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Strategic Direction

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Introduction

The Strategic Direction section sets the overarching direction for the District Plan to sustainably manage growth, land use and development in the Waitaki District. The strategic objectives help to implement relevant WDC plans, strategies, and policies as well as regulatory planning documents and legislation that the District Plan must give effect to. The strategic direction objectives reflect the intended outcomes to be achieved through the implementation of the District Plan.

For the purposes of preparing, changing, interpreting, and implementing this District Plan, the objectives and policies in all other chapters of the District Plan are to be expressed and achieved in a manner consistent with the objectives of this Chapter. There is no hierarchy within or between any of the Strategic Directions.

The strategic objectives will be particularly relevant for any future changes to the Plan and any significant or complex resource consent applications. In addition to the specific objectives and policies contained in topic chapters of the Plan, relevant strategic objectives in this Chapter will also need to be assessed for any activity identified as Discretionary or Non-complying.

Strategic objectives – Community facilities and open space

SD-CFOS-O1 Open Space and Recreation Areas

Provide a network of public open space and recreation areas with a diversity of type and size and associated public amenities, recreational facilities, and infrastructure to meet the current and future recreation, cultural, health and well-being needs of the community.

Strategic objectives – Historical and cultural identity and values

SD-CHI-O1 Character and Identity

Waitaki's character, historic and cultural heritage, and identity is reflected throughout the District.

SD-CHI-O2 Recognition, protection, and future opportunities for Waitaki's heritage

Recognise the outstanding contribution that historic heritage makes to the Waitaki District's economy by protecting buildings, items, areas, and features, and providing opportunities for the ongoing use and adaptive re-use of our heritage buildings and areas.

SD-CHI-O3 Waitaki's cultural heritage

Wāhi tūpuna places, landscapes and features which are significant to mana whenua are identified, recognised for their values and protected for future generations.

Strategic objectives – Mana whenua

SD-MW-O1 Active participation

Promote active participation with mana whenua in all aspects of District Plan implementation.

SD-MW-O2 Mana whenua values, rights, and interests

Protect and recognise mana whenua values, rights, and interests.

Strategic objectives – Natural environment

SD-NE-O1 Natural character, landscapes and features and ecosystems

Protection of the natural character, landscapes, features and ecosystems which strongly contribute to Waitaki's unique character, identity, and indigenous biodiversity.

SD-NE-O2 Ōamaru Harbour

A harbour that contributes to the identity of Ōamaru and supports a mix of compatible activities balanced with recreational and biodiversity values.

SD-NE-O3 Dark Skies

The dark sky values at Kakanui, Moeraki, Otematata, Ōmārama, Lake Ōhau and Cape Wanbrow as well as within Waitaki’s sensitive environments, contribute to the District’s identity and character.

Strategic objectives – Risk, resilience, and energy efficiency

SD-RREE-O1 Natural hazards

Improve the District’s resilience to natural hazards, including where these will be exacerbated by climate change and where possible, avoid or mitigate the risks of natural hazards to people, communities, property, and infrastructure.

SD-RREE-O2 Resilience and adapting to climate change

The effects of climate change are recognised, and an integrated management approach is adopted, including through:

1. taking climate change into account in natural hazards management; and
2. enabling the community to adapt to climate change; and
3. encouraging efficiency in urban form and settlement and development patterns.

SD-RREE-O3 Energy

Use our energy resources efficiently in how we live, work and move through the district.

SD-RREE-O4 Renewable energy

There is reduced reliance on non-renewable sources of energy, encouragement of increased use of renewable sources and greater energy conservation.

Strategic objectives – Rural areas

SD-RA-O1 Productive rural environments

A range of primarily rural productive opportunities are enabled in the rural environment to recognise and sustain the significant contribution of primary production and rural industry activities to the social and economic well-being of the district.

SD-RA-O2 Protecting highly productive land

Protect highly productive land from inappropriate subdivision, use or development.

SD-RA-O3 Avoiding incompatible activities and reverse sensitivity

Ensure development remains compatible with rural character and avoids reverse sensitivity impacts.

Strategic objectives – Urban form and development

SD-UFD-O1 Integrated management

Urban form comprises of good quality design and integration with infrastructure.

SD-UFD-O2 Housing choice and intensification

A variety of housing types, sizes, and tenures are available across the District including:

1. housing that meets the community’s diverse social and economic housing needs; and
2. provision for higher density housing in locations:
 - a) where there is access to the transport network, multi-modal transport options; and
 - b) within or near the Town Centre or a Local Centre where there is access to commercial services, community activities and public open space.

SD-UFD-O3 Location of activities

Compatible activities with similar effects and functions locate together in appropriate areas and are managed to:

1. ensure the efficient use of land, resources, and infrastructure; and
2. maintain the character and amenity values of different parts of the District; and
3. minimise adverse effects from incompatible activities.

SD-UFD-O4 The urban environment

The District has urban environments that are liveable, connected, accessible, safe and well-designed for the community to live, work and play.

SD-UFD-O5 District-wide growth

Waitaki grows in a cohesive, compact, and structured way while ensuring a sufficient supply of land is available for the community’s housing, commercial, industrial, and recreational needs.

SD-UFD-06 Urban growth

Future urban growth is appropriately located and serviced with relevant infrastructure.