



TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Variations to the District Plan Notified

The adoption of Taupo District 2050 (the Growth Management Strategy), by Council on 27 June 2006, was a landmark achievement for the District allowing the Council and the Community to move forward with more proactive growth management and leadership on the nature and location of future growth. To begin the implementation of the Strategy, the Council is notifying a series of variations to the Proposed District Plan to achieve a number of the outcomes which were signalled within Taupo District 2050. These changes to the PDP are proposed to be:

- **Variation 19 Rural Lot Sizes** – applies new subdivision rules and includes a revision of the minimum lot size to 10 HA in the rural environment.
- **Variation 20 Future Residential Environment** – proposes a strategic zoning of areas suitable for urban development.
- **Variation 21 Land Development and Growth Management Variation** – provides a policy framework for unfolding future growth areas in the Taupo District, while ensuring efficient infrastructure provision and specific assessments of environmental effects are undertaken through an appropriate structure planning and plan change process.

Planning Manager Gareth Green believes that the variations will provide for a high degree of growth management in the District. Not only will the variations control inappropriate urban growth in the rural environment, but will establish a robust framework for those who want to develop identified urban growth areas throughout the Taupo District.

As well as notifying the variations the taupo District Council is also withdrawing Variation 8 'Rural' and Section 3b of the Taupo Proposed

District Plan. Variation 8 and Section 3b will be superseded by Variations 19 and 21 and the appropriate provisions will be replaced though these Variations.

Taupo District Council is currently inviting submissions on the variations until 1 march 2007.

More information and copies of the variations can be obtained off the Council website or by contacting Principal Planner Environmental Policy Rowan Sapsford (07 376 0723 or epu@taupo.govt.nz).