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# Significance and engagement policy 2024

Long-term Plan 2024-2034

# What is a Significance and Engagement Policy?

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- **Requirement under S76AA of the LGA 2002**
- **Enables Council to assess how significant particular issues, proposals, assets and activities are and the level of community engagement that is required**



# What is a Significance and Engagement Policy?

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- **Makes it clear about when the Council will engage and how it may engage, so that significant decisions can be made alongside the community**

Increasing impact on the decision

Inform

Consult

Involve

Collaborate

Empower



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# What is a Significance and Engagement Policy?

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- **Provides a guide that outlines the engagement principles that will be followed when engaging with the community**
  - **Transparency**
  - **Building Relationships and Community Capacity**
  - **Inclusiveness and Equity**
  - **Māori participation**



# How often do we review this policy?

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- **This policy is reviewed every 3 years in the lead up to the Long-term Plan.**
- **The aim is to have this policy reviewed and any changes made before consultation on the Long-term Plan.**



# Changes to current policy

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- **This review:**
  - **in line with best practices**
  - **ensures that the policy remains relevant, responsive, and effective in guiding the Council's approach to community involvement.**
- **proposed changes focus on enhancing clarity rather than a significant deviation from the original intent**



# consultation

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- **Consultation from 1 Nov to 30 Nov 2023**
- **Information stands were set up at the Library and Customer Centre**
- **Stakeholder email sent out to 30 community groups**
- **E-panui sent to 1400 recipients**
- **Shared across RLC social platforms**



# consultation

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- **Met with (as part of their existing meetings):**
  - **Tatau Pounamu,**
  - **Multicultural settlement network**
  - **Community Boards**
  - **Te Tatau**
  - **Te Pukenga Koeke o Ngāti Whakaue**
- **Te Reo Irirangi o Te Arawa**
- **Rotorua Primary School**



# consultation

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- **21 Submissions received**
- **No definitive opposition to the draft policy**
- **Opportunity for submitters to highlight thoughts**
  - **Modes of preferred communication**
  - **General issues participants wanted to address**
  - **Language and accessibility**
  - **Council processes**
  - **Other general recommendations**



# Recommendation

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## **Recommendation that Council adopt the Significance and Engagement Policy 2024**



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