, with little urban or industrial activity, have higher emissions of CH₄ and N₂O, while CO₂ emissions are more typical of urban areas. Across Canterbury, our district had the second highest per capita emissions at 119.9 tCO₂e. Our gross emissions were 995 tCO₂e. The overall gross GHG emissions in Canterbury were 13,176 kilotonnes (thousand tonnes) carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) per year in 2021 with a corresponding regional per capita emissions of 20.3 tonnes per person.

The Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sector is the largest source of emissions, mainly from livestock (710 tCO₂e), fertilisers (55 tCO₂e), and crops (9 tCO₂e). The transport and stationary energy sectors follow, with smaller contributions from industrial processes and waste.

Stationary energy and transport produce most of the CO₂, but little of the other gases. Industrial processes primarily emit fluorinated gases, but their overall impact in our district is minor. Methane (CH₄), mostly from agriculture, is the biggest single greenhouse gas emitted, with the AFOLU sector also producing large amounts of nitrous oxide (N₂O). Waste contributes minimally, with methane from solid waste disposal being the main source (6 tCO₂e).

Stationary energy emissions mainly come from heating and industrial energy production. In transport, on-road vehicles are the largest source (45 tCO₂e), followed by off-road transport (38 tCO₂e). Industrial processes mostly emit fluorinated gases from refrigeration systems. In agriculture, CH₄ emissions from livestock are the biggest contributor, while methane from waste mainly comes from solid waste disposal.

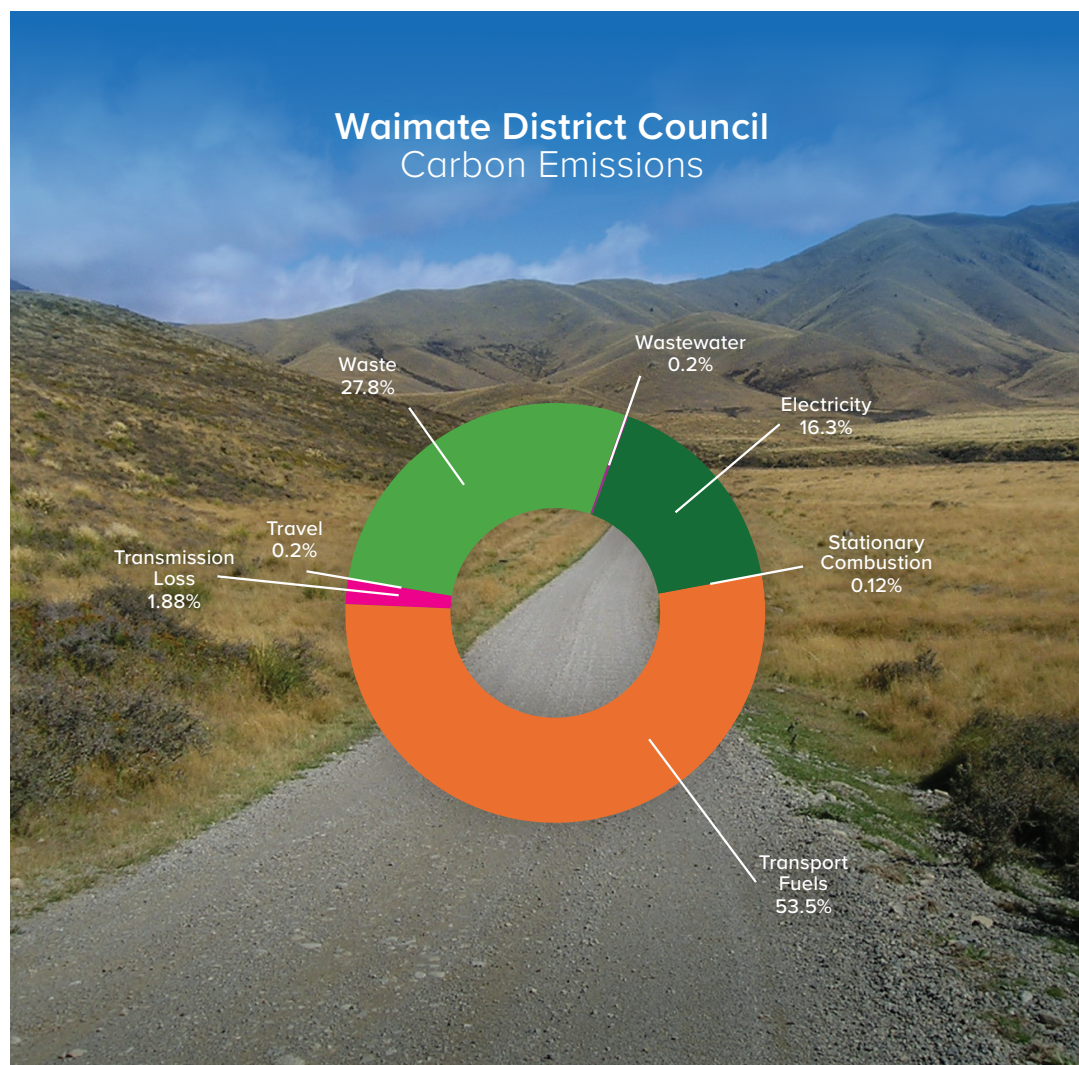
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The Council prepared its second Greenhouse Gas Emission report for the 2022/23 tax year (the first was for 2018/19). The Waimate District Council manages 142 hectares of forest, which acts as a 'net carbon sink,' absorbing more emissions than it produces. Forests removed -1,207 tonnes of greenhouse gases, while the Council's gross emissions were 959 tonnes. This results in net emissions of -248 tonnes, showing that the Council is overall contributing positively to combating climate change.

The Council's biggest emissions come from transport fuels, largely due to roading works that use many vehicles and equipment across the district.

For solid waste emissions, it's best to know the exact composition of the waste to use accurate emission factors. Since the type of waste in Waimate District isn't fully known, estimates have been made. Based on public facilities like campgrounds and pools, a ratio of 95% general waste to 5% office waste has been assumed. Office waste has a higher emissions factor because it likely contains paper. Landfills that don't capture methane (CH₄) have much higher emissions than those with gas systems. Waimate's waste goes to Redruth Landfill in Timaru, which has methane capture and a gas flaring system.

For electricity, emissions depend on the energy source. The emission factor reflects the carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) from electricity generated on the national grid. It accounts for emissions from burning fuels at power stations and geothermal emissions, based on data from MBIE.

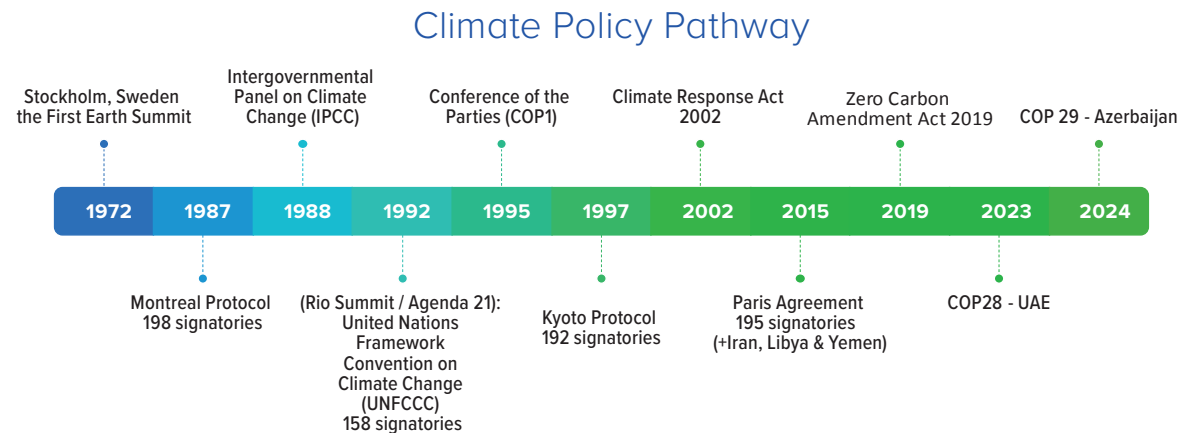


Ref: Waimate District Council Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2022/23 Tax Year

The pathway to our climate resilience strategy

This strategy has been framed from both statutory obligations and community feedback.

New Zealand's key policy pathways for climate change have evolved over time, influenced by both international commitments and domestic priorities.



International Agreements

New Zealand's climate policies are shaped by its commitments under international agreements, which aims to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. As at 2023, approximately 180 nations had emission profiles similar to ours, i.e. less than 2% of total global emissions. These nations collectively contributed 30% of total emissions, nearly three times more than the US alone (ref: EDGAR - The Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research). Hence the requirements for nations to act collaboratively for the good of all. Historically New Zealand has shown strong leadership in international collaboration earning a justifiable respect amongst nations.

There are three main international policies that guide climate adaption and mitigation.

- I. **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (1992):** The UNFCCC entered into force on 21 March 1994. Today, it has universal membership with 198 countries having ratified the Convention. In 1994, when the UNFCCC took effect, there was less scientific evidence than there is now. The UNFCCC borrowed a very important line from one of the most successful multilateral environmental treaties in history (the Montreal Protocol, in 1987): it bound member states to act in the interests of human safety even in the face of scientific uncertainty. The UNFCCC is a "Rio Convention", one of two opened for signature at the "Rio Earth Summit" in 1992. Its sister Rio Conventions are the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification. The three are intrinsically linked.
- II. **The Kyoto Protocol (1997)** built on the UNFCCC and commits signatories to reducing greenhouse gases based on the scientific consensus that the atmosphere is warming due to humans injecting 'banked carbon' from burning fossil fuels. The Kyoto Protocol has been signed by 192 parties. The Protocol was adopted in 1997 and entered into force in 2005.
- III. **The Paris Agreement (2015)** is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, France, on 12 December 2015. It entered into force on 4 November 2016. Its overarching goal is to hold "the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels" and pursue efforts "to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels."

Ref: What is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change? | UNFCCC

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Government Frameworks

The New Zealand Government has developed comprehensive frameworks and strategies to address climate change. This includes the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019, which sets the legal framework for reducing emissions and adapting to climate change.

As of July 2024 ...

New Zealand is working to reduce emissions and has committed to:

By 2030:

- Reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (Target 9).
- Reduce net greenhouse gas emissions to 50 per cent below gross 2005 levels by 2030 (New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement).
- Reduce biogenic methane to 10 per cent below 2017 levels by 2030.

By 2050:

- Reach net zero for long-lived gases by 2050.
- Reduce biogenic methane to 24 to 47 per cent below 2017 levels by 2050 (The 2050 methane target is currently subject to an independent expert review).

In April 2024, the Government announced nine targets to achieve better results in areas that matter to New Zealanders.

Target 9 is focused on reducing net greenhouse gas emissions to no more than **290M tCO₂-e from 2022 to 2025 and 305M tCO₂e from 2026 to 2030**.

This keeps us on track to meet New Zealand's 2050 net zero target. The **Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)** is a crucial piece of legislation in New Zealand. It mandates that local governments must account for the impacts of climate change on communities. The RMA requires that climate change considerations be integrated into existing frameworks, plans, projects, and standard decision-making processes. This Act serves as a key guiding document for the Council when addressing climate change.

National Adaptation Plan and Emissions Reduction Plans: Local governments are required to consider these plans when developing or changing regional policy statements, regional plans, and district plans. This ensures that RMA planning aligns with New Zealand's long-term climate strategies and goals.

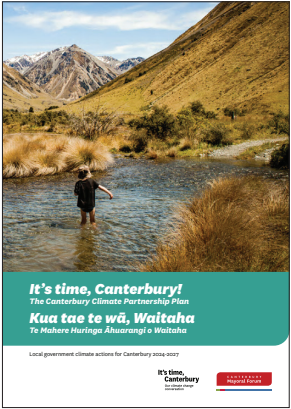
Two other key documents used in framing this strategy were the **National Climate Change and Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessments**.

Ref: J001281-MfE-Climate-strategy-brochure-FF_webV2.pdf



How our community shaped this strategy

Starting in late 2023 The Waimate District Council enacted 10 public engagement sessions with the community, seven aimed specifically at what ended up by community consensus as the six Action Plans that form the basis of this strategy. Each Action Plan was further critiqued for clarity and consistency by a reference group made up of four elected representatives and the specialist in-council manager pertaining to that Action Plan. In total there were 488 community contributor engagements. 111 people responded to our first online survey in September 2023.



Waimate District
Climate Resilience Strategy

What's all the fuss about?
Should we be concerned?
Is climate change a thing?
What are we planning and why?

Join us for an evening to hear perspectives from some key players in the district

Economic Perspectives

- Thursday 1 March 7pm Waimate High School Hall, Paul Street, Waimate
- South Canterbury Community
- South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce
- South Canterbury Regional Council
- South Canterbury District Council
- South Canterbury District Council

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Climate Resilience Strategy

Who is best placed to lead economically, environmentally, socially and culturally?
How can we empower a culture of mutual support?
What are the key benefits of collaboration?
Where are we at with the strategy?

Leadership, Empowerment and Collaboration Action Plan Workshop

Summary of the strategy from the Mayor

Join us for our last interactive workshop

Be part of the solution

Fill out the Leadership, Empowerment and Collaboration survey at waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

Tuesday 10 December, 6pm | Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

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What could future transport look like?
Is there an opportunity for Waimate to be a freight hub?
Should we re-think public transport?
Can we cycle and walk more?

Transport Action Plan Workshop

Join us for an interactive workshop on transport challenges and opportunities in our district

This is the first of a series of workshops where we are taking your input to draft the Climate Resilience Strategy.

Fill out the survey at waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

Tuesday 2 April, 6pm | Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

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How important is water security to our district's economy?
How might population growth impact our water security?
Is our infrastructure flood resilient?
How should we manage water shortages?

Water Management Action Plan Workshop

Join us for an interactive workshop on water management challenges and opportunities in our district

This is the second of a series of workshops where we are taking your input to draft the Climate Resilience Strategy.

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Tuesday 14 May, 6pm | Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

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Are we allowing, and planning for the right land use activities in the right place?
What considerations should apply to buildings and structures?
How do we manage our cultural, heritage and biodiversity assets?

Land Use and the Built Environment Action Plan Workshop

Hear potential issues and solutions from our expert guest speaker

Join us for an interactive workshop on land use and the built environment challenges and opportunities in our district

This is the third of a series of workshops where we are taking your input to draft the Climate Resilience Strategy.

Fill out the Land Use and the Built Environment survey at waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

Tuesday 23 June, 6pm | Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

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What is carbon sequestration? What does it mean for Waimate?
Biodiversity corridors and riparian buffers – what are they and what are the benefits?
What is the link between biodiversity and climate change?
Can our local economy benefit from nature-based solutions?

Carbon Sequestration and Natural Restoration Action Plan Workshop

Hear about potential opportunities for our district from our expert guest speaker

Join us for an interactive workshop on carbon sequestration and natural restoration challenges and opportunities for our district

This is the fourth of a series of workshops where we are taking your input to draft the Climate Resilience Strategy.

Fill out the Carbon Sequestration and Natural Restoration survey at waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

Tuesday 6 August, 6pm | Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

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Climate Resilience Strategy

Waste and greenhouse gases: what's the connection?
What might reimagining the 3R's of waste look like?
What is a circular economy?
What economic opportunities exist in this space?

Waste and Circular Economy

Hear about potential opportunities and solutions from Timaru's Enviro NZ Waste Minimisation Educator

Join us for an interactive workshop on the challenges and opportunities this brings to our district

This is the fifth of a series of workshops where we are taking your input to draft the Climate Resilience Strategy.

Fill out the Waste and Circular Economy survey at waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

Tuesday 17 September, 6pm | Waimate Event Centre, Paul Street, Waimate

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Where should we go to find out?
How can we leverage off the opportunities?
What do we need to know?
How do we engage in the process?

Education and Empowerment Action Plan Workshop

Drop in session: Contribute online or in person on the day

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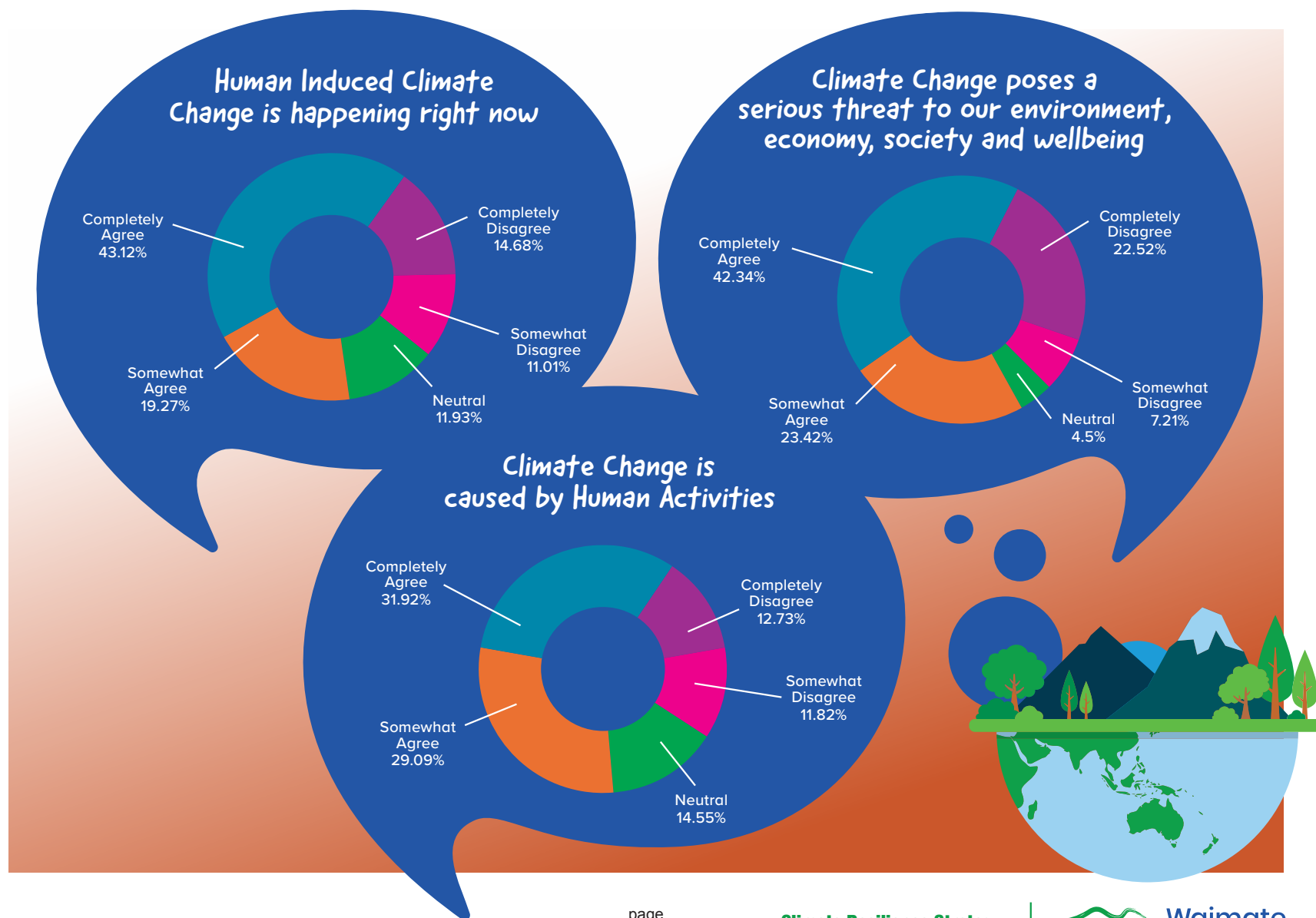
Additionally, our district's strategy seeks alignment with the wider Canterbury Region through the collaborative 'Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan' of which our council through the Mayoral Forum and its elected representatives were key contributors to.



Here's what you said

1. Acknowledge that climate change is occurring, and we all must act responsibly going forward. We are all in this together, so we all have a collective responsibility to care for our environment.
2. Keep pushing the economic opportunities for businesses to be engaged with climate change (whether they believe in CC or not).
3. Have a more transparent Council, and elected members to show leadership.
4. Education around how being climate friendly does not necessarily need to affect the bottom line, and in some cases may help it.
5. Bring together individual community groups doing great things with the environment. Ensure communication is flowing so that efficiencies and collective impact is greater.
6. We are now a diverse cultural community. Draw on these cultures to broaden our understanding in and of the world. No one should be isolated, encourage participation in various clubs. Wellbeing depends on positive interaction among people.
7. It is important that those who want to be involved are able to.
8. Consider long-term climate impacts when we design and invest in infrastructure, so the right infrastructure is in the right places.
9. The Council is on the right track. It won't happen overnight.
10. There are no threats that can be directly attributed to climate change. There always have been floods, droughts windstorms and these will continue to occur.
11. Our country has its head in the clouds as our impact as a country globally will make no difference!
12. We want a vision to be the district that contributes the least to climate change emissions. This means innovation, being brave and trialling things and allowing planning rules and master plans to be enablers not hinderers.
13. It might be challenging in the long run to keep current land use compatible with a new climate. Strong governance in relation to irrigation and the protection of source water is of paramount importance.
14. The use of a te ao Māori (Māori world view) framework and mātauranga Māori is particularly helpful for understanding and addressing issues that affect several different parts of the environmental system.
15. There needs to be a long term vision and action plan.
16. Bring together individual community groups doing great things with the environment. Ensure communication is flowing so that efficiencies and collective impact is greater.
17. Projects that involve youth in meaningful ways. I think people love it when they can point to something and I say I was a part of this. Young people can be better at thinking "outside the box" for solutions. Also young people can feel helpful so being a part of solutions can help them to feel empowered.





Our climate resilience vision

Our vision is to create a sustainable future by reducing emissions, protecting our environment, and preparing for impacts and opportunities of a changing climate. We aim to work with our community, iwi, businesses, and other partners to promote renewable energy, greener transport, sustainable land use, and climate resilience. Together, we strive for a thriving, low-carbon district that safeguards its people and natural resources for generations to come.

Strategy purpose

This Climate Resilience Strategy aims to guide our district in reducing emissions, safeguarding the natural environment, and preparing for the effects of a changing climate. It seeks to align ongoing climate-related efforts across Waimate District Council activities while establishing a framework for collaboration. This includes working together with neighbouring councils, iwi partners, local and central government, private industry, NGOs, educational institutions, and the wider community.

Waimate District Council's role

Our community looks to the Council and its elected representatives for leadership. We are committed to supporting local businesses and community initiatives while fostering collaboration across the district. Together, we can work toward our shared goals in a changing climate. However, this is not a challenge we can tackle alone—success will require a collective effort from everyone in our district.

Strategy objectives

- Coordinate and integrate climate resilient initiatives across all areas of Council operations.
- Increase community awareness of the impacts and opportunities a changing climate presents.
- Demonstrate leadership in addressing the impacts of a changing climate.
- Facilitate meaningful conversations within the community about climate action.
- Establish a framework to prioritise and initiate climate-related actions.



Our climate resilience principles

Council's climate resilience principles help integrate work already underway in the climate resilience space, and to guide future projects and decisions. Under each principle are specific statements about what they mean for our community. The statements are based around legislative responsibilities and feedback from our community. The district's Climate Resilience Strategy and Action Plans will be guided by these principles e.g. setting mitigation and adaptation targets.

1. **Be proactive**
We will model strong leadership to address climate challenges and opportunities for the district.
2. **Think intergenerational**
We will take an intergenerational perspective that is inclusive of short, medium and long term planning that spans political, and financial cycles to plan for a changing climate.
3. **Seek opportunities and maximise co-benefits**
We will choose adaption actions that achieve complementary goals while avoiding maladaptation and support positive and innovative ideas that contribute to climate solutions for the district.
4. **Promote equity and inclusiveness**
We will prioritise helping people, places and infrastructure that are most vulnerable to climate impacts, while building adaptive capacity for the whole district.
5. **Be collaborative**
We will work in partnership with the local Runanga, the agriculture sector, community groups, businesses, households, youth; local, regional and central government organisations to build on existing knowledge to develop and implement actions.
6. **Climate change adaption, mitigation and transition**
We will embed climate resilience as a core consideration in all decision making.
7. **Make well-informed decisions**
We will base our climate change actions on a foundation of sound evidence including science, data, local knowledge and mātauranga Māori.
8. **Kaitiakitanga and working with nature**
We will uphold the principle and duty of kaitiakitanga (guardianship). Our policies, planning and regulation should protect, enhance and restore nature, and any impacts on nature should be mitigated as much as possible.
9. **Be transparent**
We will be open about what we are doing and how we are tracking to help people shape and understand our decisions.
10. **Promote wellbeing**
Our climate actions will improve environmental, social, economic and cultural wellbeing.

Our climate resilience targets



In 2019, the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act (CCRA) set domestic targets into law. Our districts climate targets are reflective of these under the CCRA. Subsequently our Climate Resilience Strategy has three target aims:

1. Carbon neutral by 2050 for the district.
2. Build climate resilience through a just and equitable intergenerational approach to planning and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate.
3. We factor in intergenerational sustainability of our natural environment, economy, society, and cultural wellbeing.

Our Climate Resilience Strategy sets targets for the Council as an organisation, the District as a whole, and collaborative efforts with the community and contractors. These targets are supported by our six Climate Change Resilience Action Plans, which detail specific steps to achieve short- and medium-term goals, while long-term goals provide aspirational milestones for both the Council and the community.

Within our district, there are already many examples of leadership aimed at achieving these targets, such as farm carbon reduction initiatives and regenerative farming practices, driving transformation in this sector. Although the Council has limited influence to directly speed up this progress, we fully support the leadership being demonstrated within our district and will continue to seek ways to advocate for and promote these changes for our collective advantage.

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Targets		Adaption	Mitigation
Short Term (2025-2026)	District	We will conduct an inventory and risk matrix to identify communities and infrastructure most vulnerable to climate-related hazards.	Progress towards long-term district target.
	Council	We will make informed planning decisions that take into account the expected impacts of climate change.	Will reduce our carbon footprint by 5% below 2023 levels, excluding biogenic methane and nitrous oxide.
Medium Term (2027-2030)	District	We will create community-driven adaptation plans to address the needs of communities and infrastructure most vulnerable to climate hazards.	Progress towards long-term district target.
	Council	We will ensure that infrastructure is designed to withstand the impacts of a changing climate.	Will reduce our carbon footprint by 10% below 2023 levels, excluding biogenic methane and nitrous oxide. Progress towards long-term district target.
		We will realise our climate resilience vision by delivering on our Climate Change Principles.	
Long Term (2028 – 2037)	District	Net carbon zero district by 2050, excluding biogenic methane and nitrous oxide.	
	Council	Will be a net carbon zero council by 2050, excluding biogenic methane and nitrous oxide. We will actively prepare for a changing climate.	



Climate Resilience Action Plans

“ If you fail to plan, you plan to fail ”

Benjamin Franklin

Our six Action Plans are based on the five 'risk' domains identified in the 'National Climate Change Risk Assessment': Natural Environment; Human; Economy; Built Environment and Governance.

They are the result of the online community consultation taken in late 2023 and subsequent Action Plan workshops conducted throughout 2024.

They seek to address the two key climate goals that have stemmed from the Paris Agreement through to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act (CCRA) and intergenerational sustainability.

1. Carbon neutral by 2050 for the district.
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3. We factor in intergenerational sustainability of our natural environment, economy, society, and cultural wellbeing.

The key objectives for each Action Plan are outlined below with key Action Points highlighted in the Action Plans themselves.



AP1: Leadership, Empowerment and collaboration

Objectives

1. The Council shows leadership in addressing the issues and opportunities climate change presents by both working and facilitating collaborative partnerships with and between local iwi, key stakeholders, and the community.
2. The community are empowered to address the issues and opportunities climate change presents through an increased understanding of climate change issues and opportunities by taking an active role in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Goals

1. Integrate climate change principles into the Council's culture, key documents, and decision-making processes.
2. Develop the Council's organisational knowledge about climate change, mitigation, and adaptation.
3. Empower and collaborate with stakeholders, partners, and the community to create a unified approach to addressing climate issues and opportunities.
4. Develop community awareness about matters relating to climate change, including the Council's response.

AP2: Transport

Part 1 Outcome: Reduce transport related carbon emissions.

Objectives

1. Promote low carbon and travel efficiency.
 - 1.1. Enable reduced and more efficient council travel.
 - 1.2. Enable reduced and more efficient community travel.
 - 1.3. Enable and encourage active transport.
2. Embed nature-based solutions as part of our response to reducing transport emissions and improving climate adaptation and biodiversity outcomes.
3. Develop freight efficiencies to, from and within the district.
 - 3.1. Engage with industry to streamline supply chain and freight distribution.

Part 2 Outcome: Improve the resilience of transport infrastructure.

Objectives

4. Reduce the vulnerability of transport infrastructure exposed to climate change.
 - 4.1. Identify transport infrastructure that is at risk or vulnerable to climate change.
 - 4.2. Prioritise the risk management of assets so that services can continue if disruption occurs.
5. Ensure all new transport infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.
 - 5.1. Apply climate change assumptions to new transport projects.
 - 5.2. Collaborate with other transport providers, within the Canterbury Region, to build climate resilience.
6. Use renewal programmes to improve adaptive capacity.
 - 6.1. Consider long-term climate impacts when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure.

AP3: Water Management

Part 1 Outcome: Reduce and manage Water Management related greenhouse gas emissions.

Objectives

1. Reduce and manage greenhouse gas emissions from water infrastructural services.
 1. 1. Consider and optimise greenhouse gas reduction measures in any new projects.
 1. 2. Embrace new technologies.

Part 2 Outcome: Improve the resilience of water infrastructure.

Objectives

2. Reduce the vulnerability of water infrastructure exposed to climate change.
 2. 1. Identify water infrastructure that is at risk or vulnerable to climate change.
 2. 2. Prioritise the risk management of assets so that services can continue if disruption occurs.
 2. 3. Develop adaptive design and planning pathways when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure.
3. Ensure all new water infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.
 3. 1. Apply climate resilience assumptions to new water asset projects.
 3. 2. Use renewal programmes to improve adaptive capacity.

Part 3 Outcome: Manage water responsibly and sustainably.

Objectives

4. Increase Council and community understanding of water use.
5. Increase understanding of water supply assets.
6. Develop demand management strategy.

AP4: Land use and the built environment

Part 1 Outcome: Reduce Land Use and the Built Environment related GHG emissions.

Objectives

1. Promote low emission and sustainable land use and building practises.

Part 2 Outcome: Ensure land use activities and buildings are resilient to climate change.

Objectives

2. Ensure land use decisions improve resilience.
3. Acknowledge cultural and heritage values in land use decisions.

Part 3 Outcome: Improve the resilience of community infrastructure.

Objectives

4. Identify and reduce climate change risk to existing community building and infrastructure e.g. community halls, public toilets, the Event Centre, museum, library and the LGC.

AP5: Carbon Sequestration and Natural Restoration

Objectives

1. Support native afforestation, land reversion and establishment of new production forests in the right location (right tree, right place, right purpose).
2. Prioritise nature-based solutions.
3. Embrace matauranga Māori approaches to native forest establishment.
4. Develop a District Biodiversity Strategy that promotes and enhances native biodiversity across the district.

AP6: Waste and circular economies

Part 1 Outcome: Reduce waste related carbon emissions.

Objectives

1. Reduce the volume of waste generated by council.
2. Increase the amount of organic waste diverted from landfill.
3. Reduce waste transportation emissions.
4. Promote upstream waste hierarchy and circular economy principles.

Part 2 Outcome: Improve the resilience of waste infrastructure.

Objectives

5. Reduce the vulnerability waste infrastructure exposed to climate change.
6. Ensure all new waste infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.



Measuring the success of this strategy

The Council will receive quarterly updates outlining completed actions, along with annual progress reports tracking advancement toward the targets set in this strategy. We aim to measure Council's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions annually. An internal Climate Resilience Working Group will support coordination and implementation of climate-related initiatives across Council. Additionally, a summary of the Climate Change Strategy will be included in the Annual Report at the end of each financial year.

Action Plans

Climate Resilience Action Plan 1

Leadership, Empowerment and Collaboration

This is one of six action plans, which support our Climate Change Strategy.

To view further Action Plans and their supporting documents, visit waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

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Why this Leadership, Empowerment and Collaboration Action Plan is important

Leadership, empowerment, and collaboration are interconnected pillars that support comprehensive and effective responses to climate change, benefiting local economies, environments, societies, and individuals alike.

By addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation, effective leadership can drive the adoption of sustainable practices and green technologies, creating new job opportunities and fostering economic growth. Empowered communities can innovate and support local businesses that prioritize sustainability, while collaboration between sectors can attract investments and resources for climate-resilient infrastructure. Strong leadership is crucial for implementing policies that protect natural resources and reduce carbon emissions. Empowering individuals and communities encourage active participation in conservation efforts and sustainable living. Collaborative efforts can lead to large-scale environmental projects, such as reforestation and renewable energy initiatives, which have a significant positive impact on the environment. Empowerment ensures that all voices are heard and that everyone has the opportunity to contribute to climate solutions through a sense of unity and shared purpose, strengthening social bonds and enhancing community resilience to climate impacts. Empowerment boosts self-efficacy and confidence, enabling people to take meaningful actions in their daily lives contributing to overall personal fulfilment and better mental health.

What we want this plan to achieve

This Action Plan sets out the steps the Council will take to show leadership, empowerment and collaboration within the district to address the issues of climate change and the opportunities it has presented through the district wide community consultation process undertaken in 2024. This Action Plan provides the lens through which the additional five Action Plans should be viewed.

Objectives

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Goals

1. Integrate climate change principles into the Council's culture, key documents, and decision-making processes.
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4. Develop community awareness about matters relating to climate change, including the Council's response.

Leadership, Empowerment and Collaboration: Outcomes

\$ = requires additional funding
 BAU = blend into BAU
 STAFF = additional staff time required
 GOV = governance foci

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
1: Integrate climate change principles into the Council's culture, key documents, and decision-making processes.					
1.1. Embed applicable CRS Action Plan outcomes in key documents (including those for procurement and contracts), organisational culture, goals and values, and operational decision making and activities.	Include CRS principles and targets in documents due for review in 2027. Include CRS KPI's in annual report. Develop Council wide awareness of CRS principles and targets within each department. Ensure procurement processes account for approved suppliers that adhere to environmental and social accountability.	BAU	Maintain organisational awareness of the CRS principles and targets. Review CRS.	Maintain organisational awareness of the CRS principles and targets. Review CRS.	Suppliers
2: Develop the Council's organisational knowledge about climate change, mitigation, and adaptation.					
2.1. Develop knowledge and understanding of risk to the Waimate District.	Enact appropriate Action Points of each Action Plan that audit and identify the likely local effects of climate change on communities within the district.	STAFF	Continue to monitor and assess risk for the Waimate District within each Action Plan and ensure Adaptation Plans are kept up to date.	Update risk assessment and Adaptation Pathways within each CRS Action Plan.	Rural Economy / Farmers NIWA ECAN Veterinary Groups Medical Staff
	Enact appropriate Action Points of each Action Plan that audit and Identify levels of risk to Council infrastructure and processes arising from climate change.	STAFF			
2.2. Maintain awareness of climate related information and data. Factor in a variety of sources in decision-making, including science, local knowledge, and mātauranga Māori.	Include induction and training program for new staff.	STAFF / BAU	Review and update climate data / information sources, induction and training program.	Review and update climate data / information sources, induction and training program.	
	Establish database of key evidenced based climate information sources and tools.	STAFF			
	Investigate carbon calculator opportunities to guide future decision making.	STAFF / \$			

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3: Empower and collaborate with stakeholders, partners, and the community to create a unified approach to addressing climate issues and opportunities.					
3.1. Collaborate with stakeholders and partners, including key industry, Māori and youth.	Initiate a sector collaboration network for key industry and small business. Investigate options for working with the Primary Industry sector and establish working relationships as appropriate to key Action Plans. Encourage diversification of crops. Investigate options for working with Iwi, Hapū and other groups. Establish working relationships as appropriate. Investigate options for working with youth and establish working relationships as appropriate. Elected representatives to lead in key sector areas.	STAFF / BAU / \$	Sector collaboration network is operational. Working relationships with the Primary Industry Sector are operational. Working relationships with Māori are operational. Working relationships with youth are operational.	Sector collaboration network is operational. Working relationships with the dairy and agricultural-sector are operational. Working relationships with Māori are operational. Working relationships with youth are operational.	Federated Farmers, Fonterra, Oceania and other key representatives of the Primary Industry Sector. Shop and café owners. Iwi Youth Council, Schools and youth Organisations. Key central government Agencies: MfE, MPI. W2G Transport
3.2. Work with, and advocate for regional climate change related processes.	Build on existing synergy with South Canterbury Territorial Authorities. Work to establish central, regional, and local government network.	BAU			
3.3 Collaborate with the community.	Investigate models for community collaboration on addressing issues and opportunities climate change brings.	STAFF	Community collaboration network is operational.	Community collaboration network is operational.	
	Build in effective communication pathways and strategies inclusive of face-to-face communication and historical context that facilitates engagement and trust in council processes.	STAFF / BAU			
	Develop a 'Waimate' Brand to market locally sourced and made climate resilient products and services – e.g wool, wood.	STAFF / BAU			
	Seek and source funding for climate resilient opportunities through PPE or similar.	STAFF / BAU			
	Promote the "Waimate' Brand" in the context of climate resilient mitigation & adaption opportunities through a WDC Development Officer or similar.	STAFF / BAU / \$			

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3.4. Seek funding streams that assist and grow business in climate adaption and resilience.	Consider employing a WDC Development Officer or developing a partnership to oversee progression of the CRS opportunities, mitigation and adaptation with the capacity to think outside the box.	\$ STAFF	WDC Development Officer or similar is functioning.	WDC Development Officer or similar is functioning.	
4: Develop community awareness about matters relating to climate change, including the Council's response.					
4.1. Facilitate and support climate resilience education initiatives.	Develop a 'plain-language' summary of Climate Resilience Strategy and Action Plans inclusive of 'how to', 'where to' and 'who to' on various platforms in a range of formats. Identify and facilitate events - inclusive of potential public speakers - to share climate change messages around mitigation, adaptation and opportunities.	STAFF / BAU / \$	Create tailored information on climate change mitigation and adaptation, specifically designed for local audiences. This should include relevant local context, risks, and impacts. Distribute new or existing climate resilience materials to the community across various platforms and formats. Identify and organize events to disseminate climate resilience messages, including arranging for potential public speakers.	Create tailored information on climate change mitigation and adaptation, specifically designed for local audiences. This should include relevant local context, risks, and impacts. Distribute new or existing climate resilience materials to the community across various platforms and formats. Identify and organize events to disseminate resilience change messages, including arranging for potential public speakers.	Community, key focus groups Ministry of Education Schools across the district
4.2. Celebrate success and achievements related to climate resilience milestones and achievements milestones and achievements.	Communicate key milestones and achievements – inclusive of all partnered stakeholders and TA's.	BAU	Communicate key milestones and achievements.	Communicate key milestones and achievements.	Media Internal Communications

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Climate Resilience Action Plan 2

Transport

This is one of six action plans, which support our Climate Resilience Strategy.

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Why this Transport Action Plan is important

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change defines the transport sector to be inclusive of the transportation of goods and people for agriculture, tourism and household uses etc.

Transport is one of our largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions. It is responsible for approximately 17 per cent of gross domestic emissions and 40 per cent of total domestic CO₂ emissions from the energy sector.

Land transport is a major contributor to Canterbury's greenhouse gas emissions, accounting for 16 percent of our region's emissions in 2018. The majority of emissions result from

petrol and diesel consumed by road transport. Transportation made up 53.7% of the Council's greenhouse gas emissions for the financial year ending 2023.

What we want this plan to achieve

There are two parts to this Action Plan

Part one focuses on emissions reduction and reflects the objectives taken from the Emission Reduction Plan (ERP).

Part two is all about climate resilience and reflects the objectives taken from the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

Part 1 Outcome: Reduce transport related carbon emissions.

Objectives

1. Promote low carbon and travel efficiency.
 - 1.1. Enable reduced and more efficient council travel.
 - 1.2. Enable reduced and more efficient community travel.
 - 1.3. Enable and encourage active transport.
2. Embed nature-based solutions as part of our response to reducing transport emissions and improving climate adaptation and biodiversity outcomes.

3. Develop Freight efficiencies to, from and within the district.

- 3.1. Engage with industry to streamline supply chain and freight distribution.

Part 2 Outcome: Improve the resilience of transport infrastructure.

Objectives

4. Reduce the vulnerability of transport infrastructure exposed to climate change.
 - 4.1. Identify transport infrastructure that is at risk or vulnerable to climate change.
 - 4.2. Prioritise the risk management of assets so that services can continue if disruption occurs.
5. Ensure all new transport infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.
 - 5.1. Apply climate resilience assumptions to new transport projects.
 - 5.2. Collaborate with other transport providers, within the Canterbury Region, to build climate resilience.
6. Use renewal programmes to improve adaptive capacity.
 - 6.1. Consider long-term climate impacts when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure.

Mad World Ltd (2019): Waimate District Council Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2018/19 Tax Year (1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019) ecan.govt.nz/your-region/living-here/transport/regional-transport-planning/transport-emissions/#e1182

Part 1. Outcome: Reduce transport related carbon emissions

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1: Promote low carbon and travel efficiency.					
1.1 Enable reduced and more efficient Council travel.	Where appropriate, encourage staff to use alternative, low carbon and active transport options for travelling to work and for work journeys.	BAU	Review or develop relevant Council policies.	Review new technology and opportunities to reduce staff travel. Review or develop relevant Council policies.	WDC Waitaki DC Mackenzie DC
	Upgrade IT travel planning & car-pooling booking systems. Include virtual meeting prompt on 'vehicle booking' form – factor in neighbouring District Councils.	\$ / STAFF			
	Use videoconferencing wherever feasible to reduce the need to undertake physical journeys.	BAU			
	Develop a transport portfolio that oversees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trip reporting to identify hard working vehicles and those that are underutilised.• Efficient driving habits are included in defence driving induction for new staff.• Vehicles are regularly serviced and maintained to ensure they are running as efficiently as possible. Make sure vehicles are running on the right tyre pressure.• A review of vehicle type requirements i.e. right vehicle and power-source for the right job.	\$ / BAU			

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	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
1.2 Enable reduced and more efficient community travel.	Investigate Community transport options between Timaru – Oamaru for workers / shoppers / health & wealth needs – Oceania / community vehicle / ECAN integration. Include improved access and travel choice for the transport disadvantaged.	STAFF	Investigate the potential for public transport, shared services, walking and cycling in rural, particularly for the transport disadvantaged. Work with ECAN / TDC / ORC to make public transport more affordable, with a particular focus on low-income users. Investigate technological options for travel efficiency – such as on demand public transport (e.g Myway App).	Continue to investigate opportunities to provide more Council services online and promote these to the community. Continue to promote reduced and more efficient travel.	WDC Community ECAN Oceania Community Vehicle Trust Fonterra Silver Fern Farms Alliance Community Link Alpine Energy Meridian Energy
	Investigate opportunities to provide more Council services online and promote these to the community ensuring rural areas have robust wifi access.	STAFF / \$ / BAU			
	Develop educational material on efficient travel options.	STAFF / \$ / BAU			
	Increase travel efficiency through the establishment of a ride-share / car-pooling app that factors in backloads and trailer use.	STAFF / BAU			
	Promote local events and staycations and synchronise these with neighbouring District Councils for maximum economic benefit. e.g. Big Easy / Waimate Trail (via a Development Officer).	STAFF / BAU			
	Promote 'buy local' including locally sourced produce by investigating the establishment of a business community association.	STAFF / BAU			
	Continue to develop an EV-charging infrastructure work programme to coordinate policy, investment and engagement with stakeholders.	STAFF / BAU / \$			
	Investigate local power generation to keep pace with EV charging points.	STAFF			

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1.3 Enable and encourage active transport.	<p>Create, implement and promote a Waimate Commuting Strategy that is inclusive of Active Transport that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivers a district plan to significantly increase the safety and attractiveness of walking & cycling on an integrated signposted network. • Provides facilities and infrastructure to encourage Council staff and the community to utilise active forms of travel e.g bike racks, cycle lanes, apps. • Improves walking and cycling infrastructure for the elderly. • Improves walking and cycling infrastructure to and along school routes, in schools, and in surrounding neighbourhoods. • Explores dedicated active transport funding and/or education programmes and promotion for schools and the wider community – including signage. 	STAFF	<p>Work with rural communities on a 'Small Towns Initiative' / Waimate Trail integration.</p> <p>Deliver on Active Waimate implementation plans, e.g. provide bike-racks, water fountains, walking and cycling paths, connections between rural communities.</p> <p>Continue to roll out Active Waimate initiatives.</p>	Review facilities as required.	<p>Waka Kotahi</p> <p>Community Boards</p> <p>Communities ECAN</p> <p>Waimate2gether</p> <p>Hall Committees</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Road Safety Coordinator</p> <p>Grey Power</p> <p>Parenting Hub</p>
2: Embed nature-based solutions as part of our response to reducing transport emissions and improving climate adaptation and biodiversity outcomes.					
2.1 Ensure transport policy and investment settings encourage the use of nature based solutions.	Consider the role of nature-based solutions in reducing transport emissions and contributing to other benefits- e.g. permeable road surfaces, flood detention zones.	BAU			
	Protect and enhance existing carbon sinks and support for new long-term carbon sequestration opportunities where appropriate e.g through roadside biodiversity corridors.	BAU / \$			
3: Develop Freight efficiencies to, from and within the district.					
3.1 Engage with industry to streamline supply chain and freight distribution.	<p>Investigate District Freight Hub that utilises rail (e.g Studholme).</p> <p>Support infrastructure development for green fuels and fast charging for heavy vehicles.</p>	STAFF	<p>Include charging stations, access to food and facilities – including biofuel access.</p>	Support infrastructure development for green fuels and fast charging for heavy vehicles.	<p>Fonterra</p> <p>Oceania</p>

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Part 2. Outcome: Improve the resilience of transport infrastructure

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
4: Reduce the vulnerability of transport infrastructure exposed to climate change.					
4.1 Identify transport infrastructure that is at risk or vulnerable to climate change.	Utilise National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) climate change projections and the Canterbury to understand specific infrastructure vulnerabilities.	STAFF	Update identified risks with latest knowledge / assumptions.	Update identified risks with latest knowledge / assumptions.	ECAN Ministry for the Environment National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Local Government New Zealand Gravel Extractors
	Identify the likely local effects and potential costs of climate change on transport infrastructure within the district.	STAFF			
4.2 Prioritise the risk management of assets so that services can continue if disruption occurs.	Identify the levels of risk to Council infrastructure arising from climate change using NCCRA consequence ratings.	STAFF	Continued use of dynamic adaptive pathways planning to manage climate change risks to transport infrastructure.	Develop strategies for managing risk to different types of transport infrastructure.	ECAN Central Government Catchment Groups
	Develop and determine the approach to be taken by Council, using dynamic adaptive pathways planning (DAPP).	STAFF			
5: Ensure all new transport infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.					
5.1 Apply climate change assumptions to new transport projects.	Utilise local analysis, NIWA's climate change projections, the 'Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan' to inform project options.	BAU	Update climate change assumptions with latest information.	Update climate change assumptions with latest information.	ECAN Ministry for the Environment National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Local Government New Zealand Freight Transport Operators
	Consider long-term climate impacts when we design and invest in infrastructure i.e the right infrastructure is in the right place.	BAU			
	Consider economic incentives e.g rates reduction for a future freight hub while in its' development phase.	BAU			
5.2 Collaborate with other transport providers, in particular within the Canterbury Region, to build climate change resilience.	Strengthen the network of transport providers and ensure climate change is regularly included as an agenda item - Establish a transport committee to facilitate.	STAFF / \$	Participate in discussions with the transport provider network.	Participate in discussions with the transport provider network.	Other transport providers Waka Kotahi ECAN

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
6: Use renewal programmes to improve adaptive capacity.					
6.1 Consider long-term climate impacts when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure.	Understand future adaptation options and finance them as part of the investment in new infrastructure to build capacity to adapt.	BAU	Update climate change assumptions with latest information.	Update climate change assumptions with latest information.	WDC Civil Defence



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Climate Resilience Action Plan 3

Water

This is one of six action plans, which support our Climate Resilience Strategy.

To view further Action Plans and their supporting documents, visit waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

Our Climate Resilience Strategy has three aims

1. Carbon neutral by 2050 for the district.
2. Build climate resilience through a just and equitable intergenerational approach to planning and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate.
3. We factor in intergenerational sustainability of our natural environment, economy, society, and cultural wellbeing.

Why this Water Action Plan is important

Water sustains life which is why we must all work to manage our water use responsibly and sustainably. Council provides three essential water services to our community: water treatment and supply; wastewater (also known as sewage) collection, treatment and disposal; and stormwater management.

Water and climate change are inextricably linked. Extreme weather events are making water more scarce, more unpredictable, more polluted or all three. These impacts throughout the water cycle threaten sustainable development, biodiversity, and people's access to water and sanitation.

With human induced climate change, extreme weather events are more likely. For every 1C increase in temperature the atmosphere has the capacity to hold 7% more moisture. Across the district, this could bring between 15-40% more rain during a rainfall event depending on altitude, location and season. Conversely over a year, dry days could exceed 300 on average.

What we want this plan to achieve

There are three parts to this Action Plan.

Part one focuses on emissions reduction and reflects the objectives taken from the Emission Reduction Plan (ERP).

Part two is all about climate resilience and reflects the objectives taken from the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

Part three focuses on community education and awareness.

Part 1 Outcome: Reduce and manage water management related greenhouse gas emissions.

Objectives

1. Reduce and manage greenhouse gas emissions from water infrastructural services.
 - 1.1. Consider and optimise greenhouse gas reduction measures in any new projects.
 - 1.2. Embrace new technologies.

Part 2 Outcome: Improve the resilience of water infrastructure.

Objectives

2. Reduce the vulnerability of water infrastructure exposed to climate change
 - 2.1. Identify water infrastructure that is at risk or vulnerable to climate change.
 - 2.2. Prioritise the risk management of assets so that services can continue if disruption occurs.
 - 2.3. Develop adaptive design and planning pathways when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure.
3. Ensure all new water infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.
 - 3.1. Apply climate resilience assumptions to new water asset projects.
 - 3.2. Use renewal programmes to improve adaptive capacity.

Part 3 Outcome: Manage water responsibly and sustainably.

Objectives

4. Increase Council and community understanding of water use.
5. Increase understanding of water supply assets
6. Develop demand management strategy.

Part 1. Outcome: Reduce and manage Water Management related GHG emissions

\$ = requires additional funding

BAU = blend into BAU

STAFF = additional staff time required

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
1: Reduce and manage greenhouse gas emissions from water infrastructural services.					
1.1. Consider and optimise greenhouse gas reduction measures in any new projects.	Identify means of collating data from all Water & Wastewater sites including the campgrounds to improve the reliability of this data.	BAU	Apply carbon calculator options to new projects, procurement processes and methodologies.	Apply carbon calculator options to new projects. Consider greenhouse gas reduction opportunities alongside any wastewater upgrades.	WDC Business community
	For water & wastewater sites with septic tanks, provide the per capita usage to provide more accurate reporting e.g. record patronage of WDC campsites.	BAU			
1.2. Embrace new technologies.	Optimisation: Keep abreast of changing technology and its utilisation in population growth (ref AP1:2.2).	BAU	Roll out new technology as appropriate.	Roll out new technology as appropriate.	WDC Business community

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Part 2. Outcome: Improve the resilience of Water Infrastructure

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
2: Reduce the vulnerability of water infrastructure exposed to climate change.					
2.1 Identify water infrastructure that is at risk or vulnerable to climate change.	Utilise Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment with NIWA's climate change projections and the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement to inform project options.	BAU	Update identified risks with latest knowledge / assumptions.	Update identified risks with latest knowledge / assumptions.	WDC Landowners MGI ECAN Catchment Groups HSC TRONT Hakataramea Rural Water Supply Gravel Extractor Contractors
	Identify the likely local effects of climate change on three waters infrastructure within the district.	STAFF			
	Identify the levels of risk to Council infrastructure – including population & economic growth models.	STAFF			
	Prioritise the risk management of assets so that services can continue if disruption occurs.	STAFF			
2.2 Develop adaptive design and planning pathways (DAPP) when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure.	Develop adaptive planning methodologies with adopted procedures.	BAU / STAFF	Provide training in the use of dynamic adaptive pathways planning (DAPP), as recommended by the Ministry for the Environment.	Develop specific strategies for infrastructure type.	WDC Central Government
3: Ensure all new water infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.					
3.1 Apply climate change assumptions to new water asset projects.	Incorporate nature-based solutions such as flood break out zones and holding ponds – that both store water and reduce flood magnitude. Enhance / re-establish wetlands in flood prone areas.	STAFF / \$ / BAU	Review or develop relevant Council policies with latest knowledge / assumptions.	Review or develop relevant Council policies with latest knowledge / assumptions.	ECAN Landowners
	Include rainwater storage tanks as part of retrofits and new builds for outdoor and greywater use.	BAU			
3.2 Use renewal programmes to improve adaptive capacity.	Consider long-term climate impacts when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure.	BAU	Review or develop relevant Council policies with latest knowledge / assumptions.	Review or develop relevant Council policies with latest knowledge / assumptions.	

Part 3 Outcome: Manage water responsibly and sustainably

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
4: Increase Council and community understanding of water use.					
	Conduct a water loss assessment.	STAFF / \$	Review or develop relevant Council policies. Continue to increase understanding and education around water use.	Update identified risks with latest knowledge / assumptions.	ECAN Ministry for the Environment National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research
	Produce public education resources on sustainable water use and capacity.	STAFF			
	Continue to install water meters.	\$ / BAU			
	Enable an Economic demand and its associated supply capability assessment i.e. do we have security of supply moving forward based on our current district's economic model and forecast.	\$			
5: Increase understanding of water supply assets.					
	Enhance asset management systems.	\$ / BAU	Development of hydraulic models. Continue to enhance asset management systems.	Develop strategies for managing risk to different types of water infrastructure.	ECAN Central Government

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WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
6: Develop demand management strategy.					
	Development of demand management initiatives	STAFF	Implement demand management initiative.		
	Review water pricing structure on '5 waters': Fresh / storm / waste / irrigation / flood.	STAFF	Investigate policy response and/or education to increase awareness and encourage reduced community demand for water and increased resilience (i.e. rainwater collection tanks, greywater systems). Educate community regarding household sewerage services and the impact on the environment. Consider and where practical implement water reduction initiatives at Council facilities (such as harvesting rainwater, grey water systems, low- flowrate appliances).		

This plan aligns with

- AP#1: Leadership, Empowerment and Collaboration
- AP#2: Transport
- AP#5: Carbon Sequestration and Natural Restoration



Climate Resilience Action Plan 4

Land use and the built environment

This is one of six action plans, which support our Climate Resilience Strategy.

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Our Climate Resilience Strategy has three aims

1. Carbon neutral by 2050 for the district.
2. Build climate resilience through a just and equitable intergenerational approach to planning and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate.
3. We factor in intergenerational sustainability of our natural environment, economy, society, and cultural wellbeing.

Why this Land Use and the Built Environment Action Plan is important

Land use and the built environment are the foundation of our communities. They include the physical environment around us, the people in that environment and the interaction between the two. The built environment includes urban areas, the form, shape, and accessibility of homes, work, and play all have a direct influence on the quality of our lives. The form, design and characteristics of our homes, buildings and places play a key role in our health, wellbeing and quality of life by providing people with the systems and infrastructure they need for living, their mobility and their wellbeing. This includes critical infrastructure inclusive of clean drinking water and transport networks that are covered in separate Climate Resilience Action Plans. Climate change affects our homes, buildings and places, but where and how we build can help us adapt.

Communities within the Waimate District also rely on community buildings such as halls, public toilets, the Event Centre, museum, library and sites of significant cultural values to Māori including wahi tapu and cultural landscapes for their overall wellbeing. This action plan also considers the impact of climate change on these types of infrastructure.

What we want this plan to achieve

There are three parts to this Action Plan.

Part one focuses on emissions reduction and reflects the objectives taken from the Emission Reduction Plan (ERP).

Part two is all about climate resilience and reflects the objectives taken from the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

Part three focuses on the resilience of community infrastructure.

Part 1 Outcome: Reduce land use and the Built Environment related GHG emissions.

Objectives

1. Promote low emission and sustainable land use and building practises.

Part 2 Outcome: Ensure land use activities and buildings are resilient to climate change.

Objectives

2. Ensure land use decisions improve resilience.
3. Acknowledge cultural and heritage values in land use decisions.

Part 3 Outcome: Improve the resilience of community infrastructure.

Objectives

4. Identify and reduce climate change risk to existing community building and infrastructure e.g. community halls, public toilets, the Event Centre, museum, library and the LGC.

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Part 1. Outcome: Reduce land use and the Built Environment related GHG emissions

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WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
1: Promote low emission and sustainable land use and building practises.					
1.0 Promote the use of sustainable products and practises.	Work with suppliers to select materials with the lowest embodied carbon.	BAU	Investigate low emission and sustainable buildings practises for future development. Investigate options to sequester carbon through biodiversity enhancement on Council land to off-set carbon emissions.	Consider an Infrastructure Development Code of low emission and sustainable land use, building practice and day to day operations. Be proactive by taking the lead in lobbying for change that leads to a sustainable future.	Suppliers and contractors Building professional Industry e.g. Wool / wood WDC
	Retain procurement details so that accurate data from the actual material and brand used is available.	BAU			
	Host a Built Environment Expo that: • Facilitates sustainable building materials e.g wool insulation. • Highlights education materials for council staff and the community.	STAFF			
1.1 Improve building energy efficiency.	Investigate a community fund and funding for energy efficiency in homes and buildings. Factor in passive housing initiatives in all new builds.	BAU			ECAN Financial Institutions Lions / Rotary
1.2 Take travel, vehicle emissions and access to public transport into account when making land use decisions.	Consider low emissions travel options in land use planning.	BAU	Consider public transport and freight hubs in any future development strategies.	Consider public transport and freight hubs in any future development strategies.	Suppliers and contractors Building professional ECAN
	Promote and work with local suppliers.	BAU			
1.3 Include green space as carbon sinks.	Incorporate green space into future urban developments.	BAU			Land Owners
1.4 Increase urban density.	Encourage urban development as a means of reducing transport emissions.	BAU			
1.5 Include Solar Energy as part of future developments.	Investigate a community fund and funding for energy efficiency in homes and buildings.	BAU			ECAN Financial Institutions Lions / Rotary Alpine & Manawa Energy EECA
	Investigate development of solar farms and roof top arrays on both council and commercial property – including the waste-water treatment plant ponds e.g. through a PPE or similar.	Staff			
	Install floating solar panels on wastewater ponds.	Staff / \$			

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
1.6 Utilise marginal land for native and plantation forestry.		BAU			

Part 2. Outcome: Ensure land use activities and buildings are resilient to climate change

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
2: Enhance resilience through land use decisions that reduce and manage the impacts of climate hazards on homes and buildings.					
2.1 Conduct a climate change impact audit of landscapes in the district.	Identify and categorise areas most at risk from climate related natural hazards.	STAFF	Monitor ongoing risks.	Monitor and review ongoing risks. Review District Plan.	ECAN WDC Iwi Community Civil Defence
	Incorporate community engagement with key stakeholders.	STAFF			
2.2 Ensure future development considers climatic risk factors.	Implement ECAN's Regional Policy Statement, NPS - FW, New Zealand Coastal Policy and Waimate District Plan.	BAU	Continue to implement applicable plans and legislation.	Continue to implement applicable plans and legislation.	ECAN WDC Iwi Community
	Give effect to other legislation i.e. Building Act, RMA.	BAU	Take into consideration carbon farming long term economic impacts on our district.	Take into consideration carbon farming long term economic impacts on our district.	
	Give consideration to costs and benefits to the community of carbon farming.	BAU			

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WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
2.3 Enhance food security.	Ensure sustainable use of Highly Productive Land (HPL). Develop a backyard / community garden cooperative.				
3: Acknowledge cultural heritage and values in land use decisions					
3.1 Factor in cultural and heritage values when considering the impact of climate change.	Incorporate community engagement with key stakeholders to identify and categorise key cultural and heritage values most at risk from climate related natural hazards.	STAFF	Ongoing community engagement. Factor in 'systems thinking' around the idea of interconnectedness or "ki uta ki tai" (from the mountains to the sea).	Ongoing community engagement. Factor in 'systems thinking' around the idea of interconnectedness or "ki uta ki tai" (from the mountains to the sea).	ECAN WDC Iwi Community
	Factor in 'systems thinking' around the idea of interconnectedness or "ki uta ki tai" (from the mountains to the sea).	BAU			
	Work with mana whenua to protect wahi tapu / wahi taonga sites and mahinga kai access.	STAFF / \$ / BAU			
	Develop education and communication material – inclusive of Te Ao Maori (Māori world view) in a local context.	STAFF / \$			

Part 3 Outcome: Improve the resilience of community infrastructure

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
4: Identify and reduce climate change risk to existing community building and infrastructure e.g. community halls, public toilets, the Event Centre, museum, library and the LGC.					
4.1 Conduct a climate resilience hazard impact audit of community infrastructure.	Identify the potential impacts of climate change on communal assets and infrastructure within the district.	STAFF	Monitor and review ongoing risks. Review District Plan.	Monitor and review ongoing risks. Review District Plan.	ECAN WDC Iwi Community
	Identify the levels of risk to Council infrastructure arising from climate change.	STAFF			
	Prioritise community assets using DAPP under cultural value, usage and civil defence purposes.	STAFF			
4.2 Develop strategy to manage associated risks to those communal assets.	Develop and determine the approach to be taken by Council, using dynamic adaptive pathways planning (DAPP).	STAFF	Instigate Community and stakeholder Action Groups.	Strategies for individual communal assets developed.	ECAN WDC Iwi Community Central Government
	Prioritise self-sufficient energy (solar) and water (rain water) systems for community halls (ref 1.5).	BAU / \$			

Aligned with this Action Plan are

- AP#1: Leadership, Empowerment and Collaboration
- AP#2: Transport
- AP#3: Water
- AP#5: Carbon Sequestration and Natural Restoration



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Climate Resilience Action Plan 5 Carbon Sequestration and Natural Restoration

This is one of six action plans, which support our Climate Resilience Strategy.

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Our Climate Resilience Strategy has three aims

1. Carbon neutral by 2050 for the district.
2. Build climate resilience through a just and equitable intergenerational approach to planning and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate.
3. We factor in intergenerational sustainability of our natural environment, economy, society, and cultural wellbeing. Why this Carbon Removal and Natural Restoration Action Plan is important.

The climate and biodiversity predicaments are inextricably linked. Aligning work on climate change and biodiversity is an opportunity to take strong action in both areas. Taking this approach will ensure our response to human induced climate change also improves the resilience of our native ecosystems and does not further their destruction.

This Action Plan is an opportunity to use nature-based solutions to tackle human induced climate change and to design our response to the climate crisis in a way that protects, enhances, and restores nature where possible. By using a nature-based approach, we can remove carbon from the atmosphere, store it and build resilience to the impacts of climate change at the same time as supporting biodiversity and wider environmental outcomes. This approach can also create employment opportunities that support an equitable transition, especially in rural areas.

Carbon dioxide removals (removals) are activities that draw CO₂ from the air. They store it in biological or geological reservoirs or in long-lived products. At a national level, removals are essential to achieving our near-term emissions budgets and our 2050 emissions target. In the long term, beyond 2050, removals are the only way the world can achieve net-negative emissions and reverse the rise in global atmospheric greenhouse gas levels. Local government is uniquely placed to deliver nature-based solutions. Our council is a land and infrastructure owner and regulator responsible for implementing both climate and other environmental policy 'on the ground' as such we can prioritise nature-based solutions in the provision of infrastructure and influence the restoration and protection of indigenous vegetation and wetlands.

(Ref Emission Reduction Plan, MfE)

What we want this plan to achieve

This Action Plan has a blended focus on both emissions reduction and climate resilience and reflects the objectives taken from both the Emission Reduction Plan (ERP) and the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

Objectives

1. Support native afforestation, land reversion and establishment of new production forests in the right location (right tree, right place, right purpose).
2. Prioritise nature-based solutions.
3. Embrace mātauranga Māori approaches to native forest establishment.
4. Develop a District Biodiversity Strategy that promotes and enhances native biodiversity across the district.

Outcomes

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 BAU = blend into BAU
 STAFF = additional staff time required
 GOV = governance foci

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
1: Support native afforestation, land and wetland reversion and establishment of new production forests in the right location (right tree, right place, right purpose).					
1.1 Support a better mix of forest type, retain important productive land uses, to avoid displacing gross emissions reductions and to better manage the potential long-term environmental effects of exotic forests.	Safeguard the right type and scale of forests, in the right place for the right purpose.	BAU / \$/ Staff	Be proactive by taking the lead in lobbying for change that leads to a sustainable future through the ETS that supports native vegetation.		ECAN Government Industry DOC Nurseries Landowners Catchment Groups FENZ
	Prioritise native afforestation and restoration over exotics in marginal and non-commercial land.	BAU / \$/ Staff			
	Facilitate landowners and others to undertake afforestation where appropriate.	BAU / \$/ Staff			
	Restore and re-establish wetlands.	BAU / \$/ Staff			
	Build and share knowledge within the nursery sector to enable the increase in native afforestation.	BAU / \$/ Staff			
1.2 Invest in expanding the commercial supply of forest products and woody biomass.	Establish community working group that undertakes research to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify current and possible sites for commercial forestry / woody biomass to replace coal process heat and/or as input to biofuels and biomaterials.Attract investment in the production of low-emissions wood products and biofuels, including how forests can provide a more consistent supply of wood fibre.Support cost effective recovery of harvest residues to supply biomass.Undertake operational research to support species selection and forest management of short rotation crops.Investigate woodchip supply and delivery.Investigate hemp.	STAFF	Implement findings and recommendations.	Review or develop relevant Council policies.	Industry WDC Fonterra / Oceania Meridian / Alpine Energy

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WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
	Short-term KPI's (LTP 2025-34) /Short term (AP 2026/27)	Short-Term Resource Requirements	Mid-Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37)	Mid-Long Term KPI's (LTP 2027-37, LTP 2030-40, LTP 2033-43)	
1.3 Develop forestry and wood processing Industry Transformation Plan (ITP).	Advocate to attract investment in the production of low-emissions wood products and biofuels, including how forests can provide a more consistent supply of wood fibre.	GOV			
	Provide a transformation roadmap to lift value from the forestry and wood processing sector while delivering for communities and our climate change goals.	GOV			
	Identify specific actions to: increase wood processing and accelerate the bioeconomy; lift productivity and resilience across the forestry and wood processing supply chain; scale up internationally competitive wood-processing clusters; support increased use of wood in construction and improve export outcomes.	GOV			
2: Prioritise nature-based solutions.					
2.1 Prioritise the use of nature-based solutions where possible, for both carbon removals and climate adaption.	Develop an approach to measure, reduce, and offset our emissions.	STAFF	Review or develop relevant Council policies.	Review or develop relevant Council policies.	Land owners Catchment Groups WDC FENZ
	Ensure procurement processes account for approved suppliers that adhere to environmental and social accountability.	STAFF			
	Establish an integrated work programme to deliver climate, biodiversity and wider environmental outcomes.	BAU			
	Increase carbon sequestration through planting and natural restoration of indigenous and fire-resistant vegetation.	BAU / \$			
	Build FENZ guidelines into our planning structure when landscaping or designing outdoor spaces and property infrastructure i.e. Landscaping and defensible space.	STAFF / BAU			
	Increase tree canopy cover in urban areas.	STAFF / BAU / \$			
	Plan for native plantings in road reserves / margins.	STAFF / BAU / \$			
	Seek industry support and collaboration on alternatives to crop burn offs.	STAFF / BAU / \$			
	Provide advice, education and support to communities and landowners in understanding nature-based solutions as a choice for adaptation.	STAFF / BAU / \$			

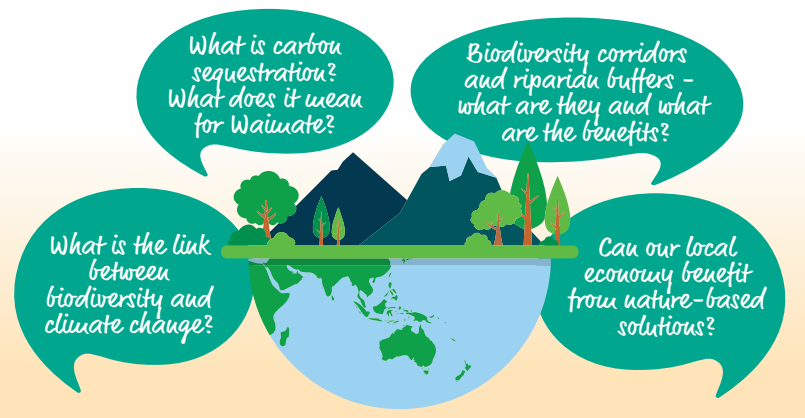
WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
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2.2 Support working with nature to build resilience.	Encourage greater levels of native afforestation over the long term by engaging stakeholders on a longer-term strategy and action plan.	BAU			Friends of groups Land Owners
	Provide advice, education and support to communities and landowners about restoration and regeneration of indigenous forest.	STAFF / BAU / \$			
	Naturalise waterways and (re) introduce wetlands across the district.	BAU			
	Leverage off natural areas for recreation and its associated health & economic benefits.	BAU			
	Advocate that land isn't utilised for carbon farming in a way that is detrimental to long term community outcomes.	GOV			
3: Embrace matauranga Māori approaches to native forest establishment.					
Work with hapū, iwi and Māori landowners to integrate native and exotic forestry into land-use decisions, to best understand and meet their aspirations.	Develop mātauranga Māori indicators of climate impacts on the natural environment, which will facilitate baseline datasets for monitoring climate impacts on the natural environment.	GOV	Take into consideration carbon farming's long term environmental and economic impacts on our district.		Mana Whenua Community WDC
	Support Māori rights to exercise kaitiakitanga and rangatiratanga as per the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act (1988).	GOV			

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4: Develop a District Biodiversity Strategy that promotes and enhances native biodiversity across the district.					
Report on biodiversity outcomes as part of reporting on the emissions reduction plan.	Identify, protect and restore areas of significant indigenous biodiversity and areas with potential for biodiversity succession.	STAFF / \$	Review or develop relevant Council policies.	Review or develop relevant Council policies.	'Friends of' groups ECAN DOC Mana whenua Catchment Groups WDC Nurseries Community
	Increase the supply of locally sourced native seedlings to enable increased planting.	STAFF / \$			
	Facilitate a district wide biodiversity reference group that encapsulates all key stakeholders in the district: DOC, ECAN, WDC, manawhenua, F&G, 'friends of' groups.	STAFF / \$			
	Develop / support community pest and predator programme.	STAFF / \$			
	Ensure indigenous ecosystems are restored and protected, sites that need buffers against climate risks are identified e.g. cemeteries / historic dumpsites.	STAFF / \$			
	Identify and connect biodiversity corridors / blue-green networks to improve ecosystem health and strength that ensures ecosystems and species have room to move, and human pressures lessened.	STAFF / \$			

Aligned with this Action Plan are

- AP# 2: Transport
- AP#1: Leadership, Empowerment and Collaboration
- AP#3: Water Management
- AP#4: Land Use and the Built Environment



Climate Resilience Action Plan 6

Waste and Circular Economy

This is one of six action plans, which support our Climate Resilience Strategy.

To view further Action Plans and their supporting documents, visit waimatedc.govt.nz/climate

Our Climate Resilience Strategy has three aims

1. Carbon neutral by 2050 for the district.
2. Build climate resilience through a just and equitable intergenerational approach to planning and preparing for the impacts of human induced climate change.
3. We factor in intergenerational sustainability of our natural environment, economy, society, and cultural wellbeing.

Why this Waste and Circular Economy Action Plan is important

In 2019, 94 per cent of national waste emissions were biogenic methane – largely generated by the decomposition of organic waste (such as, food, garden, wood and paper waste). While waste contributes a small percentage of our total emissions, biogenic methane has a warming effect 28 times greater than carbon dioxide. Taking steps to reduce, recycle and recover greater volumes of organic waste – and improve services and infrastructure – will also create opportunities. These steps will support the shift to a circular economy, create new employment and business opportunities, improve the ability to dispose of waste responsibly, and generate cost savings for households and businesses.

Ref Emission Reduction Plan, MfE

In Aotearoa New Zealand in 2021, an average of 700 kilograms of waste per person was sent to landfill. That makes us one of the highest generators of waste per person in the OECD (who average 542kg pp). Taking natural resources, making them into something, using it and then disposing of it is referred to as a 'linear economy'. A 'circular economy' is a system where extracted materials are used and reused for as long as possible. The ideal scenario is that synthetic materials are reused forever and organic materials are eventually returned to the soil to enrich it. In a true circular economy, there is no waste.

Ref MfE environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/Te-rautaki-para-Waste-strategy-A-snapshot.pdf

What we want this plan to achieve

There are two parts to this Action Plan

Part one focuses on emissions reduction and reflects the objectives taken from the Emission Reduction Plan (ERP).

Part two is all about climate resilience and reflects the objectives taken from the National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

Part 1 Outcome: Reduce waste related carbon emissions.

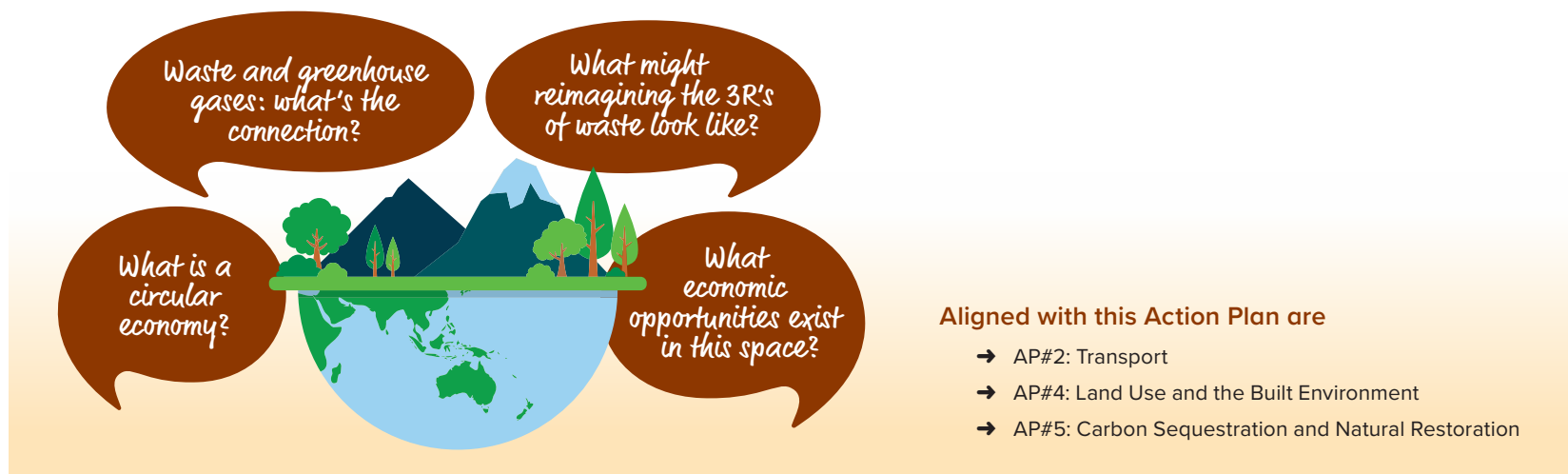
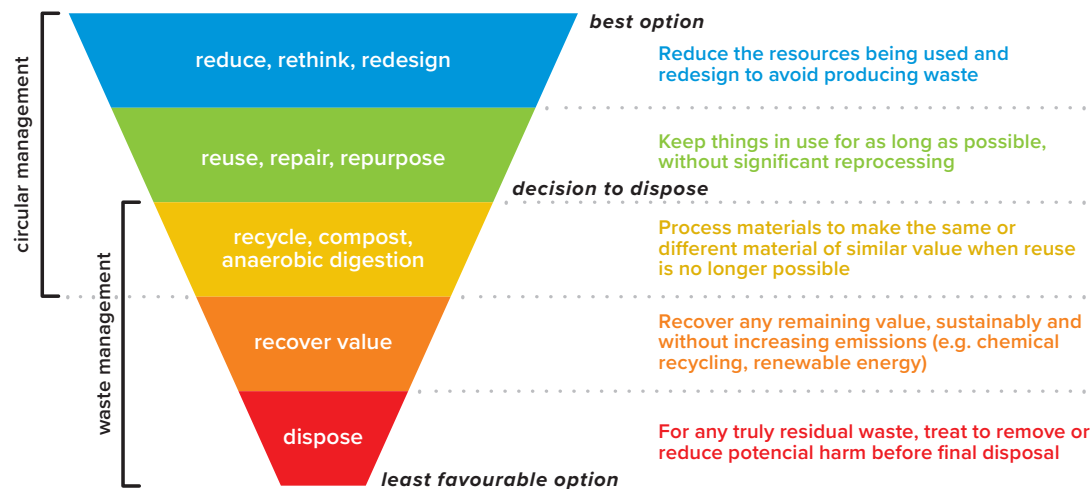
Objectives

1. Reduce the volume of waste generated by council.
2. Increase the amount of organic waste diverted from landfill.
3. Reduce waste transportation emissions.
4. Promote upstream waste hierarchy and circular economy principles.

Part 2 Outcome: Improve the resilience of waste infrastructure.

Objectives

5. Reduce the vulnerability waste infrastructure exposed to climate change.
6. Ensure all new waste infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.

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and waste
management within
the waste hierarchy

Part 1. Outcome: Reduce waste related carbon emissions

\$ = requires additional funding

BAU = blend into BAU

STAFF = additional staff time required

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
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1: Reduce the volume of waste generated by council.					
1.1 Raise awareness within council.	Promote in-council waste awareness.	BAU	Review promotional material and messaging.	Continue promotional material and messaging.	MfE WDC
1.2 Audit Council waste.	Audit council waste streams across all departments annually – identify biogenic waste streams.	BAU / STAFF	Review auditing process and outcomes.	Review auditing process and outcomes.	WDC Enviro Waste NZ
1.3 Work with suppliers to reduce waste coming into the organisation.	Incorporate packaging and life-cycle considerations within procurement Policy.	BAU / \$	Work with supplies for low waste alternatives.	Streamline waste steams for efficiency.	WDC Suppliers
2: Increase the amount of organic waste diverted from landfill.					
2.1. Improve household kerbside separation of organic waste.	Enable households and businesses to reduce organic waste e.g Introduce kitchen caddies for food scraps to improve uptake of organics service. Enable businesses to reduce food waste. Donate 'use by' food to food banks.	\$	Explore bans or limits to divert more organic waste from landfill.		
2.2. Invest in organic waste processing and resource recovery infrastructure.	Invest in a business plan to process and sell processed organic waste (i.e. compost) to our community – cost and options. Allow for free drop off of green waste and jib. See also 4.	STAFF \$			ecogas.co.nz/ christchurch Builders / Construction WDC Enviro Waste Gardening clubs
3: Reduce waste transportation emissions.					
3.1. Investigate and where possible implement initiatives that reduce transportation of waste.	Discuss opportunities with sector / waste contractors e.g. electric or low emissions trucks for solid waste operations.	BAU	Maintain relationships with contractors to keep abreast of best practice, technology and trends.	Maintain relationships with contractors to keep abreast of best practice, technology and trends.	WDC TDC Enviro Waste NZ

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4: Promote upstream waste hierarchy and circular economy principles.					
4.1. Review and implement Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP). Support the development of local circular economy systems through the introduction of funding to encourage waste minimisation initiatives with local business.	Continue to collect data in accordance with the National Waste Data Framework to measure baselines and indicators.	BAU	Continue to provide education programmes to schools and businesses to help our community reduce waste and make better decisions about recycling and waste minimisation, including schools programmes. Seek reduction of 1/3 of waste based on 2022 WMMP audit. Bi-annual waste audit. Replace 'all in one' bins on main street with three bin system.		WDC / TDC Canterbury Joint Waste Committee Enviro Waste MfE Menshed Schools
	Provide education programmes to raise awareness of circular economy principles and businesses, products, and services (available now and in the future) – inclusive of smart shopping practices / food storage and composting.	STAFF			
	Partner with and include schools in education programmes.	BAU			
	Support the implementation of national product stewardship schemes through the promotion and other use of our RRP as part of the collection network e.g. Crow's Nest outlet at the RRP.	BAU / \$			
	Develop a 'tool' library.	STAFF			
	Set up a repair café.	STAFF			
	Replicate a 'Crows Nest' reuse / recycle / repair centre. Utilise community groups e.g. MENZshed	\$			
4.2. Implement central government policy changes that support circular and bio economies within the District.	Support and implement central government policies promoting circular economies – include specific actions in WMMP.	BAU Staff / \$	Continue to support and implement central government policies promoting circular economies – include specific actions in WMMP.	Continue to support and implement central government policies promoting circular economies – include specific actions in WMMP.	WDC MfE

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4.3. Support participation in improved kerbside collections.	Consider waste hubs within the district that best serve both rural and urban ratepayers.	BAU / STAFF	Continue to provide four-bin kerbside collection services (refuse, mixed recycling, glass, and organics) to residents in urban areas and review the extent of the kerbside collection services. Review the extent of the kerbside collection services to better service rural residents.		
4.4. Reduce and divert construction and demolition waste to beneficial uses.	Support the building and construction sector to minimise waste through research and improved capability.	BAU / STAFF			WDC Industry Kiwi rail Transport companies
	Invest in sorting and processing infrastructure for construction and demolition waste.	STAFF / \$			
	Enable the separation of construction and demolition materials.	STAFF / \$			

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50**Part 2. Outcome: Improve the resilience of waste infrastructure**

WDC sub-actions	Timeframes				Key stakeholders /partners
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5: Reduce the vulnerability of waste infrastructure exposed to climate change					
5.1 Identify waste infrastructure that is at risk or vulnerable to climate change.	Utilise Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment with NIWA's climate change projections and the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement to inform project options.	BAU	Update identified risks with latest knowledge / assumptions.	Update identified risks with latest knowledge / assumptions.	WDC ECAN TRONT NIWA
	Identify the likely local effects of climate change on waste infrastructure within the district.	STAFF			
	Identify the levels of risk to Council solid waste infrastructure – including population & economic growth models.	STAFF			
	Prioritise the risk management of assets so that services can continue if disruption occurs.	STAFF			
	Incorporate old landfills into carbon sinks via natural restoration.	BAU			
5.2. Develop adaptive design and planning pathways (DAPP) when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure.	Develop adaptive planning methodologies with adopted procedures.	BAU / STAFF	Provide training in the use of dynamic adaptive pathways planning (DAPP), as recommended by the Ministry for the Environment.	Develop specific strategies for infrastructure type.	WDC Central Government (MfE)
6: Ensure all new waste infrastructure is fit for a changing climate.					
6.1. Apply climate change assumptions to new waste asset projects.	Utilise Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment with NIWA's climate change projections and the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement to inform project options.	STAFF / \$ / BAU BAU	Review or develop relevant Council policies with latest knowledge / Assumptions.	Review or develop relevant Council policies with latest knowledge / Assumptions.	WDC ECAN
6.2 Use renewal programmes to improve adaptive capacity.	Consider long-term climate impacts when making decisions to maintain, upgrade, repair or replace existing infrastructure. Adjust procurement processes accordingly.	BAU	Review or develop relevant Council policies with latest knowledge / Assumptions.	Review or develop relevant Council policies with latest knowledge / Assumptions.	WDC

Acknowledgments



We sincerely thank our community, youth and all stakeholders for their invaluable contributions to the discussions, workshops and information sessions that lead to the development of this district's Climate Resilience Strategy.





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16.7 QUOTABLE VALUE PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION - 11.30AM

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Carolyn Johns, Acting Corporate Services Group Manager
Attachments: 1. QV Presentation - WDC  

PURPOSE

1. For Jeremy Clayton from the Quotable Value (QV) South Island revaluation team to present to Council an overview of the latest revaluation of the Waimate District.

BACKGROUND

2. The Waimate District Council engage QV to undertake the 3 year district revaluations, this latest revaluation to be effective 1 June 2025.
3. As a lead up to property owners receiving notification from QV, Council have also notified the community that the revaluations are taking place and what the process is.
4. Property owners will receive written notices of their new valuations just after 10 September 2025. Owners are given an objection period if they deem that their new valuation should be considered for review. The objection period closes 17 October 2025.
5. The new values for rating purposes commence 1 July 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives a presentation from Quotable Value.



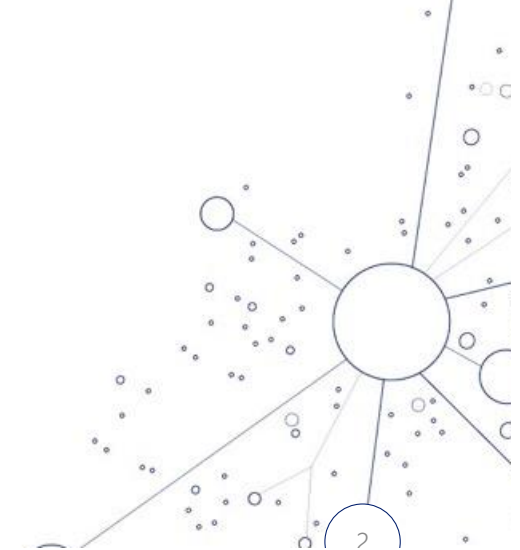
Waimate District Revaluation Overview 2025

Legislation and Rules

- Rating Valuation Act 1998
- Rating Valuation Rules 2008
- Our Auditors – The Office of the Valuer General



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Rating Valuations Vs Market Valuations



Rating values are a 'snapshot' of the market at a single point in time



If market prices change, a rating valuation cannot be expected to represent the market value for an extended period



Rating values do not include plant and chattels, or trees.

Rating valuations assess as freehold, not a leasehold interest



The community and market set property value levels – QV interprets this to form rating values

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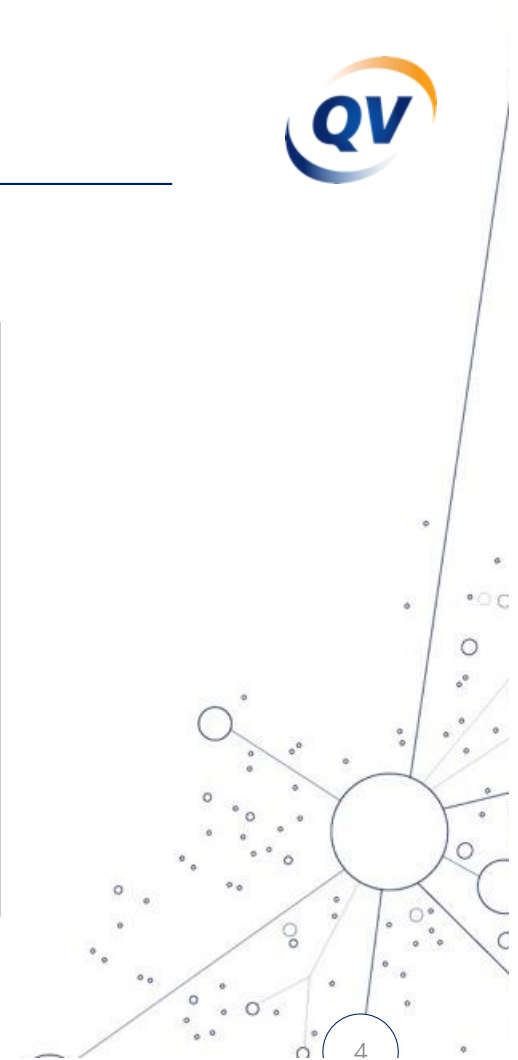
OVG Audit -Traffic Light System



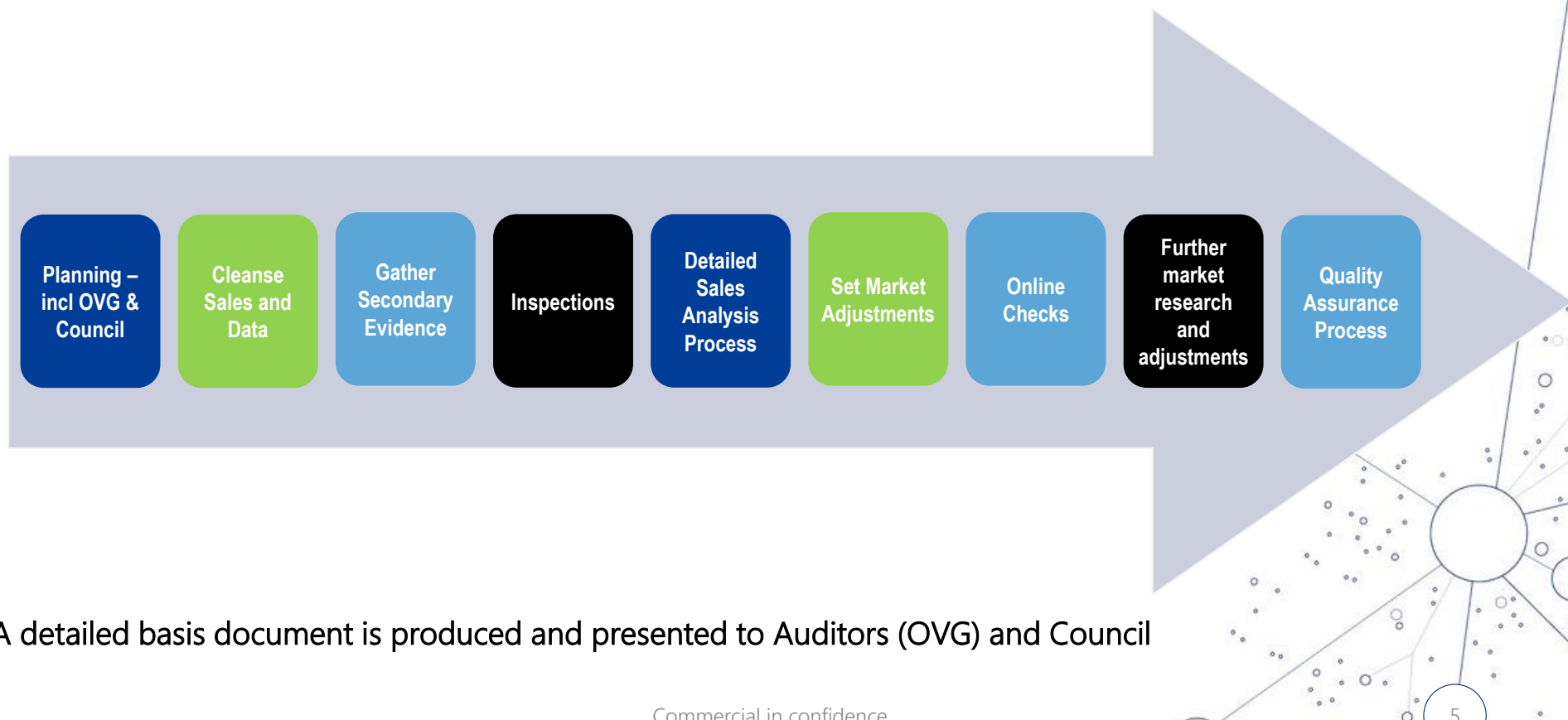
A diagrammatic representation of the 2024 revaluation certification criteria and post audit outcome stages is as follows:

Initial revaluation review status	Scope of information or valuation modification required	Delay	Length of delay ¹	Differences file required (with reasons)	Pre audit testing required to be returned	Further on-site audit	Further audit charges
Green	Minor	No	None	Yes	Yes	No	No
Blue	Minor to Moderate	Yes	Up to two weeks.	Yes	Yes	No	No
Orange	Moderate to High	Yes	1 – 3 months	Yes	Yes	Possible but unlikely	No
Purple	High	Yes	3 – 5 months	No	No	Yes	Yes
Red	Significant	Yes	6 months	No	No	Yes	Yes

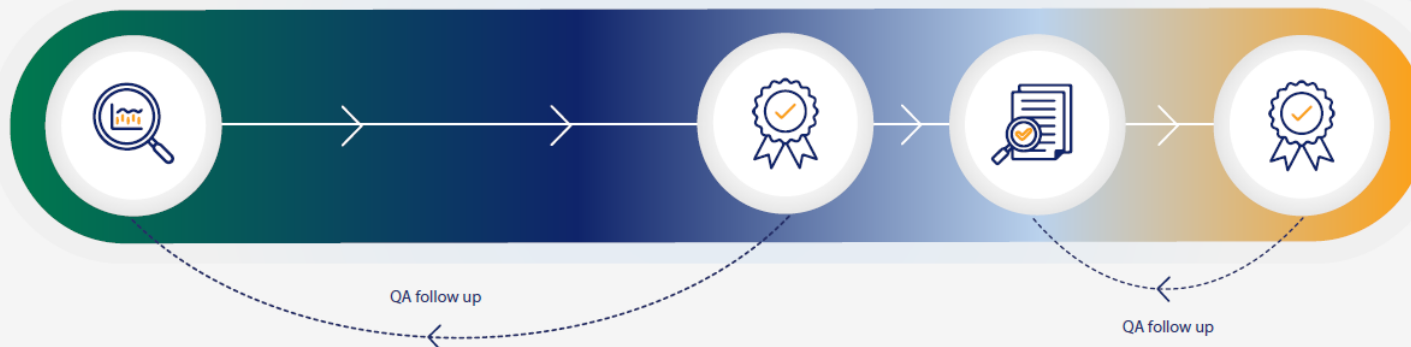
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Process



Revaluations and Quality Assurance



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Market Research

- Strategic overview
- Collaboration with council - planners, property teams, resource consents issued.
- Refresh of operative zone codes plus intel and data for proposed zone codes
- Consideration of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development where applicable
- Other registers, such as EQP buildings and NBS ratings, existing or new natural hazards or issues, weather tightness issues, contaminated sites, Maori Land.
- Purify sales-i.e. no 12s, update DVR and values where necessary
- Sales analysis-improved and vacant
- Secondary evidence - Real Estate Agents, Valuers, property professionals.
- Compile basis draft
- Compile sales maps
- Compile bench mark sales
- Compile proposed Market Adjustments for all category types
- Apply Market Adjustments for residential and check OVG statistics
- Identify any potential cusps at this point and provide summary of action plan

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Quality Assurance

- Validating market research
- Stats testing
- Mapping checks
- Interim approval

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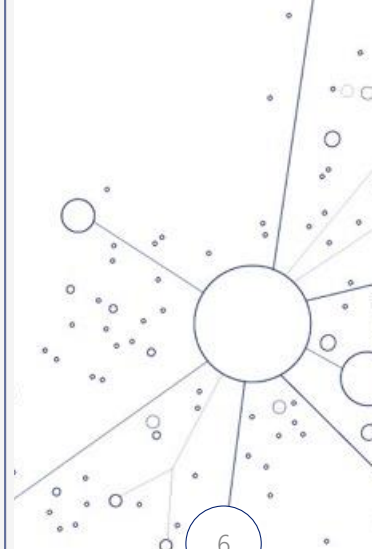
Validation of Values

- Line flow process
- Data betterment process
- DVR fields, worksheets etc.
- Use of QV Mapping
- RTV and HPI validation tools

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Quality Assurance

- Final stats testing
- Mapping checks
- Error and outlier testing
- Substantive testing



QV 2023

Quality Assurance

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Monarch Thematic Mapping



Strategic Overview



MICROECONOMICS



Population changes

Waimate District's total population was 8,500 in 2024, up 2.8% from a year earlier. Total population grew by 1.7% in New Zealand over the same period.

Population growth in Waimate District averaged 0.9%pa over the 5 years to 2024 compared with 1.2%pa in New Zealand.



Unemployment rates

The annual average unemployment rate in Waimate District was 2.9% in the year to March 2024, up from 2.4% in the previous 12 months. In the year to March 2024, the annual average unemployment rate in Waimate District was lower than in New Zealand (4.0%).

The unemployment rate in Waimate District reached a peak of 4.5% in the year to March 2012 and a low of 2.0% in the year to March 2008



Local GDP Figures

GDP in Waimate District measured \$607.5m in the year to March 2024, up 2.9% from a year earlier. Growth was greater than in New Zealand (1.4%).

Economic growth in Waimate District averaged 2.6%pa over the 10 years to 2024 compared with an average of 3.0%pa in New Zealand. Waimate District accounted for 0.1% of national GDP in 2024.

MACRO MEASURES

National Unemployment Rate
May 2025 – 5.1%

Annual change (4.4%) – Increasing



Change from March 2022 (3.2%)



Net Migration
April 2025
26,400

Annual change – Decreasing



Change from 2022 – Increasing

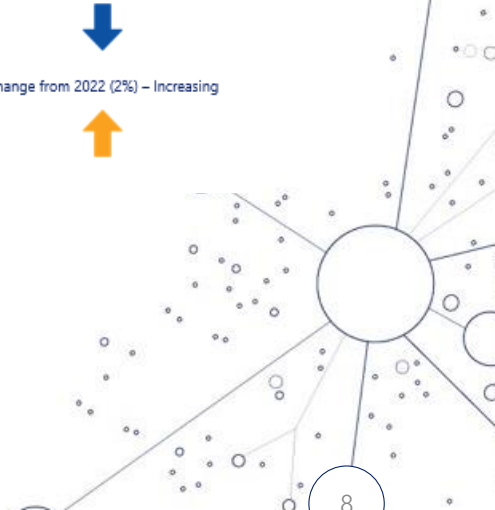


Official Cash Rate
June 2025
3.25%

Change annually (5.5%) – Decreasing



Change from 2022 (2%) – Increasing



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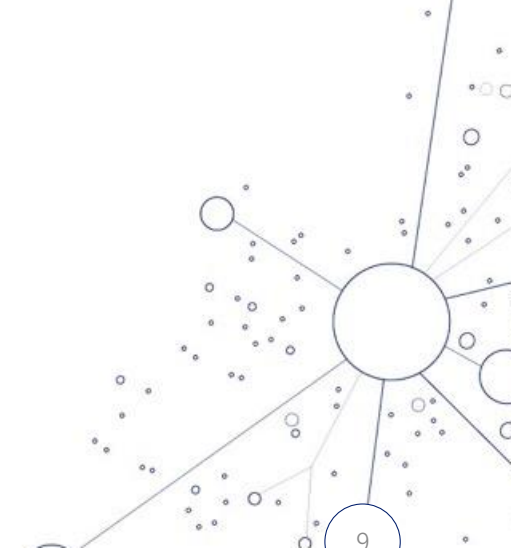


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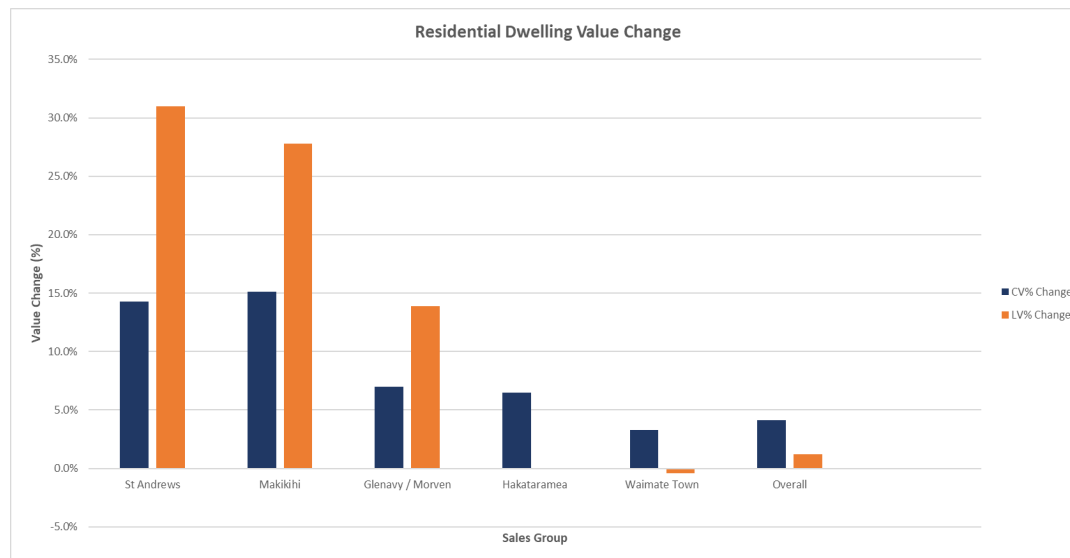


INDUSTRY CHANGES

- Studholme dairy factory high-value proteins expansion \$75m (underway).
- Fonterra Farm Source Store \$2m (underway).
- Te Runanga O Waihao Holdings Limited redevelopment of 16-20 Queen Street (underway).



Strategic Overview - Residential



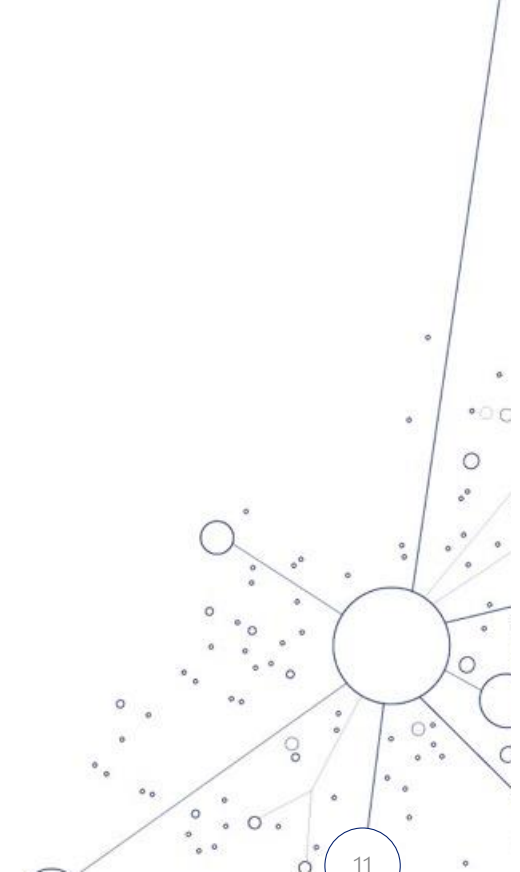
- Residential property values have remained steady with small growth occurring since the 2022 revaluation.
- Poorer/low quality dwelling not selling as well compared to an average house.
- Properties that are in good condition or modern dwelling are seeing more growth than an average property in Waimate.



House Value Market Movement



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Strategic Overview – Business

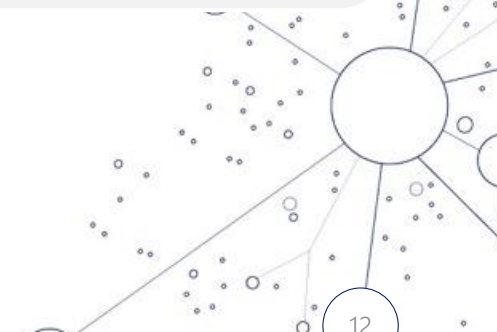


Key Changes

- Continuing expansion of Oceania Dairy Factory and Studholme Dairy Factory.
- Investment into Waimate commercial area by Te Runanga O Waihao Holdings Limited redevelopment of 16-20 Queen Street.
- Land values within the central block of Waimate Township have remained relatively stable, while surrounding commercial land; particularly larger sites, has increased in value, reaching levels comparable to those in the central block.
- No notable changes in rental levels for commercial and industrial compared to 2022.

Sector	Rental range
Commercial prime	\$120 - \$175
Commercial average	\$50 - \$130
Industrial prime	\$55 - \$75
Industrial average	\$20 - \$75

Sector	Yield range
Commercial modern	5.55% - 7.50%
Commercial average	7.0% - 10.0%
Industrial modern	6.0% - 7.5%
Industrial average	7.0% - 10.0%



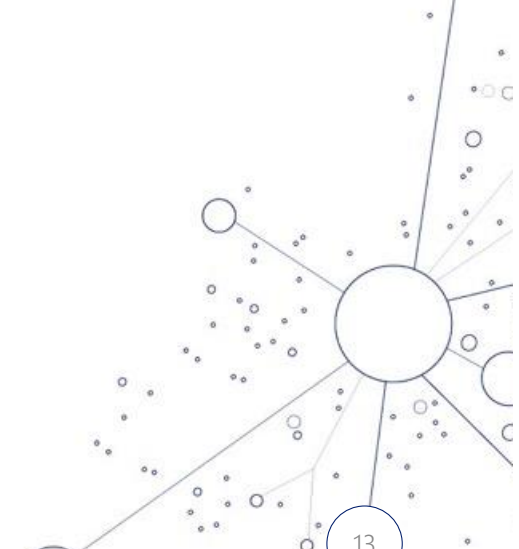
Strategic Overview-Rural & Lifestyle



Key Changes:

- Limited change for both Rural and Lifestyle value level.
- Lifestyle influence strong on rural market
- Good improvements on rural properties e.g. new dwelling or renovated properties sought after an increase in value more.

Terrain	Dairy
Good fertile flats	\$30,000 - \$42,000/ha
Wetter flats	\$25,000 - \$30,000/ha
Undulating – easy hill	\$15,000 - \$20,000/ha
Terrain	Pastoral
Good flats	\$26,000 - \$35,000/ha
Easy Hill	\$18,000 - \$28,000/ha
Medium hill	\$8,500 - \$18,000/ha



Revaluation overview

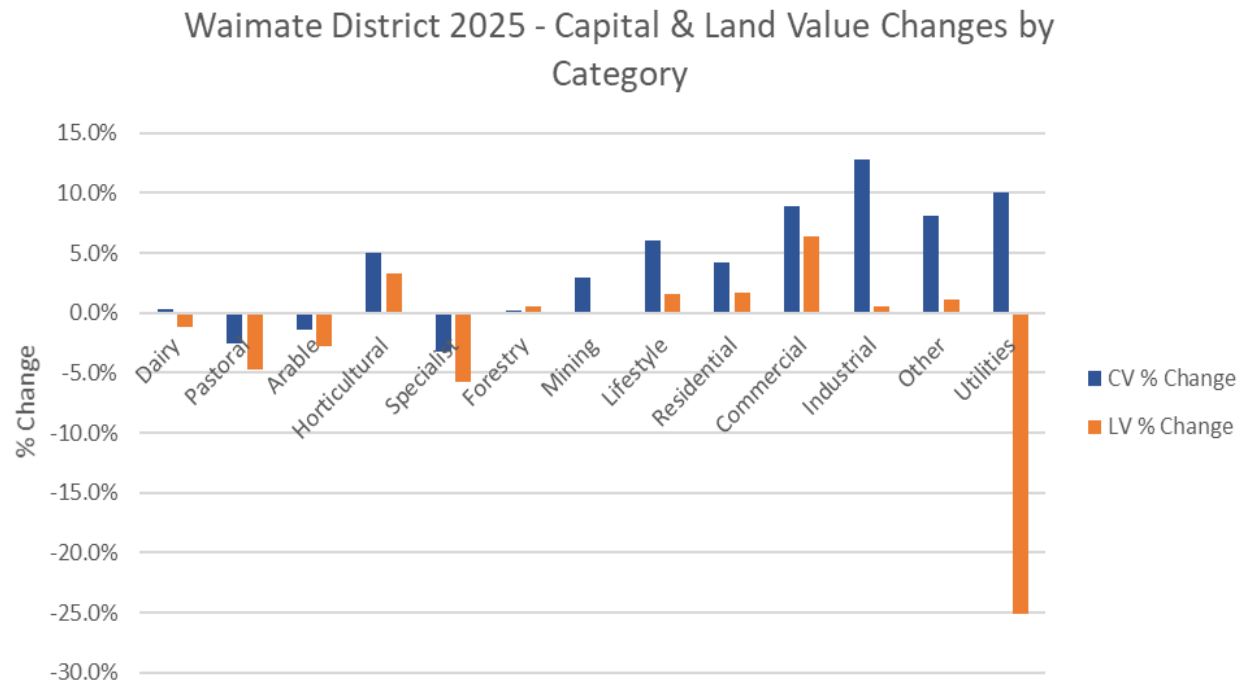


Sector	No. Assets	2025 CV (\$000)	% Change	2025 LV (\$000)	% Change
Dairy	144	\$1,420,662,600	0.3%	\$1,103,577,000	-1.2%
Pastoral	515	\$1,572,291,500	-2.5%	\$1,259,901,400	-4.8%
Arable	152	\$537,285,000	-1.5%	\$448,777,000	-2.8%
Horticultural	5	\$4,450,000	5.0%	\$2,070,000	3.2%
Specialist	28	\$104,862,000	-3.3%	\$77,457,000	-5.7%
Forestry	32	\$35,197,000	0.2%	\$31,800,000	0.5%
Mining	1	\$175,000	2.9%	\$110,000	0.0%
Lifestyle	878	\$587,761,500	6.0%	\$285,761,000	1.5%
Residential	2,265	\$938,071,400	4.2%	\$411,555,000	1.7%
Commercial	95	\$55,327,000	8.9%	\$21,611,000	6.4%
Industrial	80	\$175,615,000	12.8%	\$24,544,000	0.6%
Other	256	\$110,660,700	8.1%	\$49,235,800	1.1%
Utilities	38	\$521,991,100	10.0%	\$8,442,000	-25.1%
TOTAL	4,489	\$6,064,349,800	1.8%	\$3,724,841,200	-2.2%

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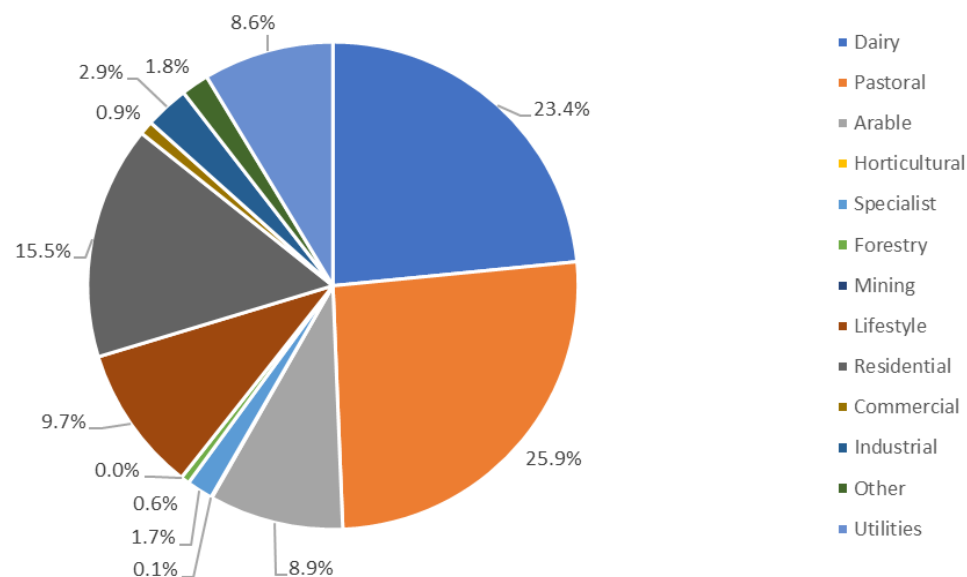
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2025 Capital Value by Sector



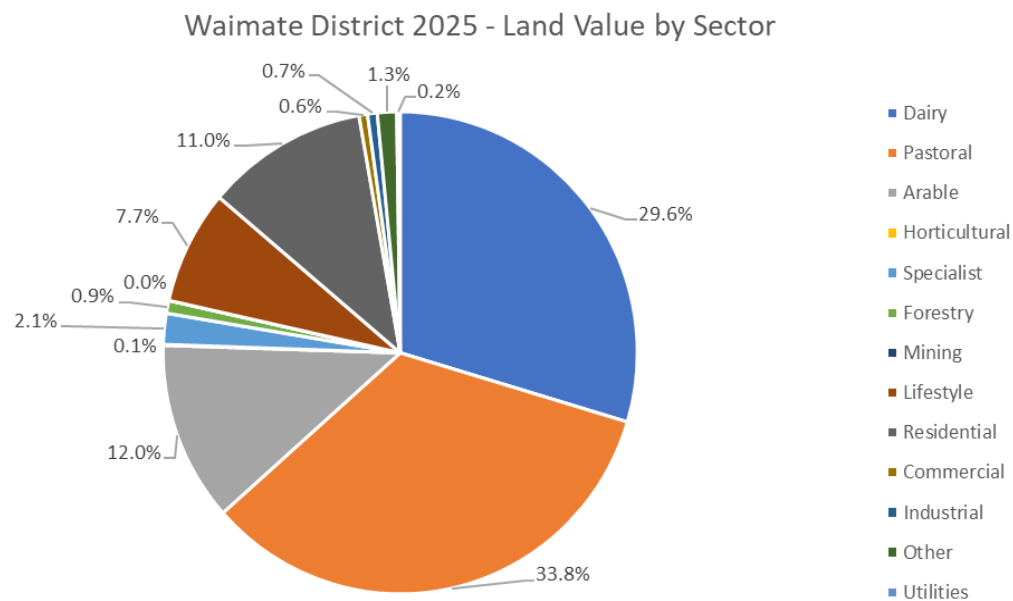
Waimate District 2025 - Capital Value by Sector



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2025 Land Value by Sector



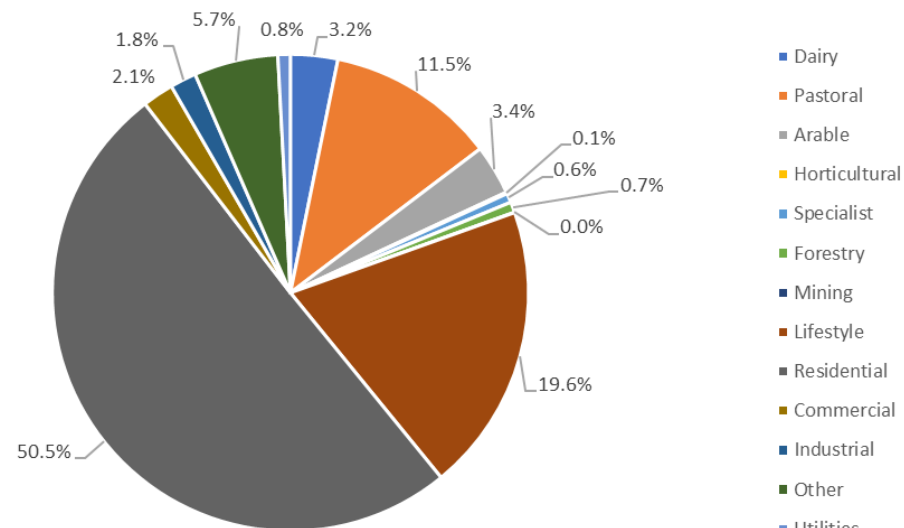
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2025 Property Mix



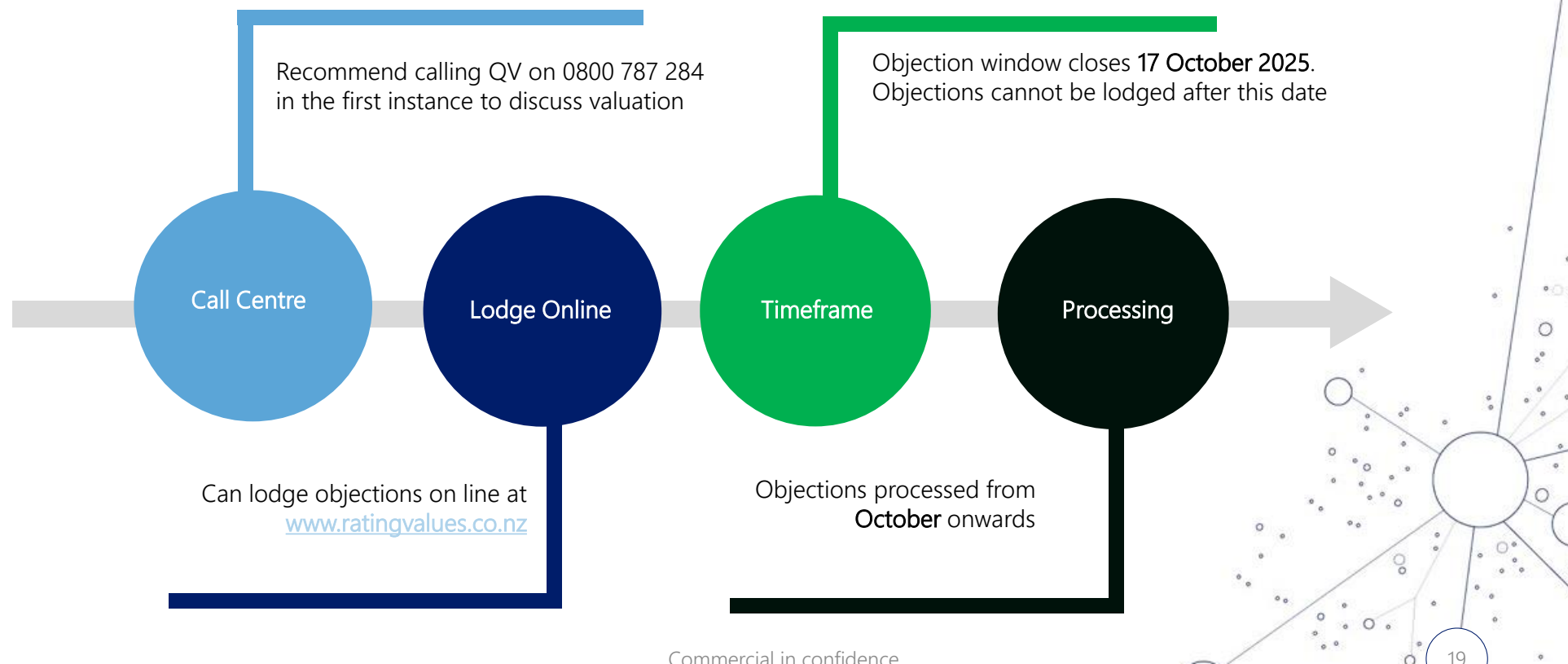
Waimate District 2025 - Property Mix (by Number of Properties)



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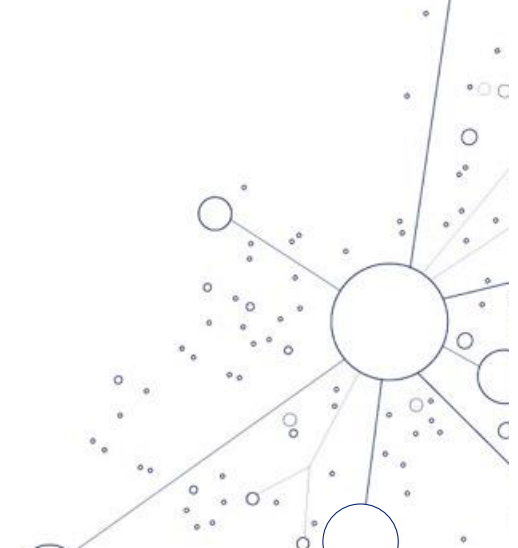
Key Dates

- Effective date of valuation: 1 June 2025
- Owners notices posted from: 10 September 2025
- Objection period closes: 17 October 2025
- Used for rating purposes from 1 July 2026



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**17 CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR (URGENT) OR MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE
AGENDA**

Nil

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC REPORT

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
18.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 August 2025	s6(a) - the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
18.2 - Outstanding Council Actions Report - Public Excluded	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
18.3 - Recommendations from Chief Executive's Performance Review Committee	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

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