



Welcome to the Waimate District's Long-term Council Community Plan, or LTCCP, for the years 2005 to 2015.

This is the second year of the LTCCP's existence and we have taken the opportunity to refine last year's first edition and to add material that was not available at that time.

This now means that the Plan contains everything that is required by the Local Government Act, 2002, a year ahead of the June 2006 deadline set in the Act.

One immediate change is a larger number of Volumes to the plan. This is because experience last year showed that few people are interested in all parts of the Plan and we have decided to keep each volume a specific set of related information. For example, the new Volume 5 is technical information related to Water, Waste water and Solid Waste management and will be of limited interest to many residents.

The following is a list of what's new this year for each Volume.

Volume 1

Governance section. The governance section has been rewritten to give a wider view of the way in which the Council is structured and how it deals with meetings, public access, inquiries for information and such matters related to fulfilling the democratic process.

Consultation Policy. A new section describes the objectives and the processes to be used to ensure effective consultation exists between the Council and the Community at large, to expedite the LTCCP process and everyday decision-making.

Communications Strategy. Another new section outlines the way in which the Council will handle the many communications that must take place between it, the Community and other organizations or individuals who have a part to play in the Council's everyday operations. It outlines the objectives, the methods to be used and the specific information items that are commonly needed to be communicated.

Volume 2

The changes to Volume 2 all centre on the role of the Council and its partnering organizations or agencies in achieving the Community Outcomes.

The main partners that the Council works with are described and the role the Council and each partner plays in each regular task and strategic objective has been added to the charts that show how every element of the plan fits together to reach each Outcome.

Volume 3

Most changes to Activity plans are minor involving refinement of the lists of tasks and projects associated with each Activity.

Volume 4

The changes in this Volume all relate to the updated budget figures that reflect in all the financial statements. Policies are unchanged.

Volume 5

This is a completely new Volume containing engineering reports required by the Local Government Act, 2002. They relate to Water supplies and waste water removal and treatment and the likely demands for future expansion and upgrading.

Also included is a core plan for management of solid waste collection and disposal including new recycling initiatives.

Please remember, this is the Community's plan and that means you. Your feedback is a key part of the process and will help ensure that we continue to build the Community we want.

John Maxwell
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