

Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee Terms of Reference

Function	<p>To exercise the functions, duties and powers of the Carterton, Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils under the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991.</p> <p>Responsibilities include:</p> <p>The Committee will act as the governance advisory through the review period of the District Plan project and in preparing a new plan and act as the hearings panel for the submissions to the formal notification process.</p> <p>The scope of the review includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving effect to new or revised national policy statements and the revised Wellington Regional Policy Statement • Aligning the Plan with recent national environmental standards • Giving effect to the proposed national planning standards making any adjustments needed to the structure, definitions and zoning appellations • Giving effect to the proposed national planning standards to make the plan align with requirements for electronic plans and address any consequential amendments required • Rezoning areas to accommodate growth pressures and/or modify existing zones and standards to enable growth and conversely, if needed, to tighten up protection of resources of important values • Aligning the Plan with recent council strategies • Revising objectives and policies in response to any issues arising from their implementation or to respond to any statutory amendments (for example, the two new section 6 matters of national importance since 2009) • Revising any rules and supporting requirements in response to any implementation issues since 2009
Membership	<p>Membership of the Joint Committee includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 members from each of the 3 councils appointed by each Council (with the ability for each council to appoint an alternate member to cover absences) • 2 Iwi representatives (1 member representing Rangitāne o Wairarapa and 1 member representing Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa) appointed by the four iwi entities (Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tāmaki Nui ā Rua Settlement Trust, Rangitāne o Wairarapa, and Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust) and • an appropriately qualified Commissioner as an independent Chair appointed by the Joint Committee.
Quorum	<p>The Joint Committee will appoint one of its members as the Deputy Chair.</p> <p>The quorum of the Joint Committee will be five members and include at least one member of each territorial authority but does not include the Mayors (unless appointed as 1 of the 2 council appointed members or alternate member)</p>
Frequency	<p>The Joint Committee will determine the frequency of its meetings which are likely to change to suit the course of the review.</p>
Delegated authority	<p>The Carterton, Masterton and South Wairarapa District Councils have delegated to the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee all its functions, powers and duties under the First Schedule to the Act, in accordance with Section 34 of the Resource Management Act 1991.</p> <p>The removal of the office of Chair and Deputy Chair is within the powers of the Joint Committee</p>