



Agenda

**Notice is hereby given of
an Open Workshop**

Tuesday 16 December 2025

to follow the Council Meeting

Council Chamber
Waimate District Council
125 Queen Street
Waimate

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Open workshops are an informal forum for staff to bring information items or presentations to Council which, if undertaken at a Council meeting, could take a significant amount of time, and therefore restrict other business from being transacted.

No decisions or resolutions will be made.

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There are no legal requirements relating to a quorum.

Standing Orders do not apply.

Members of the public are welcome to attend but do not have speaking rights.

REPORTS

1 GENERAL BUSINESS

1.1 PLANNING BILL - INITIAL DISCUSSION ON IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this paper is for Council to have an initial discussion about the implications of the proposed Planning Act, and to provide direction to staff to enable them to prepare a submission.

BACKGROUND

2. As Council is aware, the government is proposing reform of the Resource Management Act (RMA), replacing it with a new Planning Act and Natural Environment Act.
3. While at time of writing this report, the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill are not yet publicly available, staff are expecting these to become available prior to the workshop.
4. It is expected that, given the summer period, there will be limited opportunities to brief Council on the content of the bills and discuss any potential submission.

KEY POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

5. Depending on the date that the bills become available (and amount of time for analysis), staff will prepare to give council an overview of the key changes and implications for councils. We will endeavour to cover:
 - a. Any changes to Council's statutory responsibilities, including new areas of new joint or shared responsibility; and
 - b. High level policy direction or outcomes that Council will have to give effect to or adhere to; and
 - c. Implementation and transition timeframes, including an overview of implications for Council processes; and
 - d. Impacts on the community; and
 - e. Any associated announcements, and relationship with other government initiatives.
6. If there is time prior to the meeting, staff will circulate further details to support the discussion above.

OUTCOME

7. From the workshop, staff seek to ensure:
 - a. Council has an initial understanding of the proposed RMA reform, and
 - b. Staff have an indication of topics that Council would like to focus on for a potential submission (if appropriate).