

Purpose

The Wairarapa Combined District Plan is prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and sets out the objectives, policies, and rules adopted by Masterton, Carterton, and South Wairarapa District Councils to promote the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of their territories. The District Plan is a statutory document that is legally enforceable and which the councils are required to prepare in accordance with Section 73 of the RMA. The purpose, function, and contents of the District Plan are directed towards achieving the purpose of the RMA (under Section 5), which is 'to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources'.

The Masterton, Carterton, and South Wairarapa District Councils have chosen to prepare a combined District Plan so that consistent policies and methods will be used to address the Wairarapa's significant resource management and cross boundary issues.