

## Foreword

### From the Mayor

It's a privilege to introduce you to our District Plan.

Since the Canterbury earthquakes our District has been going through significant growth.

We're one of the fastest growing areas in New Zealand. By 2050 our population will be nearing 100,000 and we will require an additional 15,000 houses together with business, infrastructure and public facilities to accommodate this growth.

We need to ensure this growth is well planned, integrated and sustainable. One of the critical ways to make this happen is through the District Plan.

It sets rules for sustainably managing how people use, subdivide and develop land, what and where they can build, and what kind of activities they can undertake. The plan also controls any adverse effects an activity could have on the environment, neighbourhood and area.

It also looks after our heritage, cultural values, outstanding landscapes and coastal environment.

As a growing district we have been actively listening to residents and also working closely with our partners Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga whose aspirations for Waimakariri are incorporated into this key document.

The District Plan specifies new and expanded zones and areas for development, protects environmental features, ensures productive use of farmland, and aims to enable our community to grow while retaining its special character.

The Plan plays a significant role in managing development in the Waimakariri District and contains objectives, policies and rules that we believe will support the continued prosperity and enjoyment of the district for everyone.

Ngā mihi



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