



Public Notice of Proposal to Adopt the Economic Development Strategy and Five-Year Action Plan

Kaikōura District Council is inviting the community to have their say on the proposed Economic Development Strategy and supporting Five-Year Action Plan (2026-2031) through a Special Consultative Procedure under the *Local Government Act 2002*. The Economic Development Strategy provides a long-term vision for Kaikōura's economic future and seeks to support a resilient, diverse, and regenerative economy that delivers positive social, cultural, environmental, and economic outcomes.

Following community engagement undertaken between March and April 2026, the strategy has been refined and strengthened in response to feedback received. Key changes include the introduction of a Five-Year Action Plan, an Implementation and Implications Statement, and a clearer implementation pathway. The revised strategy also provides greater emphasis on community wellbeing, youth retention, healthcare, environmental stewardship, and economic resilience.

Adoption of the strategy and action plan does not constitute approval of funding, construction, or delivery of any specific project. Any future projects, business cases, funding decisions, land-use changes, infrastructure investments, or statutory approvals would be subject to separate Council decision-making processes.

Invitation for Submissions

Public consultation on these proposals will run from **21 September 2026 to 26 October 2026**. Full details, including the Statement of Proposal, Draft Economic Development Strategy, Draft Five-Year Action Plan, and supporting documents, will be available on the Council's website at **www.kaikoura.govt.nz**.

This is your opportunity to help shape Kaikōura's economic future. Council welcomes feedback from residents, businesses, community organisations, mana whenua, and all interested parties.

You can provide your feedback by:

- Sending a written submission to: Kaikōura District Council, PO Box 6, Kaikōura.
- Emailing: submissions@kaikoura.govt.nz.
- Completing the online submission form at: www.kaikoura.govt.nz/have-your-say.

Submissions must be received by **4.00pm on Monday 26 October 2026**. Please indicate whether you wish to be heard by Council in support of your submission.

Public hearings are scheduled to take place in the Council Chambers on **11 November 2026**. Council will consider all submissions before making a final decision on the Economic Development Strategy and Five-Year Action Plan.