

OPEN Briefing on the Resource Management Act Reform

Date of Briefing: 2 June 2021 – 7.05pm

Attendees

Elected Members: Mayor Barry, Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Briggs, Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Hislop, Cr Mitchell, Cr Shaw, Ms P Hanna, Mr A Voutratzis and Ms K Yung

Staff: Ms J Miller, Chief Executive, Ms H Oram, Director Environment and Sustainability, Mr H Wesley, Head of District Plan Policy and Ms K Glanville, Senior Democracy Advisor

Apologies

Elected Members: Crs Bassett and Sutton

Absence

Elected Members: Crs Milne and Rasheed

Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the briefing is for the Head of District Plan Policy to update elected members on the Resource Management Act (RMA) reform.

Discussion

- Slide 1 – Photo.
- Slide 2 – **Overview:** Overview of what central government announced in February 2021.
- Slide 3 – **What is proposed:** Repealing and replacing the RMA with three new Acts – Natural and Built Environments Act (NBA), Strategic Planning Act (SPA), and Climate Change Adaption Act (CAA).
- Slide 4 – **Reform Process:** Initial plan was to progress the three news acts at the same time in December 2002. Discussion documents for feedback to be released in July 2021. This timeframe will be applied to the NBA. The SPA and CAA will now possibly be passed in 2023 rather than December 2022.
- Slide 5 – **Natural and Built Environments Act:** Outlines the purpose of the NBA.
- Slide 6 – **Natural and Built Environments Act:** Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Biophysical limits.
- Slide 7 – **Natural and Built Environments Act:** Outlines the outcomes to be achieved by the NBA.
- Slide 8 - **Natural and Built Environments Act:** Outlines the implementation of the NBA.
- Slide 9 - **National Planning Framework.**
- Slide 10 - **Natural and Built Environments Plans:** A regional committee will be established.
- Slide 11 – **Potential Impacts.**

Slide 12 – **Future Announcements:** Expecting future announcements in are expected in July 2021.

Next Steps

In response to questions from members, the Head of District Plan Policy advised the following:

- Iwi will be a partner on the regional committee.
- The regional committee will have its own resources and support to undertake work.
- It is important for Council to continue with the current District Plan review to ensure updated information is available when a regional plan is considered.

Future announcements are expected in July 2021. Any new information will be presented to Council.

The briefing closed at 7.27pm

Attachment:

Resource Management Act Reform presentation