



PROPOSED TRAFFIC BYLAW

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

Introduction

Taupō District Council's Traffic Bylaw manages a range of traffic related matters such as:

- Parking times and fines
- Parking restrictions (including allowing for mobility only parking spaces).
- Allows Council to create new parking spaces.
- Allows Council to restrict access to roads.
- Prohibits the public from moving or damaging traffic signs (including temporary ones).

About the Bylaw

Bylaws are enacted under the Local Government Act 2002 which requires that all bylaws be reviewed five years after the day when first enacted and then every 10 years after that. If a bylaw is not reviewed within the required timeline, it is then revoked two years after the review due date and is no longer applicable.

We have reviewed our current Traffic Bylaw because it is due for review and have found no major issues.

The bylaw in its current form works well so we are proposing no changes and are looking to continue the bylaw without amendment.

This statement of proposal has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Council's Proposal

Appropriateness of the Bylaw

The Traffic Bylaw plays an important role in the management of local roads and parking spaces and helps ensure our roads are accessible and safe for everyone to use.

Council has considered the Traffic Bylaw included with this Statement of Proposal and has determined that:

- The proposed bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw for the purposes of consultation, and
- That the proposed bylaw has no implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990

Purpose of the Bylaw

The purpose of this Bylaw is to:

1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to set the requirements for parking and control of vehicle traffic on any road managed or controlled by Taupō District Council.

Based on the matters the bylaw regulates, its appropriateness, and the purpose it achieves Council is proposing to continue the bylaw without amendment. However, it impacts everyone who uses a vehicle in our district, so we want you to have your say.

Have Your Say

The consultation period for the bylaw will begin on 3 May and close on 3 June 2024.

This is your opportunity to let Council know what you think of the Traffic Bylaw and if it should continue without amendment. There are many different ways for you to tell us what you think.

You can:

- Read the bylaw and submit using our online consultation portal at www.taupo.govt.nz/haveyoursay;
- Email us at bylawreview@taupo.govt.nz; or
- Drop your submission into the Taupō Customer and Visitor Information Centre at 30 Tongariro Street, Taupō.

Copies of the statement of proposal and the proposed bylaw are available online or from our offices.

If you have any questions about this proposal or about how to make a submission, please contact us via email at bylawreview@taupo.govt.nz.

Hearings

Please tell us if you would like to attend the hearing to speak to Council in support of your submission and include a telephone number and email address to ensure we can contact you to arrange a time for your presentation. Hearings will be held at 10.30am on 25 June 2024 in the Council Chambers.

What happens next?

After the hearings, Council will consider all the submissions received and make decisions on any amendments to the bylaw as a result. As a submitter you will be notified of Council's decision.

Council will consider the Traffic Bylaw for continuation on 30 July 2024.

Remember, you have until 3 June 2024 to send us your feedback.