

# TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL

## NOTICE OF MOTION


I Duncan Campbell, give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Taupō District Council meeting to be held on 28 April 2026:

That Taupo District Council:

1. Notes recent public reporting concerning local authority meeting conduct, particularly Rotorua, where questions have been raised regarding the ability of elected members to fully participate in formal proceedings.
2. Affirms that the ability of elected members to speak to matters before the Council, within the framework of Standing Orders, is a fundamental component of representative democracy.
3. Confirms that Standing Orders are to be applied in a manner that facilitates orderly debate while preserving each member's reasonable opportunity to participate.
4. Agrees that any speaking time limits adopted by the Council (including any standard limits applied by the Chairperson) are to be applied consistently, fairly, and without undue restriction of members' participation.
5. Further affirms that elected members should not be unreasonably prevented, whether by procedural requirements or their application, from bringing forward or speaking to matters of public interest.
6. Notes that maintaining public confidence in local democratic processes requires that meeting procedures are applied in a manner that is transparent, even-handed, and consistent with the principles of natural justice.

The publicity of a recent incident at Rotorua Lakes Council highlights the issue around the ability of elected members to fully express their views during formal proceedings. It is important for this to be acknowledged, because it has relevance to the way this Council can function. Clause 5.1 of the Taupo District Council Code of Conduct and Clause 20 of Standing Orders deserve specific reference.

**Signed by mover:**



Councillor Duncan Campbell

**Date:** 19 April 2026

**Signed by seconder:**



Councillor Hope Woodward

**Date:** 19 April 2026

## GUIDANCE NOTES FOR MEMBERS COMPLETING THE NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

### Standing Orders

Please refer to Taupō District Council's [Standing Orders | Ngā Tikanga Whakahaere Hui 2022-2025](#), Standing Order 27 – Notices of Motion | Te pānui i ngā mōtini, page 62, for full details.

### Signing your Notice of Motion

Your Notice of Motion must be signed. You can either print it, sign it and hand deliver it to the Chief Executive; or you can paste your e-signature into your Notice of Motion and email it to the Chief Executive.

### Timeframe for submitting your Notice of Motion

You must submit your completed, signed, Notice of Motion to the Chief Executive **at least five (5) clear working days before** the meeting at which you intend to move your motion. “Working day” is defined in the Local Government Act 2002 as follows:

“Working day means a day of the week other than –

- (a) a Saturday, a Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign’s birthday, Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki/Matariki Observance Day, and Labour Day; and
- (b) if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday; and
- (c) the day observed in the appropriate area as the anniversary of the province of which the area forms a part; and
- (d) a day in the period commencing with 20 December in any year and ending with 10 January in the following year.”

Note in relation to (c) above, the relevant anniversary day for Taupō District is Auckland Anniversary Day, which falls on the Monday closest to 29 January.

### Requirement for a seconder

From October 2024, Standing Orders of TDC require a seconder for your Notice of Motion before it will be added to an agenda.

### Drafting your motion

Your Notice of Motion needs to be capable of forming an effective resolution. It should therefore be in the format “That Council (*takes specific action*) ....” and it should include all relevant details, for example names (in full), timeframes, dates etc.

### Reasons for refusal of your Notice of Motion

Refer to Standing Order 27.2 to ensure your Notice of Motion does not contain any elements which may result in the Mayor/Chairperson refusing to accept it.

### Notices of Motion to revoke or alter all or part of a previous resolution

There are additional requirements for Notices of Motion seeking revocation or alteration of all or part of a previous resolution. Refer to Standing Order 24, page 57.