

## **Wairarapa Landscape Study: Update for public - December 2010**

The Wairarapa Landscape Study is progressing well. Since the last round of public meetings in May – we have identified a number of draft sites, and are currently in the process of identifying the landowners that may be affected. This has taken longer than expected, however we do hope to have met with all affected landowners by March 2011.

The Landscape Steering group, which includes representatives from the four councils, two iwi and Federated Farmer's are currently reviewing the current provisions in the Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan to ascertain whether they need to be altered. For example whether or not the current provisions provide sufficient protection for these landscapes, whether they need to be strengthened to provide more protection or whether they need to be made site specific to cater for differing pressures relevant to each site.

This has meant that the next round of public meetings, which will discuss the draft list of sites, will be delayed until the first quarter of 2011. By this time we would have met with each landowner and discussed what it might mean for them to have an outstanding natural landscape on their property. We consider this to be a critical part of the landscape assessment, and because of this have spent extra time working toward a comprehensive consultation process.

You can find more information on the Landscape Study at  
<http://www.cartertondc.co.nz/wailandscape/index.html>

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