



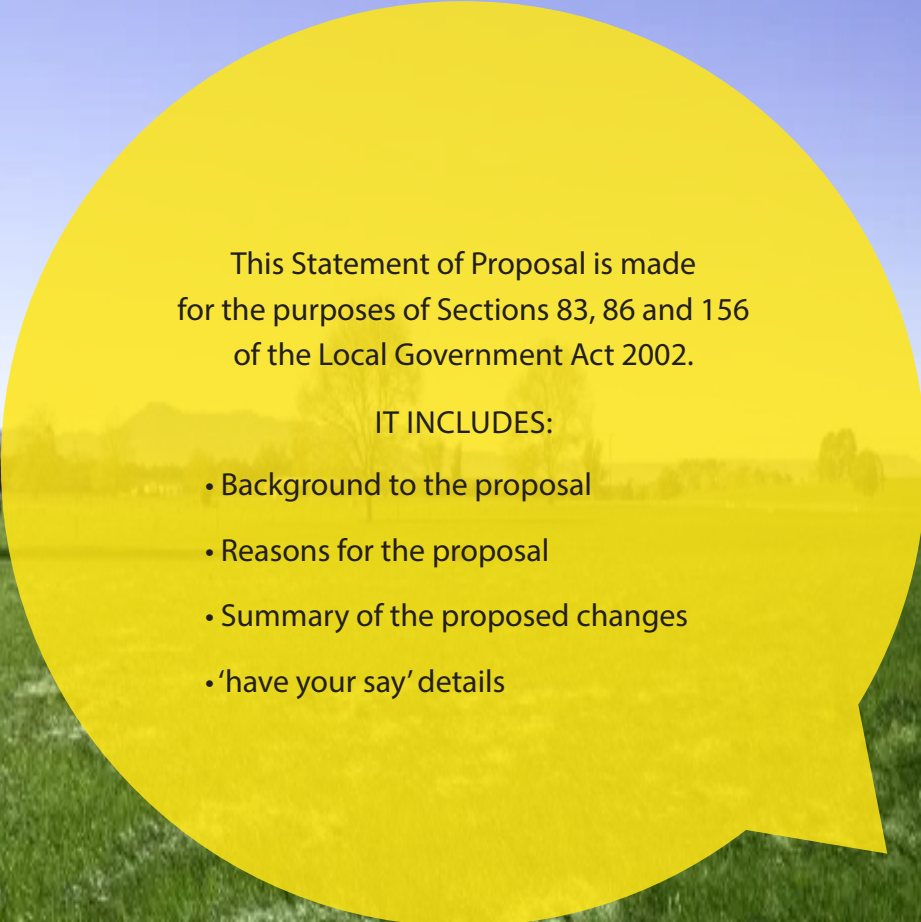
STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

PROPOSED LIVESTOCK
MOVEMENT BYLAW

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This Statement of Proposal is made
for the purposes of Sections 83, 86 and 156
of the Local Government Act 2002.

IT INCLUDES:

- Background to the proposal
- Reasons for the proposal
- Summary of the proposed changes
- 'have your say' details

BACKGROUND

Waikato District Council does not currently have a Livestock Movement Bylaw. We are proposing to create one that helps ensure our community is vibrant, healthy and safe and we want your feedback.

Within rural areas of the Waikato District, livestock are moved using roads as part of the everyday operations of some farms. This activity has the potential to affect the safety of road users and the surface of the road network. Stock movement can cause environmental harm through excessive excrement, and damage to roading and infrastructure.

The purpose of the proposed Livestock Movement Bylaw is to:

- a) Ensure the safety of road users, persons moving livestock and the livestock
- b) Protect the structure and surface of the road

Council has the power to make bylaws to respond to nuisances or problems in ways that are appropriate and practical, and work for the local community.

Council previously had a Livestock Movement Bylaw 2011 which has now expired and is therefore no longer enforceable.

Consultation on the proposed Bylaw is from 20 September to 29 November 2021.

REASONS FOR A BYLAW



When livestock are moved on public roads as part of farming activity, this can pose a risk to other road users. Livestock can be moved in an unsafe manner if they are moved without adequate warnings or controls in place, are moved too often, or on roads which have high volumes of traffic.

Livestock can also cause environmental harm through excessive excrement, and cause damage to roading and infrastructure.

A bylaw will allow for stock to move more safely down and across roads. It puts in place conditions to ensure that livestock are moved safely and allows Council to issue permits for the movement of livestock.



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT BYLAW

What is the proposed Livestock Movement Bylaw?

The proposed Livestock Movement Bylaw includes rules for how the movement of livestock should be regulated. It also allows Council to issue permits.

Under the Bylaw, all stock movement is required to meet certain safety conditions.

The movement of livestock is permitted in all cases, if it is for an animal escape or similar emergency.

The Bylaw also specifies how costs will be shared for stock underpasses in Appendix 4. This refers to the New Zealand Transport Agency subsidy rules.

Where can you move livestock in the Waikato District?

The bylaw also says on what type of roads the movement of livestock is permitted, restricted (and a Council permit is required) or prohibited.

All roads are categorised according to the one network road classification. This classifies roads based on how busy they are (see table below).

To find out what type of classification your road is, refer to a [map](#) of the Waikato District on pg. 4 in this Statement of Proposal, and a [table](#) of road classifications, located online. Both documents can be found on www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/livestockbylaw.

Table I is part of the draft bylaw. It explains when stock movement is allowed, considering both the type of road and average number of days stock are crossing or moving per week.

Table I: Assessing permit requirements

Road hierarchy	Average number of days stock crossing/moving per week							
	<1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Main Streets	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Local Roads	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Urban collectors	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
High volume sealed rural collectors	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Low volume sealed rural collectors	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
Sealed rural roads >70km/h	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Unsealed rural roads	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow

Green	Permitted (no permit required)
Yellow	Restricted (permit required)
Red	Prohibited (stock movement is not permitted)

How is the proposed bylaw enforced?

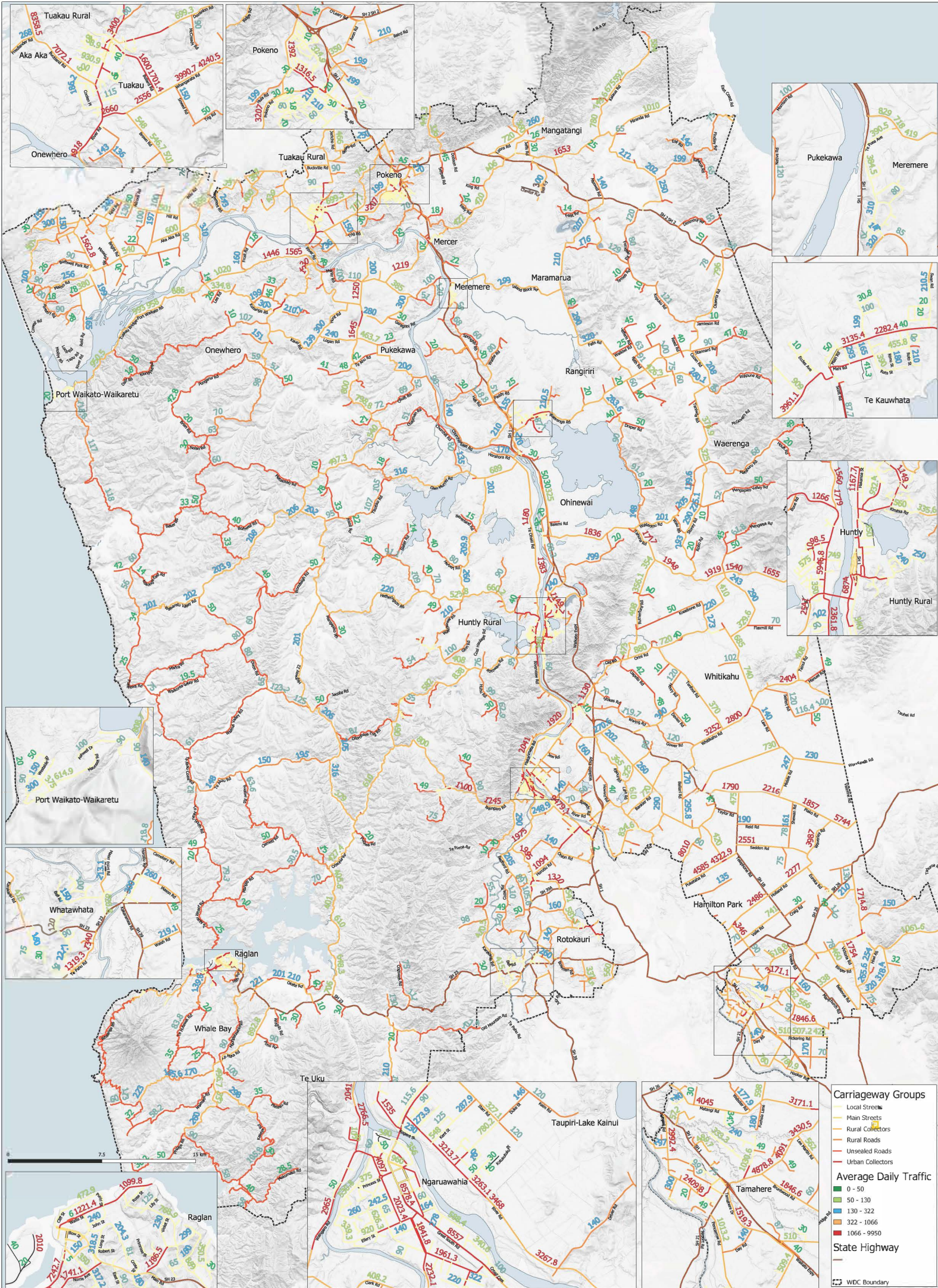
Council can undertake inspections to assess the bylaw or permit condition are being complied with. Council can require a person to apply for a permit if they are on a permitted road but are not meeting the required safety conditions, or can decline, revoke or suspend permit applications.

The full proposed bylaw can be viewed here: www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/livestockbylaw

Relevant determinations

This Statement of Proposal has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). Council has determined, as required by section 155 of the LGA, that:

- The Bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem
- This is the most appropriate form of the Bylaw
- This Bylaw does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.



SUBMISSIONS CAN BE:

ONLINE:

[.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz)
via online by a



POSTED:

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Private Bag 544
Ngaruawahia 3742

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Attn: Corporate Planner
15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia 3742

Huntly Office
142 Main Street, Huntly 3700

Raglan Office
7 Bow Street, Raglan 3225

Tuakau Office
2 Dominion Rd, Tuakau 2121

Te Kauwhata Office
1 Main Road, Te Kauwhata 3710



EMAILED:

consult@waidc.govt.nz
Subject heading should read:
"Livestock Movement Bylaw –
Submission"

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Council will acknowledge each submission
received in writing, either by letter or email.

Following the closing of submissions on 29 November 2021 all submissions
will be reviewed. Verbal submissions will be heard and all submissions formally
considered at a Council meeting in February 2022 (or as soon thereafter as
possible).

This meeting is open to both submitters and the public to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUBMISSIONS OPEN – 20 September 2021

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE – 29 November 2021

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – February 2022

If you have any further queries or would like further
copies of the proposed Bylaw, please contact Hannah Beaven
via email at Hannah.Beaven@waidc.govt.nz

