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Sent: Tuesday, 14 February 2023 3:58 pm
To: Biodiversity <biodiversity@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: The Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy

Kia ora,

This e-mail is to keep you in the loop regarding work at Hutt City Council relating to biodiversity. We are still awaiting the release of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB), and when this happens it will guide a new a conversation with the community around SNAs. The NPS-IB is likely to require councils across the country to add or change their District Plans to protect, maintain, and restore indigenous biodiversity. When we receive this, we will share it with you.

In the meantime, Hutt City Council is starting work with Mana Whenua and community to develop its own Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy that protects and enhances the natural environment (Te Taiao). The high-level strategy will inform Council's planning and decision-making as it affects Indigenous Biodiversity. The Strategy will set a widely agreed direction for later action and project plans.

We are getting in touch to find out how you would like to be involved in this work. We are running four sessions which will be open to the community, and you are welcome to attend any of these (listed below). If preferable, we could set up a separate session for those in this group. Appreciate if you can let us know what will work best for you.

Our central point of contact is via email at biodiversity@Huttcity.govt.nz.

Community sessions are being held at Pelorus Trust Sports House, 93 Hutt Park Road, Moera, Lower Hutt at the following times:

- Monday 13 February 2023, 5-5.30pm
- Wednesday 1 March 2023, 7-7.30pm
- Thursday 9 March 2023, 6-6.30pm
- Tuesday 14 March 2023, 6-6.30pm

There will be another opportunity to have your say when the Preliminary Strategy and information about making a submission is made available on the HCC website later this year.

Ngā mihi nui,

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