

## Foreword

The attractions of Wairarapa for new residents, business, and visitors are no longer a secret to anyone.

As a region, we are growing fast, and this Wairarapa Combined District Plan follows reviews and public consultation to answer the question of how should we grow?

The District Plan sets out rules for land use and subdivision in Wairarapa, balancing the need for growth with desired environmental outcomes.

It covers key subjects for our region (from rural subdivision and urban growth and housing to heritage sites) and the goals of tangata whenua. It looks at natural hazards as well as climate change and resilience and considers the need for both infrastructure and open spaces and reserves, industrial areas, and rules about land, noise, and light.

It provides a framework within which Wairarapa can continue to be an attractive, vibrant place in which to live and do business.

The review of the District Plan was managed by a Joint Committee from the three Wairarapa Councils and iwi.

We commend them for their availability and work in developing this plan.

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