

We're here to listen

Hurunui District Council wants to hear from the community on a range of topics

There's a lot happening in Hurunui!

Council is asking the Hurunui community for their views on a number of proposals. It's important our communities get involved in Local Government decision making so that Council's decisions and actions align with the community's. On this page is a snapshot of the topics of which we are interested in hearing your views. We encourage you to 'Have your say' on any one, or all of these.

2. Representation Review

Councils are required to review their representation arrangements at least once every six years under the Local Electoral Act. This process is called the Representation Review.

Over time, communities change. They can grow or shrink in size and their makeup can also change - from rural, to urban, from a town to a city, etc. The review looks at wards and numbers of councillors and communities.

While Hurunui's three wards still fit the population-to-councillor formula, Council is required to undertake a review regardless.

Council is going out to the community proposing a change to the current structure with the addition of a South Ward Community Board, to be elected from two electoral subdivisions within the ward. **Submissions close at 5pm on 8 May.**

1. Draft Long Term Plan

The 2024-34 Long Term Plan sets the direction for the next 10 years for Hurunui District, looking at what services Council will provide, what they will cost and at what levels rates will be set.

A number of key issues are facing ratepayers as we look at how the district will meet increased costs to upgrading drinking and wastewater supplies, meet regulatory changes in how we rate for stormwater, and maintain the roading renewal programme to the desired standard. We are seeking community views on financial modelling for the Queen Mary south site. **Submissions close at 5pm on 29 April.**

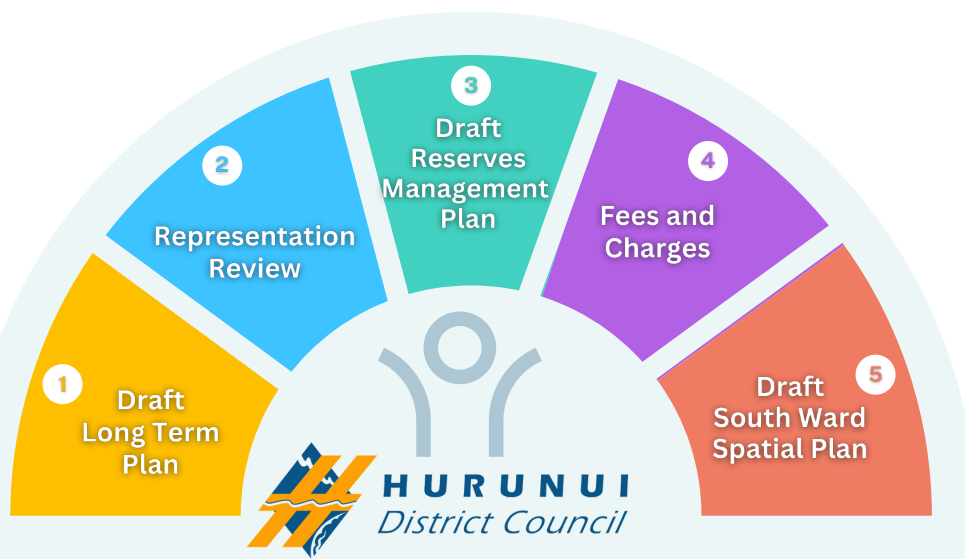


3. Draft Reserves Management Plan

Council is reviewing the Reserves Management Plan 2012. We want to ensure reserves are managed in the best way possible to allow community use and enjoyment, while preserving and protecting them for future generations.

It's recommended reserves management plans be reviewed every 10 years. Since the 2012 plan was adopted, there have been changes to the number of our reserves and how we use and manage them.

Last year, we went out to our community for feedback on the General Policies of the Reserves Management Plan, and Council worked with the Hanmer Springs Community Board, Ward Community Committees and Council officers to review and develop individual reserve policies for their areas. A draft Reserves Management Plan is now available for comment. **Submissions close at 5pm on 23 May.**



4. Fees and Charges

Council's Fees and Charges are reviewed every year to ensure they remain current and align with budgetary requirements.

Council aims to recover some, or all, of the costs associated with providing certificates, approvals, permits or consents, as well as conducting inspections, especially when there is a significant private benefit. If these costs are not recovered from users, the alternative is to allocate them to general rates revenue, impacting all ratepayers.

Council is asking the community's views on three options:

- Adopt the proposed Fees and Charges outlined in the draft Fees and Charges 2024/25.
- Maintain status quo, keeping the Fees and Charges as they are in the current year (2023/24).
- Revoke or lower the Fees and Charges.

Submissions close at 5pm on 29 April.

5. Draft South Ward Spatial Plan

Thank you to everyone who gave us your ideas on how the South Ward should develop over the next 30 years.

We have collated the feedback to create the draft South Ward Spatial Plan, which is our blueprint for how the South Ward will look and grow over the next 30 years.

We've created some draft maps that show all the exciting ideas for the South Ward's future development. We want to hear from you if we've got it right. **Feedback closes at 5pm on 29 April.**



Have your Say



Submissions on any of the topics on this page can be made in writing:

- Online at www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations
- Email to submission@hurunui.govt.nz
- Drop off to any Hurunui Council service centre or library
- Post to: Hurunui District Council, PO Box 13, Amberley 7441

Remember to include your contact details and clearly state which topic you are submitting on.

For details of what is proposed on all of these topics, and to make a submission on any or all of these, please go to www.hurunui.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultations