

Hey, we need to talk me kōrero ngātahi tātou

We're proposing some changes to our Significance and Engagement Policy and we want to know what you think.

When we've taken into account all your feedback, we'll finish off the policy and it will be adopted by Council.

IMPORTANT DATES

Open for feedback from 17 July 2020 to 17 August 2020

TALK TO US

Tell us what you think in person:
9 September 2020 in the Hauraki District Council Chambers, William Street, Paeroa.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The draft policy is available at Council offices, online at <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz> or give us a call and we'll send you a copy.

What is the Significance and Engagement policy?

A lot of what we do is already mapped out in documents such as our Long Term Plan, which we prepare, with your input, every three years.

However, sometimes things pop up unexpectedly and we need to come back to you and talk about our plans some more.

This policy is a guide to when we need to do this and how we should go about it.

What we're proposing

Our current policy says we need to talk with you about any matters of high interest or if we're making major decisions, such as stopping one of our key services. We think this is still appropriate.

However, we are proposing some changes. In a nutshell, we're proposing:

- A change to our financial significance trigger. In other words the level of investment in a proposed project that triggers the need for us to talk to you about it. Our trigger used to be projects of \$1 million or more but we think projects greater than 20 per cent (approximately \$6million) of capital expenditure or 5 per cent (approximately \$1.5 million) of operational expenditure is a better trigger.
- Clarifying the times we won't ask for your feedback such as when we are acting under the urgency of a crisis.
- Recognising the importance of Māori as tangata whenua and their special relationship with the land and water.



A guide to giving feedback

Any organisation or member of the public can give us feedback in writing, on the phone, in person or all of these. This is your chance to tell us your thoughts about what we're proposing.

Good feedback is clear, concise and to the point. Tell us which parts you support, and which ones you don't. Let us know why. You are most welcome to provide additional pages or supporting material to with your feedback.

Remember to provide your contact details if you would like to be kept informed of the decisions made after considering your feedback.

Your feedback will be a council record, so may be reproduced as an attachment to a Council agenda, made publicly available and remain on Council minute records. If you're not providing feedback on behalf of an organisation and would like your contact details to be kept private, please let us know.

We'll notify everyone who provides feedback of the outcome in writing.

Special assistance

We can offer assistance with special requirements at a hearing in terms of language translation, including that of sign language, or presenting through audio visual mechanisms. If assistance is required, please let us know and we will make the appropriate arrangements.

Huh?! What's a policy?

Our policies only apply to the Hauraki District. They provide guidance on issues or topics for consideration, which helps our Council with decision making.

This policy is about working out which decisions are important enough for us to talk to you about before we make them. .

We make policies in consultation with you – that's why your feedback is s important to us.

1

We review how well the policy is working, involving key groups

2

Changes are made to the policy as a result of early discussions

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You tell us what you think of the proposed changes to the policy

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We look at the feedback and may make further changes as a result of your views

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The policy is adopted and then effective

How you can have your say

If you want to **talk** to us:

- if you would like to talk about these changes with an Elected Member you can find their contact details on our website <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/our-council/mayor-councillors/>.
- contact us to book in to speak to the Council at a hearing in Paeroa on 9 September 2020, or tick the box on the feedback form to show us you're keen to attend. We'll contact you closer to the date of the hearing to arrange a time for you to speak.
- give us a call and speak with a member of the strategic planning team – we can draft your feedback into a written statement and we'll provide you with a copy.

If you want to **write** to us:

- fill out the online feedback form on our website <https://weneedtotalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz>
- private message or comment on our Facebook page
- email your feedback to info@hauraki-dc.govt.nz
- write a letter, or fill in the printed feedback form (available at our service centres, or downloadable from our website)