

# Environmental Policy & Planning (Freshwater)

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## National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM) implementation – Engagement Round Two – Proposed Values, Visions and Environmental Outcomes – (M100-14-05-02)

### Progress to Date

1. Between November 2022 and June 2023, the first round of community engagement was undertaken to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM). This sought to find out where people were interacting with freshwater and the activities they were undertaking; what they valued about freshwater and what their aspirations/ visions were for freshwater in the region. Feedback was also sort on the proposed six Freshwater Management Units for the region.
2. At the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 Environment and Planning Committee meeting the submissions and feedback from the first round of engagement were presented. Please see Agenda Item 6 for the report to the committee and link to the Engagement Summary Report.  
<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/meetings?item=id:2khr3zvu01cxbyqdy2f>
3. Staff have assessed the community feedback and submissions from the first round of engagement against the values in the NPSFM and have put together a list of proposed values for each FMU. Every FMU must contain the four compulsory values listed in Appendix 1A of the NPSFM, but nine other values listed in Appendix 1B must also be considered and then any other values that have been identified by the community or tangata whenua. Please note at this stage the values proposed are those of community only. As discussed briefly below, staff will look to weave together community and tangata whenua values during 2024 once guidance has been received from Iwi.
4. The NPSFM requires a long-term vision or visions for each FMU (Clause 3.3). Community were asked what their visions, aspirations and goals where for the region's freshwater in the first round of engagement. The responses have been used to craft proposed visions for each FMU.
5. Every value identified for an FMU is also required to have an environmental outcome which when achieved will ensure values are being provided for and visions are being met (NPSFM Clause 3.9(3)). Using the proposed values and visions, proposed environmental outcomes have been drafted for each FMU.
6. Staff have also been working on providing the community with more information on freshwater for each of our FMUs. The NPSFM requires that long-term visions must be informed by the history of and environmental pressures within an FMU (Clause3.3(3)(b)). This more detailed information will be available for the second round of engagement providing community with the ability to gain greater understanding of the history and characteristics of each FMU, the historic water quality and trends and the current state of freshwater for each FMU.

### Engagement with Tangata Whenua

7. Engagement work continues through the Te Puna Kōrero ki Te Tauihu group with the eight Te Tau Ihu Iwi through wānanga / discussions which have been exploring what Te Mana o te Wai means in Te Tau Ihu and working at having a shared understating of the NPSFM with a focus on Mahinga kai, setting freshwater targets and limits and water allocation and use, based around activities. It is anticipated that in the first half of 2024 community and tangata whenua feedback will be combined into policy which will become a variation to the pMEP.
8. Staff are also continuing to work separately with Ngāi Tahu and Ngāti Kuri, again with more focused work through 2024.

## Second Round of Engagement

9. The second round of engagement starts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November and runs for six weeks, closing on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.
10. The aim of this round of engagement is to test the proposed values, visions, and environmental outcomes with community.
  - Are all the proposed values appropriate for each FMU? If not, why?
  - Have any values been missed, what are they?
  - Do the proposed visions reflect the community's aspirations for each FMU?
  - If not, why not and what should the visions look like or contain?
  - Have we reached any of those visions?
  - If not, when should the visions be reached / achieved by?
  - Are the proposed environmental outcomes suitable to provide for those values and ensure we reach our visions for freshwater in each of our FMUs?
11. During November six public community drop-in sessions are planned across Marlborough and two public webinars (See Table 1 for full details). During these sessions the public can view the FMUs and their current land use maps, ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed values, visions, and environmental outcomes.
12. Through the freshwater management pages of the Council's website there will be access to an online survey where people can respond to the above questions.  
<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/environment/freshwater-management>
13. Community can also contact policy staff through a dedicated email if they wish to discuss anything, make a written submission, or request an alternative meeting for community or business groups.  
[freshwater@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:freshwater@marlborough.govt.nz)

Location	Day	Date	Time
A&P Show, Blenheim Showgrounds	Saturday & Sunday	4/5 November	All day
Ward, Ward Community Hall	Tuesday	7 November	12.30-2.30pm
Wairau Valley, Wairau Valley Memorial Hall	Tuesday	14 November	12.30-2.30pm
Havelock, at Havelock Sports Pavilion	Thursday	16 November	12.30-2.30pm
Webinar, online	Friday	17 November	12.30-2.30pm
Picton, Port Marlborough Pavilion	Monday	20 November	12.30-2.30pm
Blenheim, Scenic Hotel	Friday	24 November	12.30-2.30pm
Seddon, Yealands Awatere Memorial Hall	Monday	27 November	12.30-2.30pm
Webinar, online	Thursday	30 November	12.30-2.30pm

**Table 1 – Details of public drop-in sessions and webinars. Links to webinars will be available through the council website freshwater management pages.**

## What's Next

14. Once the second round of engagement has been completed staff will collate and assess the feedback and report this to the Environment and Planning Committee in early 2024.
15. Policy staff will also be working closely with the Environmental Science team to establish attributes for each community value currently identified. Attributes are ways of measuring the state of freshwater to assess if it meets the value requirements.

16. For each value attribute both the current and baseline states will be determined which will be used going forward to help determine target states for attributes and identify where the greatest focus will need to be to meet environmental outcomes.
17. Staff will also be working with the Environment Canterbury (ECan) in relation to the Waiiau-Toa / Clarence FMU which is within both MDC and ECan territorial authority boundaries.