



WAITAKI DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

Public Access (PA)

What are the key issues we need to think about?

The Waitaki district has approximately 90 kilometres of coastline and also contains many significant waterbodies. These waterbodies all provide important recreational opportunities for the local community and general public. We need to ensure that public and customary access to and along the coast, rivers and lake is protected when new development occurs and that where possible new areas of access are provided to these areas.

What are we suggesting in the Draft District Plan?

There are no rules in the draft chapter that relate specifically to public access in its own right, but this is achieved via esplanade reserves, esplanade strips and access strips that are created during the subdivision process. The draft rules in the Subdivision chapter would apply to any new subdivisions being proposed to protect existing access and provide for new public and customary access.

The key objective of the chapter is to protect, maintain, and where practicable, enhance public and customary access along the district's rivers, lakes and coast.

The Draft District Plan also contains policies to encourage new public access where opportunities arise and the creation of esplanade reserves and strips for priority waterways (listed in a schedule) and for lakes larger than 8 hectares.

Key changes from the current rules

- Priority waterways are identified in the chapter where the creation of esplanade reserves and strips will be sought through new subdivision applications.
- The maintenance and enhancement of public access is given greater emphasis through the objectives and policies.



What does it mean for me?

If you are proposing a new subdivision next to the coast or a waterway, there would be provisions in place to protect existing public or customary access and you may be required to provide for new public access where practicable.

Summary of the new rules being considered

There are no rules in the Public Access chapter. Rules relating to public access are applied through the subdivision process and can be found in the Subdivision chapter.

Find out more

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Summary of suggested rules

Permitted Activities that would not require a resource consent:

- Official signs subject to standards
- Temporary signs subject to limits on timeframes on erection before and removal after the event and other standards (height, number of signs etc.)
- Signs in Residential and Rural zones, subject to standards
- Signs in commercial, mixed use zone and industrial zones (again subject to standards on height, number of signs per site etc.)
- Signs in Open Space and Sport and Active Recreation zones, subject to standards.

Activities that would require a resource consent:

- Off-site signs
- Any of the permitted signs where the standards are not complied with
- Signs attached to a trailer, vehicle or vessel (this doesn't include advertising/business names sign painted or adhered directly onto a vehicle or trailer where the sign is incidental to the primary use of the vehicle or trailer).

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