



Council

Meeting of 03 June 2026

Business Unit: Corporate

Date Created: 15 May 2026

Submissions made on behalf of Council 12 March to 14 May 2026

Purpose Te Aronga o te Pūrongo

To present to Council for information, copies of recent submissions lodged on behalf of the Manawātū District Council.

Recommendations Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Council receives and notes the listed submissions, lodged on behalf of the Manawātū District Council between 12 March and 14 May 2026.

- 1 Health and Safety at Work Amendment Bill
- 2 Proposals to Change Total Mobility
- 3 NZTA Lane Use Improvements
- 4 NZTA Revised Procurement Manual
- 5 Statistics NZ Infringement Consultation
- 6 Targeted Speed Limit Reviews
- 7 Technical Amendments to the Wastewater Performance Standards
- 8 Data and Statistics Amendment Bill
- 9 Cyber Security of Critical Infrastructure
- 10 Policing Amendment Bill 2026
- 11 Firefighting Water Supplies – Code of Practice
- 12 Sale of Alcohol (Improving Alcohol Regulation) Amendment Bill

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1 Background Ngā Kōrero o Muri

- 1.1 The Council established the Submissions Assessment Panel as a subordinate decision-making body of Council, on 16 June 2022. This was to address timing issues for making submissions within the often-limited submission response timeframes.
- 1.2 The Panel is delegated the authority to consider and approve submissions on regional or national policy consultations, for submitting either under the signature of the Mayor, or under the signature of the Chief Executive.
- 1.3 The Council agreed that to ensure transparency of process, completed submissions would be reported to the next scheduled Council meeting for receipt and noting.

2 Strategic Fit Te Tautika ki te Rautaki

- 2.1 Not applicable as this is a legislative / operational item.

3 Discussion and Options Considered Ngā Matapakinga me ngā Kōwhiringa i Wānangahia

- 3.1 The following is a list of submissions that have been lodged on behalf of Council since the last report to Council at the 01 April 2026 meeting.

Attach #	Submission topic:	Date lodged:
1	Health and Safety at Work Amendment Bill	18 Mar 2026
2	Proposals to Change Total Mobility	19 Mar 2026
3	NZTA Lane Use Improvements	25 Mar 2026
4	NZTA Revised Procurement Manual	31 Mar 2026
5	Statistics NZ Infringement Consultation	02 Apr 2026
6	Targeted Speed Limit Reviews	08 Apr 2026
7	Technical Amendments to the Wastewater Performance Standards	9 Apr 2026
8	Data and Statistics Amendment Bill	15 Apr 2026
9	Cyber Security of Critical Infrastructure	17 Apr 2026
10	Policing Amendment Bill 2026	22 Apr 2026
11	Firefighting Water Supplies – Code of Practice	28 Apr 2026
12	Sale of Alcohol (Improving Alcohol Regulation) Amendment Bill	14 May 2026

4 Risk Assessment Te Arotake Tūraru

- 4.1 Submissions are prepared on behalf of the Manawatū District Council and, depending on the nature of the topic, are intended to reflect the views and needs of the wider Manawatū Community. The primary risk that has been identified in relation to submissions prepared on behalf of Council to national and regional consultations is reputational risk. That is, if individuals or the community at large disagree with the views raised in submission prepared on behalf of the Council and the Manawatū Community, this could be damaging for the reputation of the Council. Council adopts a cautious approach with respect to reputational risk.

- 4.2 Reputational risk is managed via an informed and collaborative approach to preparing submissions. Officers draft submissions using the best available information, including input from technical experts from across the organisation. Officers also consider submissions prepared by local government sector organisations including Taituarā and Local Government New Zealand, where available. Any submissions that involve potentially controversial topics are reviewed by the Executive Leadership Team prior to being shared with the members of the Submissions Assessment Panel.
- 4.3 The submissions assessment panel is made up of elected members, who are democratically elected to represent the views of the Manawatū Community, and members of the executive leadership team. Feedback from the submissions assessment panel members is considered and incorporated where appropriate prior to the final submission being approved by Mayor Ford for lodgement. This collaborative approach to submission drafting ensures that submissions are reflective of the collective views of the Council, rather than individual views.
- 4.4 Where submissions relate to matters of broad Council interest, officers will involve all elected members, not just those that are members on the submissions assessment panel. Where time allows, officers will hold educational workshop sessions and invite feedback on the draft submission prior to it being finalised. This ensures that submissions are representative of the collective views of Council.

5 Engagement Te Whakapānga

Significance of Decision

- 5.1 The Council's Significance and Engagement Policy is not triggered by matters discussed in this report. No stakeholder engagement is required.

Māori and Cultural Engagement

- 5.2 There are no known cultural considerations associated with the matters addressed in this report. No specific engagement with Māori or other ethnicity groups is necessary.

Community Engagement

- 5.3 The Submissions Assessment Panel is delegated authority to approve submissions for lodging on behalf of the Manawatū District Council. A copy of submissions lodged are required to be reported to a future council meeting for receipt and noting by Council.

6 Operational Implications Ngā Pānga Whakahaere

- 6.1 Due to often limited timelines to consider a Council response to regional and national matters, the Submissions Assessment Panel was delegated authority to consider and approve submissions for lodgement on behalf of the Manawatū District Council. This enables Council to contribute to consultations on national and regional policy matters, that often have short timeframes in which to make a submission.
- 6.2 Copies of submissions lodged under delegated authority are reported to Council for noting and receipt.

7 Financial Implications Ngā Pānga Ahumoni

7.1 There are no financial implications with this report.

8 Statutory Requirements Ngā Here ā-Ture

8.1 There are no statutory requirements for this report.

9 Next Steps Te Kokenga

9.1 There are no next steps required.

10 Attachments Ngā Āpitihanga

- Lodged Submissions attached:
 - Health and Safety at Work Amendment Bill
 - Proposals to Change Total Mobility
 - NZTA Lane Use Improvements
 - NZTA Revised Procurement Manual
 - Statistics NZ Infringement Consultation
 - Targeted Speed Limit Reviews
 - Technical Amendments to the Wastewater Performance Standards
 - Data and Statistics Amendment Bill
 - Cyber Security of Critical Infrastructure
 - Policing Amendment Bill 2026
 - Firefighting Water Supplies – Code of Practice
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