



## What's happening with our water services?

We've made a decision about the future of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services in the Mackenzie District.

After looking at our options, Councillors have decided to work alongside Timaru District Council to deliver water services through a joint organisation.

### So, what does this mean for you?

Right now – not much will change day to day.

Your water, wastewater and stormwater services will continue as usual. There's no immediate change to how services are delivered, and no action is required from residents.

### Why are we doing this?

Late last year, the Department of Internal Affairs asked us to make changes to our proposed Water Services Delivery Plan. That gave us the opportunity to take another look at our options.

We considered:

- Keeping services in-house
- Partnering with a wider group of councils
- Working more closely with Timaru District Council

After reviewing the options, Councillors agreed that partnering with Timaru is the most practical and sustainable way forward for our district.

### What happens next?

We'll now work with Timaru District Council to set up a joint Water Services Organisation. A steering group made up of representatives from both councils will prepare a draft agreement and implementation plan.

This will come back to Council for approval at the next Council Meeting.

### Will this affect rates?

There are no immediate changes to rates. The purpose of working together is to create a model that is financially sustainable and meets national water standards over the long term. As plans are developed, we'll keep you informed about any impacts.

We know water services are important to our community, and we're committed to keeping you updated as this work progresses.

Further details are available on Council's website.

## Kerbside bins - what goes where?

Ever wondered what-goes-where when it comes to putting rubbish in your bins?

We have created a series of posters as a handy reminder. We will print one in each of the next four issues.

You can also find them on our website at: [mackenzie.govt.nz](http://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Services > Rubbish and Recycling > Bin Collections



# RUBBISH

What goes in your red bin?

<p><b>General rubbish</b> eg. dirty nappies.</p>	<p><b>Ashes</b> (wait until they are cool before putting in your red bin).</p>	<p><b>Non-recyclable plastics #3, 4, 6, 7</b> eg. plastic food wrap, soft plastics, plastic bags, toys, garden hoses</p>	<p><b>Aerosol cans</b></p>	<p><b>Clothes, pillows or shoes</b> (if reusable, take to a clothing bin or op-shop)</p>	<p><b>Crockerly</b> eg. broken plates and cups</p>
<p><b>Frying pans &amp; pots</b></p>	<p><b>Lids &amp; Caps</b></p>	<p><b>Polystyrene</b> (take to the Resource Recovery Park for recycling)</p>	<p><b>Animal droppings</b></p>	<p><b>Takeaway cups</b></p>	<p><b>Juice &amp; milk cartons</b></p>
<p><b>Windscreen, mirror or plate glass</b></p>	<p><b>Drinking glasses</b></p>	<p><b>Flax, cabbage tree &amp; rhubarb leaves</b></p>	<p><b>Oven-safe glassware</b></p>	<p><b>Paper towels, serviettes or tissues</b></p>	<p><b>Light bulbs</b></p>

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# TEKAPO BY-ELECTION.

**NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW.**

2026 BY-ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER  
FOR THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD



A by-election is required to fill an extraordinary vacancy for the Tekapo Community Board. The vacancy has arisen from the recent resignation of Anna Roseingrave.

This is an opportunity for a community-minded individual to join the other community board members and work for the betterment of the Tekapo area. Nominations for this position are now open and close at midday on Thursday 19 March 2026.

A nomination form and a candidate information sheet can be requested from the Mackenzie District Council Office, Main Street, Fairlie or downloaded from [mackenzie.govt.nz](http://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Council > Elections > 2026 Tekapo Community Board By-election or from the electoral officer.

Further information is available from [mackenzie.govt.nz](http://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Council > Elections > 2026 Tekapo Community Board By-election



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## Decisions made at Council Meetings

Did you know that after a Council meeting we publish a brief summary of the key decisions made at that meeting. If you want more detail on a topic, the full agenda and video (of a livestreamed meeting) can be found in the Meetings and Agendas section of the website.

At the meeting 11 February 2026, the elected members made the following decisions:

### Resource Management & Legislation:

Councillors accepted the draft submission to be submitted from MDC on the Planning Bill and the Natural Environment Bill. They agreed to provide any detailed feedback to the Chief Executive by 5pm on February 11th. They delegated to the Chief Executive the final approval of the submission following any changes from Councillor feedback.

### Water Services:

Councillors directed staff to develop a water services policy and to review and update the Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater Bylaw.

### Council sponsorship

Councillors approved \$500 sponsorship for South Island Rowing Incorporated for the 2026 Maadi Regatta.

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 24 February, in addition to the decision to partner with Timaru District Council for the future delivery of water services as referenced above, Councillors voted unanimously to approve in principle the transfer of the Albury water supply ownership to Albury Water Supply Society Incorporated, with a formal report to be presented at the March 24th meeting.

## Dates of upcoming meetings

Date	Meeting	Start Time*	Location
Tuesday 10 March	Council Workshop Lake Tekapo Community Hall	9:00am	Tekapo
Tuesday 17 March	Council Workshop Lake Tekapo Community Hall	9:00am	Tekapo
Tuesday 24 March	Audit and Risk Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie**	9:00am	Fairlie**
Tuesday 24 March	Council Meeting Council Chambers, Fairlie**	10:00am	Fairlie**

The public are welcome to attend meetings. Occasionally times and venues change so please call and check beforehand. There is a public forum at the beginning of each Council and Community Board meeting and members of the public are invited to address Elected Members on relevant matters.

Agendas for scheduled meetings are available two days before the meeting (with the exception of late papers, which are added to the agenda when available). Agendas for extraordinary meetings are made available as soon as practicably possible. (Extraordinary meetings are meetings held outside the published meeting schedule and are called when a decision cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting).

Once published, agendas are available at [mackenzie.govt.nz](http://mackenzie.govt.nz) > Council > Meetings and Agendas

\* The length of the meeting will depend on the agenda.

\*\* NOTE Change of location from Twizel owing to the Maadi Cup venue requirements.



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