



# SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

## Draft Significance and Engagement Policy 2021

### 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 **5pm 10 May 2021**.

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

- Taihape Council Chambers - 12 May 2021

- Marton Council Chambers – 13 May 2021

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

**Further information**

Submission forms are available at the following places:

- Council's website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://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 George Forster, Policy Analyst.

