

# News & Information from Mackenzie District Council



**Mackenzie**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Long Term Plan - Public Consultation

Council's Long-term Plan (LTP) outlines to our community how Council intends to invest over the next 10 years. To ensure it is up to date and reflects the needs of the District, the LTP is revised every three years. Council wants to share the plans for the next ten years, and give you the opportunity to let Council know what you think. All the feedback received will be considered by Councillors who will then make any final amendments to the plan before it is adopted.

The LTP is an important part of Council's planning process. It sets out the services and activities that Council will provide, the projects Council will carry out and the level of service the community can expect over the next decade. It also includes how much Council expects things to cost, how everything will be paid for and what it means for rates and debt.

The consultation document highlights some important challenges we are facing across the district. It outlines how Council plans on addressing them and how this will impact rates. The Mackenzie District has a passionate and proud community, and we want to know what you think about the LTP. You can:

- Read the document online and complete the survey online at [www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz)
- Collect or request the consultation document and feedback from our offices in Fairlie and Twizel
- Email feedback to [info@mackenzie.govt.nz](mailto:info@mackenzie.govt.nz)

Submitters can opt to address councillors directly at a hearing. Full details of how to make a submission are available on our engagement website at [www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz](http://www.letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz)

## Twizel Pump Track Upgrade

Thanks to those who popped along to talk to the contractor before work started on refreshing the Twizel pump track and jumps. We received some great feedback and as you can see work is underway to implement your ideas - we look forward to getting this open in the coming weeks.



## 3 Waters Review - Update

Mackenzie District Council has provided feedback to the Department of Internal Affairs on the proposed three water reforms. The full submission from Mackenzie District Council to the government and supporting documents can be found on our 3 waters reform website: <https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/proposed-3-waters-reform>

The Mackenzie District Council opposes the Crown's proposed model to establish four large water entities and remove the three waters assets and services from local councils based on the information supplied by the Crown to date. Council is not convinced that the proposed model provides the best outcomes for our District, our people, or New Zealand.

Councils' independent analysis seriously questions the validity of the information supplied to date. The Council is very disappointed by the significant amount of information missing at this stage of the process. Councils modelling shows that the large entities does not deliver economic benefits for Mackenzie District and so this leads them to question all of the projected economic benefits.

As a result, based on the information available at present, Mackenzie District Council believe its imperative that the Crown recalculate its position using correct data, integrates all its reform processes relating to local government, set realistic timeframes around the process and proceed in true partnership with Councils, runanga and our communities.

This reform is too critical for the Crown to recklessly progress as it currently is doing on information that at best is highly questionable.

Despite the above comments, the Council agrees that the three waters sector faces many challenges and the status quo is not necessarily an option everywhere. There is a need for significant investment to ensure Aotearoa's water is safe to drink for all, the water environment is made fit for purpose and New Zealand's infrastructure is sustainable and resilient.

Council has acted in good faith and been open through out the first phase of the reform process. It now calls on the Crown to reciprocate this good faith by using the correct data provided, and working with Council, runanga and the community utilising true collaboration and open consultation.

## Remote Water Supplies

The new drinking water regulator, Taumata Arowai, is considering how small suppliers ensure drinking water safety. Mackenzie District Council has written to rural ratepayers to provide some additional information. The focus of this letter and the enclosed survey is on "small suppliers", these being properties that access their own water source (not town supply) and who supply drinking water to other dwellings from that source. Additionally, schools, cafes, lodges, campsites, batches and marae, who supply water to a number of people fall into this category.

A problem for Mackenzie District Council is that there is limited information about small suppliers. The council are trying to identify these, in preparation for the new regulations that will come into force, so that property owners are prepared and can be assisted. The Council will also assess whether there would be merit in joining some of these 'off-grid' supply areas onto a reticulated network.

This is separate to the "Three Waters Reforms", and regardless of the outcome of discussions on the reforms, these changes will happen.

Further information, a Mackenzie District Council webinar recording on the subject, and details regarding the government's proposed the Three Waters reforms can be found on our engagement website at <https://letstalk.mackenzie.govt.nz/proposed-3-waters-reform>

We are committed to working with our community to find solutions to the new rules.

## Dates of Upcoming Meetings

12 October	Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 9.30am
27 October	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	Community Hall, Tekapo, 3pm
28 October	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 4.30pm
1 November	Twizel Community Board Meeting	Community Lounge, Twizel, 3pm
16 November	Committee Meetings	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 9.30am
1 December	Twizel Community Board Meeting	Community Lounge, Twizel, 3pm
8 December	Tekapo Community Board Meeting	Community Hall, Tekapo, 3pm
9 December	Fairlie Community Board Meeting	Council Chambers, Fairlie, 4.30pm

COVID-19: Please note meetings may be re-scheduled or moved to zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please check our website for the latest information.

Committee meetings follow the preceding meeting and so start times will vary. 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 are available on the Council website at least two working days before each meeting.