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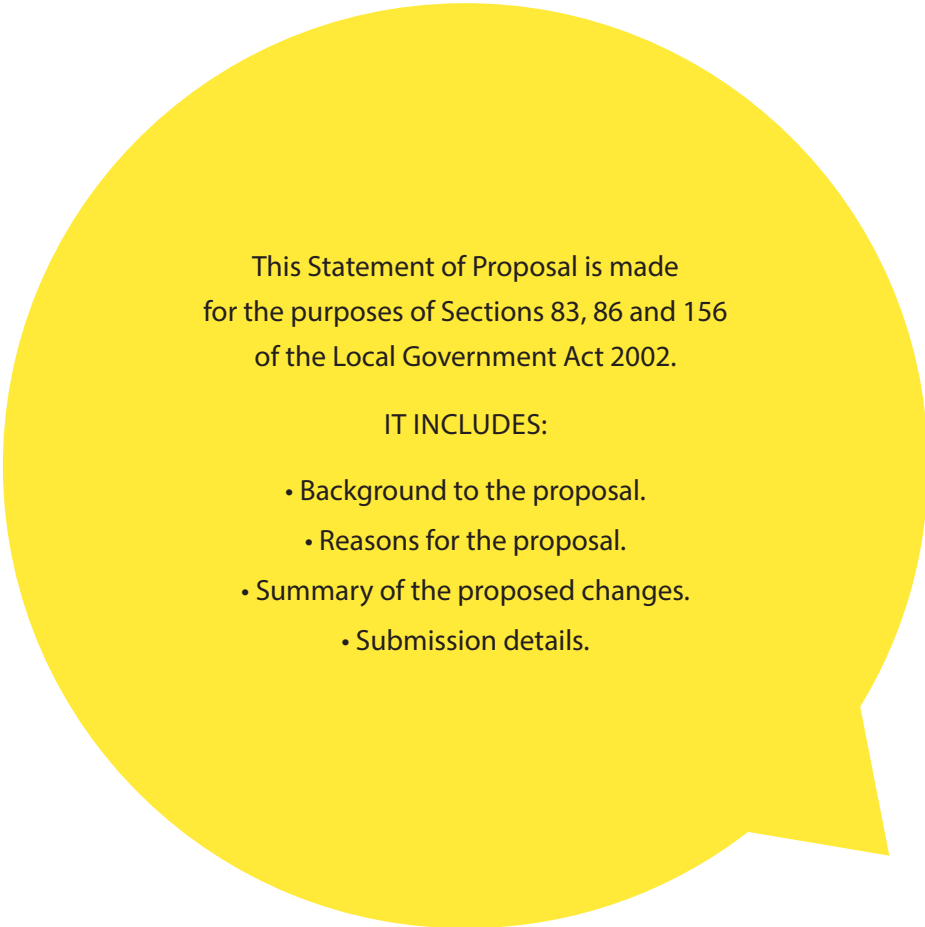
# STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

PROPOSED PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW 2023

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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.
- Submission details.

# BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR PROPOSAL

Waikato District Council has been reviewing its Public Places Bylaw 2016 as required by the Local Government Act 2002. The Bylaw enables Council to guide the way our public places are used and protect the community from activities that are a nuisance.

The 2016 Bylaw includes traffic provisions. As part of the review, the decision was made to remove all traffic-related content from the Public Places Bylaw and create a new Traffic Bylaw. We felt that traffic provisions were quite distinct from other types of public places and having a separate bylaw would make it easier for the community to understand the rules around traffic in the district.

There is a separate consultation occurring concurrently on the new Traffic Bylaw. We are using this opportunity to make a few amendments to enhance the effectiveness of the Public Places Bylaw.

The Bylaw is now due for review and we would like your feedback on the proposed changes.

Consultation allows the community to have a say on the contents of, and changes to, the Bylaw.

Council welcomes your feedback on the proposed Bylaw with consultation open from 27 February to 27 March 2023.

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## KEY CHANGES



Council believes that, on the whole, the Bylaw is working well, however, acknowledges that some improvements can be made. Several changes are proposed including: some changes to the signage clauses, implementing restrictions in relation to the use of wheeled recreational devices (i.e. skateboards and scooters) and horses on footpaths, and the removal of some clauses that are covered in other Bylaws. A summary of these changes is noted below:

1. The current signage clauses only relate to electoral signage. We're proposing to broaden the Bylaw to include other types of signage, in addition to electoral advertising. This will ensure that use of public places are not made unsafe by the placement of signage.
2. Implementing a district-wide approach to the riding of wheeled recreational devices (like skateboards and scooters) on footpaths in specified sections of town centres (clause 11). We are proposing to add specific sections of roads within all town centres to the Bylaw schedule that prohibits the use of skateboards, scooters, roller blades etc on the footpaths. This is to create a district-wide approach that is intended to help maintain the safety of people using the footpaths within town centres and deter nuisance behaviours. It does not include devices like wheelchairs, pushchairs, mobility scooters (as per clause 5.2).
3. Implementing a district-wide approach to the riding of horses on footpaths in town centres (clause 8). We are wanting to implement a district wide prohibition on the riding of horses on footpaths within urban areas. This is currently defined as areas where the speed limit is 70km/h or less. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of pedestrians, riders and horses.
4. Removal of Keeping of Animals Bylaw clause (clause 23 of the Public Places Bylaw 2016). There was a clause outlining the movement of stock on in the current Public Places Bylaw. We're proposing to remove this clause from the proposed Bylaw as the content in those clause is covered by the Livestock Movement Bylaw 2022 and the Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2015.



## FEEDBACK

You can let us know how you feel about any of these proposed changes, or anything else that is covered by the proposed bylaw.

You can do this by completing the submission form online, or by printing out the submission form and sending it in to us.



## SUBMISSIONS

Anyone can make a submission to the review of the Proposed Public Places Bylaw, and we encourage you to let us know your views. This feedback will be used during the decision-making process.

## PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION



The Local Government Act 2022 requires submissions to be made available to the public.

Your details are collected:

- so the council can write and inform you of the decision(s) on your submission(s)
- to arrange a hearing date and time for you to speak (if you choose to).

Your name will be publicly available. If you would like your name kept confidential you need to inform us when you send in your submission.

You have the right to correct any errors in personal details contained in your submission. If you do not supply your name and address the Council will formally receive your submission but will not be able to inform you of the outcome.

## DETERMINATIONS

In reviewing this Bylaw Council determined that having a Bylaw in place is still the most appropriate way to manage issues relating to traffic.

We consider the proposed Traffic Bylaw to be the most appropriate form of the Bylaw. The draft Bylaw imposes no infringements or gives rise to implications with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

# SUBMISSIONS

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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

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

Following the closing of submissions on 27 March 2023, all submissions will  
be reviewed. Verbal submissions will be heard and all submissions formally  
considered at a meeting of the Policy & Regulatory Committee on 11-12 April  
2023. This meeting is open to both submitters and the public to attend.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUBMISSIONS OPEN – 27 February 2023

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE – 27 March 2023

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS/DELIBERATIONS – 11-12 April 2023

If you have any further queries or would like further  
copies of the draft Bylaw, please contact  
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