

ORDER PAPER

POLICY/PLANNING HEARINGS MEETING

Date: Thursday, 25 July 2024
Time: 11.15am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa

Deputy Chair: Cr Gill Duncan

Membership: Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Jeff Wong
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Notice is hereby given that a Policy/Planning Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 25 July 2024 at 11.15am.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting

6 Reports for Information

6.1 Hearing of Submissions on the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy

Author: Janna Harris, Corporate Planner

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide details for the oral submissions that will be heard by the Policy/Planning Committee.

2. Context

- 2.1 The Policy/Planning Committee guided the development of the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy through Committee meetings held earlier this year.
- 2.2 During the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 February 2024, the Committee recommended to Council that the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy be adopted for consultation.
- 2.3 Council adopted the Policy for consultation at the meeting on 28 March 2024, and the consultation period ran from 31 May to 5pm 1 July 2024.
- 2.4 Thirteen (13) submissions were received during the consultation period, and three (3) submitters requested to speak at the hearing.
- 2.5 Council consulted on the Signs and Public Places Bylaw simultaneously. Five (5) submissions were received on the bylaw. This hearing was also scheduled to take place on 15 July 2024, however no submitters requested to speak at the oral hearing.
- 2.6 The submissions of those who will be speaking at the oral hearing for the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy are attached (Attachment 1).
- 2.7 The remaining submissions made on the Policy will be provided as part of the deliberations report.
- 2.8 The oral hearing timetable is as follows:

Time	Name	Submission Number
11.20 am	Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Samuel Yorston	#07
11.30 am	Mokai Patea Services Melanie Pera	#03
11.40 am	Jo Rangooni	#13

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications associated with the oral hearing, this policy is being developed within existing budgets.

ITEM 6.1**4. Impact on Strategic Risks**

- 4.1 There are no impacts on strategic risks associated with the oral hearing. Any strategic risks associated with the Policy will be identified in the deliberations report.

5. Strategic Alignment

- 5.1 Strategic alignment of the Smokefree and Vapefree policy will be described in the deliberations report.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

- 6.1 There are no mana whenua implications associated with the oral hearing. Any mana whenua implications associated with the policy will be noted in the deliberations report.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 7.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with the oral hearing. Any climate change impacts associated with the policy will be noted in the deliberations report.

8. Statutory Implications

- 8.1 There are no statutory implications associated with the oral hearings as Council is not required to consult on this policy. Council made the decision to consult on this policy at the Council meeting on 28 March 2024.

9. Decision Making Process

- 9.1 This oral hearing is part of the consultation process Council decided to undertake for the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy. After the hearing, the Policy/Planning Committee will consider the topics raised during the oral submissions along with the written submissions during deliberations on 15 August 2024. The Committee will also deliberate on the written submissions received on the Signs and Public Places Bylaw at this meeting. Following deliberations, the Policy and the Bylaw will be taken to Council for adoption.

Attachments:

1. Smokefree and Vapefree Policy Oral Hearing Book [📄](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Hearing of Submissions on the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy' be received.

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

DRAFT SMOKEFREE AND VAPEFREE POLICY

Oral Hearing



Making this place home.

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Draft Smokefree and Vape-free Policy 2024

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Oral Submissions

If you would like to speak to your submission, please tick this box.

Oral submission requirements

Do you agree with all public areas under Council control being smokefree and vapefree?

Option 1: Yes, I support all public areas under Council control being smokefree and vapefree.

Comments on public areas under Council control being smokefree and vapefree

Do you support vaping being included in the policy?

Option 1: Yes, I support vaping being included in the policy.

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[Comments on including vaping in the policy](#)

[Do you support any events Council is involved with being smokefree and vapefree?](#)

Option 1: Yes, I support events Council is involved with being smokefree and vapefree.

[Comments on events Council is involved with being smokefree and vapefree](#)

[Do you support footpath areas used for dining being included in the policy?](#)

Option 1: Yes, I support footpath areas used for dining being included in the policy.

[Comments on including footpath areas used for dining in the policy](#)

[Other Comments](#)

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1 July 2024

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street, Private Bag 1102
Marton 4741

Tēnā koe,

Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Rangitīkei Policy

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission on the Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Rangitīkei Policy.

This submission has been written by Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora National Public Health Service (Health NZ) in the Whanganui district. The National Public Health Service is a directorate within Health NZ. Health NZ believes the submission process provides an opportunity for public health perspective to be considered by Council in planning and decision making. Incorporating public health aspects helps to support the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Health NZ has statutory obligations under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 and the Health Act 1956 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities. Of particular focus for Health NZ is embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi as its foundation toward improving health outcomes for Māori.

The feedback provided in this submission aligns to Health NZ's commitment towards healthier and more resilient communities by reducing inequities and promoting good health, particularly for Māori, Pacific peoples and disabled people.

For any clarification regarding the submission, please contact Health Promotion Advisor, Sam Yorston Samuel.Yorston@wdhb.org.nz and PublicHealthOps@midcentraldhd.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi,

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Ngāpuhi ki Whāingaroa

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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

Key health and wellbeing considerations for the Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Rangitīkei Policy

Health New Zealand supports Rangitīkei District Council's draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy which contributes towards the Council's community outcome to promote healthy and resilient communities. Smoking and vaping continue to create inequitable health outcomes amongst communities.¹ Health NZ commends your work to implement a policy that supports Smokefree Aotearoa 2025.

Māori continue to have the highest rates of smoking, being 3.3 times more likely to be a current smoker than non-Māori, and the highest rates of daily vaping at 2.54 times more likely than non-Māori². The Council's work to support better health outcomes and reduce inequities within health is a positive action.

In Section 1.4, the Council will support positive public education messaging. Health NZ can supply and support messaging, signage, and education for the Rangitīkei community.

In s2.1, the Council is encouraging compliance through education and signage. Health NZ recommends this signage include the QR code to Health NZ's Vaping Complaint Page, enabling Rangitīkei communities to report vaping non-compliance, particularly around youth vaping. In comparison to other countries, New Zealand has the second highest rates of vaping in the world, and the Council's efforts to destabilise vaping are commended.³

In s5.1b, Council buildings, facilities and the immediate surroundings are discussed as being smokefree and vapefree areas. It also states "except for those facilities where there are Council staff who are smokers/vapers". Health NZ recommends this be removed from the Policy to support the objective, as stated in s4.1, to "deliver Council leadership for a smokefree and vapefree District". Delivering leadership would include not facilitating smoking and vaping areas solely for Council staff. Health NZ also recommends the statement regarding ashtrays in s5.1 be removed as it is unnecessary.

It is a positive and engaging policy, and Health NZ looks forward to supporting its implementation to reduce smoking and vaping behaviours, for a healthier, more resilient community.

References:

1. Ball J, Zhang J, Stanley J, Waa A, Crengle S, Edwards R. Addressing Intergenerational Inequity in tobacco-harm: What Helps Children of Smokers to Remain non-smokers? *Nicotine & Tobacco Research: Official Journal of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco* [Internet]. 2023 Aug 16 [cited 2023 Sep 20];26(1):ntad148. Available from: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/37586082/#:~:text=This%20study%20suggests%20that%20action.>
2. Ministry of Health. New Zealand Health Survey [Internet]. Ministry of Health NZ. 2023. Available from: <https://www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/surveys/new-zealand-health-survey>.
3. OECD. OECD Indicators - Smoking [Internet]. www.oecd-ilibrary.org. 2023. Available from: <https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/sites/1ff286c9-en/index.html?itemId=/content/component/1ff286c9-en>.

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Oral Submissions

If you would like to speak to your submission, please tick this box.

Oral submission requirements

Do you agree with all public areas under Council control being smokefree and vape-free?

Option 1: Yes, I support all public areas under Council control being smokefree and vape-free.

Comments on public areas under Council control being smokefree and vape-free

Mokai Patea Services have an existing smokefree and vaping policy in place that defines all areas owned and or utilised by our organisation, be smokefree and vape-free. For the health and

wellbeing of our community, it makes sense that council-controlled spaces be the same.

[Do you support vaping being included in the policy?](#)

Option 1: Yes, I support vaping being included in the policy.

[Comments on including vaping in the policy](#)

While vaping has been added as an alternate to smoking, and similar restrictions apply to purchases as with cigarettes, so restrictions should apply to areas where individuals can choose to vape.

[Do you support any events Council is involved with being smokefree and vapefree?](#)

Option 1: Yes, I support events Council is involved with being smokefree and vapefree.

[Comments on events Council is involved with being smokefree and vapefree](#)

All events hosted, led by our organisation follow this kaupapa, and we have often utilised council spaces. People can make their own choices to attend or not if they don't agree with an event's criteria.

[Do you support footpath areas used for dining being included in the policy?](#)

Option 1: Yes, I support footpath areas used for dining being included in the policy.

[Comments on including footpath areas used for dining in the policy](#)

If an area is defined as a dining space, it would make sense that particular space be smokefree/ vapefree, however people should still have the freedom to walk past and smoke/ vape if they choose.

[Other Comments](#)

Mokai Patea Services adhere to a Smokefree and Vape-free policy that applies to all workspaces, and vehicles, when we hold events at different venues, then we take our policy and apply them there also. Community expectation of any and all events and activities led by Mokai Patea is that the events will be family friendly, Smoke-free, and Vape-free.

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Submission Form

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**Smokefree and Vapefree Policy
2024**

Submissions close at **5pm on Monday 1 July
2024**

Return this form, or send your written
feedback to:

Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2024
Rangitikei District Council
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Or email info@rangitikei.govt.nz

Oral Submissions

If you wish to speak to your submission, please tick the box below.

☒ I wish to speak to my submission

If you have any special requirements, such as those related to visual or hearing impairments, please note them here:

☐ I wish to use New Zealand Sign language

Privacy:

Please note that submissions are public information. The content on this form, including your personal information and submission will be made available to the media and the public as part of the decision making process.

☐ I would like my contact details to remain private.

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Do you agree with all public areas under Council control being smokefree and vapefree?

☒ Option 1: Yes, I support all public areas under Council control being smokefree and vapefree.

☐ Option 2: No, I do not support all public areas under Council control being smokefree and vapefree.

☐ Option 3: Something else

Comment:

Because of health risks + does not want normalizing

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- ☒ Option 1: Yes, I support vaping being included in the policy.
- ☐ Option 2: No, I do not support vaping being included in the policy.
- ☐ Option 3: Something else.

Comment:

Vaping, contains chemicals/like smokes & it is fair to control usage.

Do you support any events Council is involved with being smokefree and vapefree?

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- ☐ Option 3: Something else.

Comment:

It is reasonable for the public to be protected

Do you support footpath areas used for dining being included in the policy?

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- ☐ Option 2: No, I do not support footpath areas used for dining being included in the policy.
- ☐ Option 3: Something else.

Comment:

Having to walk near vapers/smokers is not reasonable

Further comment

Vaping may have side affects to users/it increases risk of cardiovascular/lung issues/seizures/addiction. Children should not use or be exposed. It may increase depression. 2nd hand vaping not good for asthma - Research at early stage. Siting of outlets & number should be controlled.

6 Meeting Closed.