

## District Character

# 1

### Strategic Direction

Develop a well planned district of connected urban areas that reinforce the strengths, individual character, and identity of each area (*Policy 1.1*)

Strengthen Taupo Town’s functions and its role as the primary business, retail, recreational, and entertainment hub for the District (*Policy 1.2*)

Protect the character of rural and undeveloped areas, and their capacity to function as a predominantly productive (i.e. farming), recreational and conservation (i.e. forest and national parks) based environment (*Policy 1.3*)



## Outstanding Landscapes & Natural Areas

# 2

### Strategic Direction

Recognise the outstanding landscapes and natural areas within the District and protect them from inappropriate development (*Policy 2.1*)

Enhance the water quality of the District’s lakes and rivers through careful management of land use activities (*Policy 2.2*)

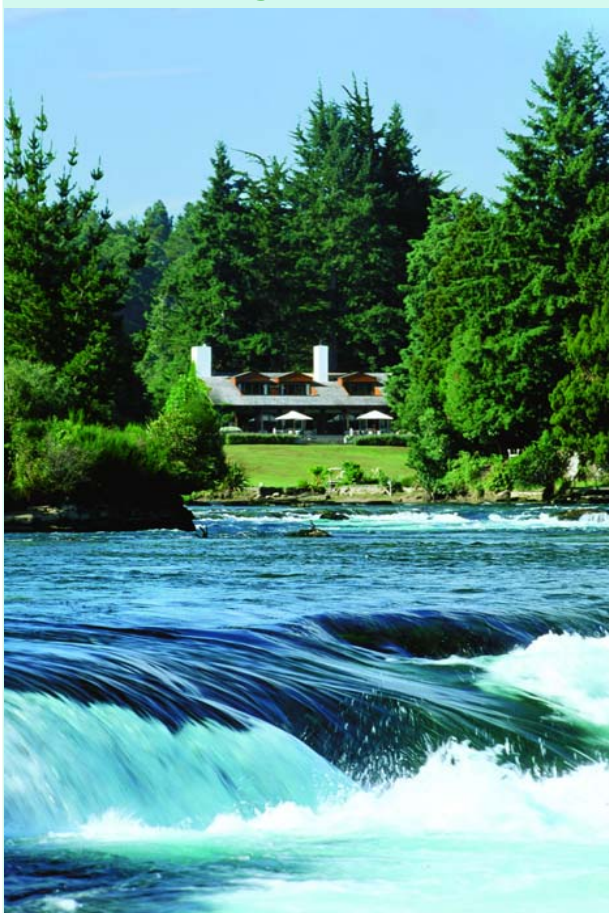
Protect and encourage the enhancement of the District’s significant natural areas including areas of national, regional and local biodiversity significance (*Policy 2.3*)



# Settlement Patterns & Urban Form

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### Strategic Direction



Set clear limits to the outward development of all urban areas (Policy 3.1)

Identify, enhance and protect gateways to urban areas (Policy 3.2).

Ensure strategic transportation and network utility corridors are identified in the initial planning stages and protected from encroachment by incompatible land uses. (Policy 3.3)

Ensure that there is an adequate supply of appropriate land for commercial and industrial uses. (Policy 3.4)

Provide for the establishment of a secondary commercial centre to serve the needs of the communities located to the west of the Waikato River (Policy 3.5)

Promote the establishment of large format retail to the north of the Taupo central business district on the northern side of Spa Road, and otherwise ensure that a large format retail complex is not established in competition with the Taupo central business district (Policy 3.6)

Provide greater definition between the rural and urban environments with increased protection of rural land for productive purposes and maintaining, linking, and securing networks of open space (Policy 3.7)

Restrict the fragmentation of rural land beyond identified lifestyle areas, to maintain rural amenity and character, and prevent avoidable pressure on rural infrastructure and productive farming (Policy 3.8)



## Well Designed Places

# 4

### Strategic Direction

Plan and design new and changing urban areas to reflect the key urban design elements (Policy 4.1)

Improve community safety and encourage neighbourhood design that makes people feel safe (Policy 4.2)

Development should be designed and located so that it considers and complements the character of the rural area. (Policy 4.3)

Achieve design excellence for all new prominent community buildings and public spaces (Policy 4.4)

Encourage all users to meet best practice approaches in minimising water use and using water efficiently (*Policy 4.5*)

Promote waste as a resource and encourage reuse and recycling of waste to reduce the proportion going to landfill. (Policy 4.6)



## Strong Communities

# 5

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Encourage all major new development and redevelopment to incorporate a element of quality affordable housing, including appropriate housing for the entry buyer and low-income housing markets (Policy 5.1)

Identify and plan for social and community infrastructure needs in advance of development (Policy 5.2)

Increase access to arts, recreation and other cultural facilities with a focus on developing a strong cultural environment that reflects the ethnic diversity of the District (Policy 5.3)

Encourage co-ordination in the planning and monitoring for community and cultural needs across all relevant agencies (Policy 5.4)

Encourage community engagement and awareness in respect of growth issues and in implementing the Taupo District 2050 (Policy 5.5)



## Tangata Whenua

# 6

### Strategic Direction

To recognise the historical and contemporary contributions of Tangata Whenua to the development of the District (Policy 6.1)

The ongoing management of growth will reflect the strong partnership between Tangata Whenua and the Taupo District Council (Policy 6.2)

To recognise the significant presence of Tuwharetoa in terms of mana whenua, land holdings, and population numbers (Policy 6.3)

Recognition of the increasing role of Maori leasehold land and associated development opportunities in the District (Policy 6.4)





## Sustainable Economy

# 7

### Strategic Direction

Ensure that economic activities reflect the need to preserve the natural environment that sustains the District's economy (Policy 7.1)

Recognise and provide for the fact that the District forms an important part of the regional and national economy (Policy 7.2)

Encourage an innovative and diverse economy and the development of niche markets that complement the character and communities of the Taupo District (Policy 7.3)

Support sustainable new rural industries and innovative non-urban uses for rural land such as agri-business, appropriate ecotourism and recreation opportunities. (Policy 7.4)

Protect natural and rural economic resources from further fragmentation and inappropriate use. (Policy 7.5)

Provide for the collocation of industrial activities and geothermal power generation where those two land uses are compatible (Policy 7.6)



## Integrating Land Use, Infrastructure, & Funding

# 8

### Strategic Direction



Manage the sequence of development in growth areas so that services are available from early in the life of new and expanding communities (Policy 8.1)

Coordinate and integrate planned infrastructure which supports the preferred settlement pattern and provides greater certainty for development. (Policy 8.2)

Identify, preserve and protect key sites, corridors and buffer areas for current and future district infrastructure and services (Policy 8.3)

Use best practice standards for the planning, design and operation of sewage and wastewater collection, transport, treatment, disposal and reuse (Policy 8.4)

Ensure that low impact urban design techniques and practices are considered when determining infrastructure requirements (Policy 8.5)



## Transport Modes & Connections

# 9

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Maintain and enhance the District's strategic transport networks to link industries to markets, and move goods and people efficiently (Policy 9.1)

Provide for a comprehensive and integrated range of present and future public and private transport options within the District (Policy 9.2)

Manage the road system to achieve integration, choice and balance by developing an efficient and safe network and making the most of existing infrastructure (Policy 9.3)

Facilitate the development and implementation of a corridor approach to transportation and integration with the pattern of land use (Policy 9.4)

Consider a range of funding alternatives in respect of transportation provision in the District (Policy 9.5)



## Water Resources

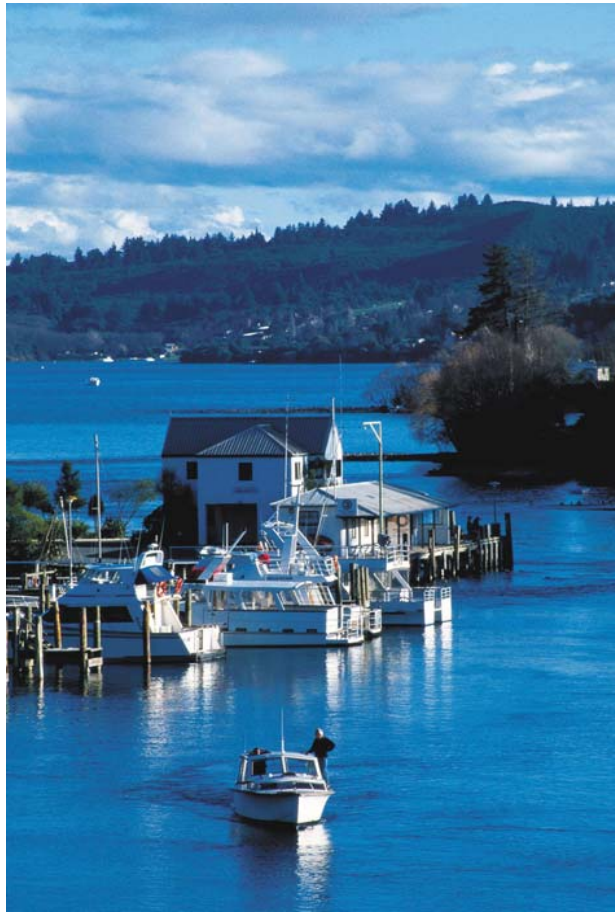
# 10

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Protect and maintain the quality of receiving waters, particularly Lake Taupo, through land use planning, development standards and land management practices (Policy 10.1)

Consider a range of alternatives for managing on site waste water discharge including the development of community owned systems (Policy 10.2)

Incorporate low impact design principles and an integrated catchment management approach in the development and management of public and private stormwater systems (Policy 10.3)



## Open Space Networks

# 11

### Strategic Direction



Networks of open space shall be used to help manage land use patterns and landscape values within the District and assist in shaping urban form (Policy 11.1)

Open space shall be available for recreational and leisure opportunities for the wider community including visitors to the District (Policy 11.2)

Encourage the development of a regional and district parks and open space policy (Policy 11.3)

Encourage the investigation and implementation of alternative funding sources for purchase and development of parks, open space and green corridors (Policy 11.4)

Encourage use of open space to separate growth areas and using a range of tools to achieve this, including both public and private ownership arrangements that are anchored through mechanisms such as legal agreements, and district plans (Policy 11.5)

Open space provided by rural and undeveloped areas shall be used to manage land use patterns and landscape values within the District and assist in maintaining the rural character of the District (Policy 11.6)

## Leadership, Partnership and Collaboration

# 12

### Strategic Direction

Develop collaborative working relationships with other key stakeholders to achieve effective implementation (Policy 12.1)

Support community participation in planning processes, enabling local communities to articulate their future aspirations and enhance their sense of place and wellbeing. (Policy 12.2)

Leadership in planning decisions will provide a high degree of certainty and accountability to the community, the development sector, and service and infrastructure providers. (Policy 12.3)

Commitment to the ongoing implementation of Taupo District 2050 and monitoring of the outcomes achieved (Policy 12.4)

