

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 25 August 2026:

That Taupō District Council:

1. Refers the matter of the cancellation of the Taupō New Year's Eve fireworks display to the Chief Executive for consideration and report to the Council meeting on 29 September 2026, to enable elected members to consider whether the event, or an alternative New Year's Eve event, should be reinstated.
2. Requests that the report include, as appropriate, the financial implications and funding options, consenting and environmental considerations, alternative locations, and alternative forms of New Year's Eve event or display.

Context and Discussion

Taupō's New Year's Eve fireworks have been a longstanding community event and visitor attraction. On 13 August 2026, Council issued a media release advising that the annual Big Bang New Year's Eve fireworks would not proceed. The media release identified a number of reasons for the cancellation, including budget constraints, the need for approval to launch fireworks from the lake, environmental concerns arising from the previous year's event, and the higher cost of alternative locations or a drone display. These are legitimate matters which should form part of Council's consideration. There are also differing community views regarding fireworks, including their cost, noise, environmental effects and value as a community event.

Given the public interest in the event, this Notice of Motion does not seek to predetermine whether the fireworks should proceed. Rather, it seeks to have the relevant information presented to elected members so that Council can openly consider the options and make an informed decision on whether the fireworks, or an alternative New Year's Eve event, should be reinstated.

Signed by mover:



Councillor Duncan Campbell

Signed by seconder:



Councillor Hope Woodward

Date: 16 August 2026

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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.