

# Draft Reserves Management Plan

**STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL - 2024**







# INTRODUCTION

Hurunui District Council (the Council) is reviewing the Reserves Management Plan 2012. This Statement of Proposal has been prepared as part of the Special Consultative Procedure in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. It supports the consultation requirements in Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 for the purpose of reviewing the current Hurunui District Council Reserves Management Plan.

## **Purpose of this statement of proposal:**

The purpose of this statement of proposal is to:

- Provide background information.
- Outline what is being reviewed and the reasons for the proposal.
- Explain how to give feedback.
- Explain the next steps in the review process.



# BACKGROUND

## What is the Reserves Management Plan?

As an administering body, the Hurunui District Council has the responsibility of preparing policy for the management of reserves within its control. Reserves management aims to ensure the district's reserves are managed in the best way possible to allow community use and enjoyment, while preserving and protecting them for future generations.

## What does the Reserves Management Plan cover?

Historically, reserve/s management plans have been prepared on an ad-hoc basis for individual reserves or groups of reserves within the district. This approach does not allow for the recognition of the commonality of reserve issues within the district. This management plan aims to provide a consistent management approach to the district's reserves. The only current exceptions to this are the Hanmer Springs Thermal Reserve and the Queen Mary Hospital Historic Reserve which are managed under separate management plans due to their unique situations.

## Why are we reviewing our Reserves Management Plan?

It is recommended that Reserves Management Plans (RMP) be reviewed every 10 years. Under section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 councils are required to notify the public of their intention to prepare or review a Reserve Management Plan.

Since the 2012 Plan was adopted, there has been changes to the number of our reserves, and how we use and manage each of these reserves. The draft Reserves Management Plan can be viewed [on our website](#), along with a summary of key changes.





# CONSULTATION

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, we will publicly notify our intention to review the Reserves Management Plan and invite feedback on the Draft Reserves Management Plan from interested parties. As well as advertising in the Christchurch Press public notices section and the North Canterbury News notices section, we will also encourage feedback through social and print media, and Hurunui District Council’s website. Through April, the Council is also consulting on a number of other issues, holding public meetings and providing information and physical submission forms in the Council’s service centres and libraries. These will provide opportunities to find out more information and lodge a submission at these events and locations.

In developing the Draft Reserve Management Plan document, Council has taken into account previous feedback received from the public. So far, we have heard from our community board and committees about the reserves in their areas and corresponding individual reserve policies, and have gone out to the public for their feedback on the General Polices of the Reserves Management Plan, which occurred October-November 2023.







# SUBMISSIONS

For this phase of the Reserves Management Plan review process, we are seeking comments and suggestions from the public, including organisations like the Department of Conservation, Heritage NZ and key stakeholders such as iwi, on the draft Reserves Management Plan, which will undergo the Special Consultative Procedure for a period of two months.

The submission period closes on  
**Thursday 23 May 2024 at 5pm.**

The Council will hear the submissions at a Council hearing on Wednesday 26 June 2024.

The Council will adopt the Reserves Management Plan at the Council meeting on Tuesday 30 July 2024.

**To read the draft Reserves Management Plan, a summary of key changes and to submit feedback, go to [www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations](http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations) before Thursday 23 May 2024.**

## Feedback can be made via:

- Completing the online form at [www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations](http://www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations)
- Email to [submission@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:submission@hurunui.govt.nz)
- Post to 'Draft Reserves Management Plan', 66 Carters Road, Amberley, or drop off at any of our service centres.
- Hard copy forms are also available at our libraries and service centres.



## Further Information

- Email [submission@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:submission@hurunui.govt.nz)
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