



SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Draft Significance and Engagement Policy 2018

Reason for the proposal

Council is required to have a Significance and Engagement Policy under the Local Government Act 2002.

The purpose of the Significance and Engagement Policy is to provide a framework for Council to decide whether a decision is significant and provide the community with clarity as to when communities can expect to be engaged in decisions made by Council.

Major points of the proposal

Community Engagement

Council acknowledges that public engagement is an essential process of good local government.

Special Consultative Procedure

The Policy identifies the situation where Council is required to use the special consultative procedure to consult on decisions. The special consultative procedure requires 1 month of public consultation on the issue, developing a statement outlining the proposal and a summary of the information. This process requires both a written and oral submission process.

Other Engagement

Where the special consultative procedure is not required, Council will decide on the scope and scale of engagement with the community based on three factors:

- The level of significance of the matter - *based on specified criteria*.
- Whether the issue is district-wide, or only affects easily identified communities.
- The desired level of participation – *based on the public participation model provided*

Engagement Principles

The Policy sets out a number of engagement principles which Council will use. These include encouraging participation and ensuring consultation material is accessible and easy to use.

Submissions

Written submissions from the community are open until **noon 4 May 2018**.

Parties who make a written submission may also make an oral submission. Oral submissions are scheduled for:

- Taihape Council Chambers - 16 May 2018

- Marton Council Chambers – 17 May 2018

You need to indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.

Further information

Further information, including the Statement of Proposal and a submission form, is available at the following places:

- Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz
- Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape
- Council's Main Office in Marton
- By calling 0800 422 522

If you have any questions please contact Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner.

