



Manaaki Whenua, Manaaki Tangata | Draft Climate Resilience Strategy

Tauākī Tūtohu | Statement of Proposal

**Hei rapu whakaaro | For Consultation - 2 September
to 2 October 2026**

Summary – What we’re proposing and why

Key information

Council are proposing to adopt a Climate Resilience Strategy (Strategy) to respond to climate impacts and prepare and adapt in ways that help protect the things that matter most – our people, our places and our future.

The Strategy outlines the following:

- climate impacts that the Matamata-Piako district is likely to face,
- how communities and Council can prepare for these climate impacts, including the actions Council is already taking to build resilience and reduce risk,
- an overarching vision and goal for the Strategy, and the guiding principles used to achieve them,
- three focus areas of the strategy: Council resilience, Community adaptation and preparedness, Council and community sustainability.

Have your say

Do you agree with our draft Climate Resilience Strategy? Is anything missing? Do you prefer a different approach? We want to hear from you.

In this document we provide some more background and a summary of the proposed Strategy. See the last two pages of this document for the submission form so you can have your say.

Kupu Whakataki | Introduction

Council have developed the Draft Climate Resilience Strategy to help the district prepare for climate impacts. The Strategy recognises that events such as flooding, severe storms, droughts, extreme heat, and other natural hazards are likely to place increasing pressure on our communities, infrastructure, environment, and economy.

The Strategy proposes a practical, long-term approach focused on building resilience across the district. It sets out how Council can continue to deliver essential services, support communities to prepare for and adapt to climate risks and encourage actions that protect and enhance the natural environment.

The Strategy is based on the principle that planning and investing for future climate impacts now will help reduce harm, avoid higher costs in the future, and support thriving, resilient communities for generations to come. It identifies three key areas of focus: Council resilience, community adaptation and preparedness, and Council and community sustainability.

Te mānuka e kawea ake ana | What we're proposing

The preferred option for Council is option 1, to adopt the draft Climate Resilience Strategy.

Option 1: Adopts the draft Climate Resilience Strategy as proposed.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Makes clear what Council's priorities are for preparing for climate impacts.	Other actions that the community support may not be represented.
Aligns with legislative requirements.	
Responds to stated community expectations.	

Option 2: Do not adopt the draft Climate Resilience Strategy

Advantages	Disadvantages
None identified.	Does not respond to stated community expectations.
	Does not align with legislative requirements.

Tukua mai ō whakaaro | Have Your Say

Council invites the community to provide feedback on the proposed draft Climate Resilience Strategy to assist us in the decision-making process.

Me pēhea te tuku urupare | How to give you feedback

Online: To fill out the online form please go to mpdc.nz/letstalk

Email: info@mpdc.govt.nz

In-person: Drop your feedback form into any of the Council offices or libraries

Speaking to your feedback

If you are wanting to speak to Elected Members and Council staff regarding the draft Climate Strategy, we are planning on attending multiple engagement sessions over September. Updates will be posted on Council Facebook pages and websites.

Feedback is public information

Please be aware your feedback is public information. Your feedback, including your name, will be used and reproduced for purposes such as reports to Council which are publicly available, including to media.

Ngā Rā Matua | Key Dates

Process	Date
Council approval of draft Climate Resilience Strategy and Statement of Proposal for public consultation	26 August 2026
Public consultation	2 September – 2 October 2026
Hearing of submissions	28 October 2026
Council adoption of Climate Resilience Strategy	28 October 2026
Climate Resilience Strategy in force	1 November 2026

Ētahi Atu Pārongo | More Information

You can call Council on 07 884 0060 and let our friendly Customer Services staff know you have a question about the draft Climate Resilience Strategy.

Puka whakahoki kōrero | Feedback form – draft Climate Resilience Strategy

Feedback Form – Page 1

Please provide your feedback by 2 October 2026

First name:* _____

Last name:* _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

For submissions on behalf of an organisation please include both your name and the full organisation name.

Email:* _____ Phone:* _____

Ward: ☐ Matamata ☐ Morrinsville ☐ Te Aroha Other (outside district): _____

Age: ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18–24 ☐ 25–34 ☐ 35–44 ☐ 45–64 ☐ 65–75 ☐ 75+

Hearing information:

*A public hearing will be held on **Wednesday 28 October 2026** at the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street Te Aroha.*

Do you wish to present your submission in person at the hearing?(*)

☐ Yes, I wish to present ☐ No, I do not wish to present

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Options

Which of these options do you support? (please tick, and provide any further comment below)

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Option 1 proposed option: Adopt the draft Climate Resilience Strategy as proposed.

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Option 2: Do not adopt the draft Climate Resilience Strategy.

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Option 3: Other – Adopt draft Climate Resilience Strategy with changes

Additional comments

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Is there anything else you would like us to consider in regard to the draft Climate Resilience Strategy?

Please provide your comments

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Note that individual submissions will be made publicly available in full (including your name and any organisation you represent), unless you request confidentiality and this may be able to be accommodated under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The information provided may be used to create a name record or update your existing name data held by MPDC.

Please provide your feedback by 2 October 2026