

# KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL OPEN WORKSHOP SESSION

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| <b>Date:</b>    | Wednesday 17 May 2023   |
| <b>Time</b>     | 9.00 am – 12.00 noon Open Workshop Session<br>The workshop will then move into a closed session from 12.30 pm – 3.00 pm |
| <b>Location</b> | Totara, Council Chambers, Civic Building  |

## OPEN WORKSHOP AGENDA

**1. Karakia**

**2. Apologies**

**3. 9.00 am - 9.45 am Dark Skies Update**

The Dark Skies trust will provide an overview and update of the Lighting Private Plan Change and upcoming expo. Presentation attached.

**4. 9.45 am – 10.15 am Signs Bylaw Review**

Dave Clibbery will provide an overview of the proposed process and timelines for the review to be completed by mid-December 2023. No attachments.

***10.15 am Morning Tea***

**5. 10.30 am – 12.00 noon Annual Plan**

Sheryl Poulsen will provide an overview and update of the draft annual plan including the proposed fees and charges. This is ahead of a draft annual plan being provided to the May Council meeting. No attachments.

***12.00 noon to 12.30pm – lunch provided***

\* Public are welcome to sit in and view the workshop from the public seats. This workshop will not be recorded but online attendance is available upon request to Becky Makin at [becky.makin@kaikoura.govt.nz](mailto:becky.makin@kaikoura.govt.nz)

**6. Public Excluded Session**

The workshop will then move into a Public Excluded Session from **12:30pm to 3:00pm**, where the public will be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely

- a) Little Oaks Preschool – Current land designation
- b) Wakatu Quay – Expressions of interest with regard to potential investment

The general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1), 6 and 7 of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| General subject of each to be considered | Reason for excluding the public   | Grounds of the Act under which this resolution is made  |
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| Little Oaks Preschool                    | Current land designation. The public are excluded for commercial sensitivity and legal reasons.                                   | Section (7)(g) maintain legal professional privilege<br>Section (7)(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)   |
| Wakatu Quay                              | Expressions of interest received with regard to potential investment. The public are excluded for commercial sensitivity reasons. | Section (7)(b)(ii) would be likely unreasonable to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information<br>Section (7)(h) enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities<br>Section (7)(i) enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) |

**7. Close with a Karakia**





# Private Plan Change Workshop

Kaikōura District Council

*Wednesday 17th May 2023*



# Introducing

## Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust

Nicky McArthur - Chair

Colette Doughty - Project coordinator



## Kāhu Environmental

Debbie Donaldson - Senior Planner



# The Dark Sky Private Plan Change



A private plan is being prepared by the Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust to help Kaikōura become an International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

We have engagement Kāhu Environmental as planning consultants to assist us with the process.

# Why is a Plan Change Required



- Light pollution is the biggest problem for an International Dark Sky Sanctuary.
- To qualify for the dark sky Sanctuary, we need to ensure that lighting is managed in the district to reduce light pollution and protect our dark sky.
- The operative district plan provisions manage lighting, but only so far as to manage effects on amenity and nuisance (maximum lux level at the property boundary)
- The current district plan provisions do not address light pollution that affects the brightness and clarity of the night sky.
- The current provisions do not meet the International Dark Sky Association requirements for dark sky sanctuary certification.

# Dark Sky Sanctuary Requirements



International Dark Sky Sanctuary requirements:

- Lighting regulation binding on all public and private landowners in area of protection.
- Recognition of the dark sky as an important natural feature of the district in an official document.
- Management of outdoor lighting, requiring:
  - **All lights to be shielding and directed down**
  - **All lights to have a restricting colour temperature of lighting to 3000k or less**
  - (Possible exceptions to some rules for lights on a sensor/timer for less than 5 minutes)
  - **Controls on illuminated signs**
  - **Controls on sports lighting.**

# Anticipated Changes to District Plan



We are currently in the process of drafting provisions and will review these with the Councils planning team prior to submission of the plan change to Council before the end of July.

## **The plan change will:**

- Recognise the importance of the night sky as a natural value of our district that warrants protection.
- Ensure that any outdoor lighting is shielded - do that light goes out and down – not out and up!
- Require to make sure the 'colour temperature' of new outdoor lighting is 3000 Kelvin and under
- Provide exemptions if outdoor lighting is on a five-minute (or less) sensor/timer.
- Provide some rules that limit illuminated signage
- Provide some rules that limit hours of operation for sports lighting

# Progress to date

- Ongoing meetings with KDC Planning team
- Ongoing meetings with the International Dark Sky Association
- Ongoing Stakeholder engagement
- Developing Draft District Plan provisions to:
  - **Meeting IDSA requirements**
  - **Respond to initial stakeholder and community feedback**



# Stakeholder Engagement

- Te Runanga o Kaikōura
- Hurunui DC and Marlborough DC
- Environment Canterbury
- Department of Conservation
- Waka Kotahi, Kiwirail, Mainpower, Spark, Genesis
- Federated Farmers, Forest and Bird, Maritime NZ, Heritage NZ
- Local Kaikōura Businesses and organisations
- RMA Schedule 1 Clause 3 Consultation

# Community Engagement

To date

- Kaikōura Dark Sky website blog article
- Kaikōura Dark Sky Facebook social media posts
- The Star - 2 articles in April 2023 relating specifically to the private plan change

# Community Engagement

Further community engagement will occur at the upcoming Kaikōura Dark Sky EXPO.

An A0 private plan change poster will be on display explaining the reason one is necessary, the process and how locals can have their involvement.

## kaikouradarksky.nz PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE



Helping Kaikōura become a Dark Sky Sanctuary

The Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust (Trust) is about to apply to the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) to certify the Kaikōura District as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary (IDSS) which will bring environmental, social, economic and cultural benefits to the people in our district.

### Managing light pollution better will help us become a Dark Sky Sanctuary

Light pollution is the biggest problem for an International Dark Sky Sanctuary and in order to reduce it and protect our night sky we need to make sure outdoor lighting is 'managed' in the district.

### Why is a change to the District Plan required?

The Kaikōura District Plan is a public document that guides how we manage activities and environmental impacts (like outdoor lighting) in our district. District plans are reviewed approximately every ten years, but councils or individuals/groups can initiate 'plan changes' between the major reviews. This helps keep the plan current and respond to opportunities like the dark sky certification.

The current district plan provisions do not address light pollution that affects the brightness and clarity of the night sky. The current provisions also do not meet IDA requirements for dark sky sanctuary certification.

The Trust would therefore like to add and change some objectives, policies, and rules (collectively called 'provisions') in the Kaikōura District Plan so light pollution can be managed better.

### What changes will be proposed?

To meet the IDA requirements for an IDSS, we need provisions in the district plan to:

- Recognise the natural value of the night sky is important to our district and needs protection.
- Ensure that any outdoor lighting is shielded so light goes out and down, not out and up!
- Make sure the 'colour temperature' of new outdoor lighting is 3000 Kelvin and under (warm not cold).
- Introduce some rules that manage illuminated signage.

There will be exemptions to the above if the outdoor lighting is on a sensor/timer of five-minutes or less.

It is important to note that any new provisions would not apply to existing lighting. If you add to your lighting, then the new provisions would apply.

However, people are encouraged to change their lighting to meet these new standards and help reduce light pollution in the district.

### What is the change process?

The Trust is currently in the process of preparing a private plan change. This work will include:

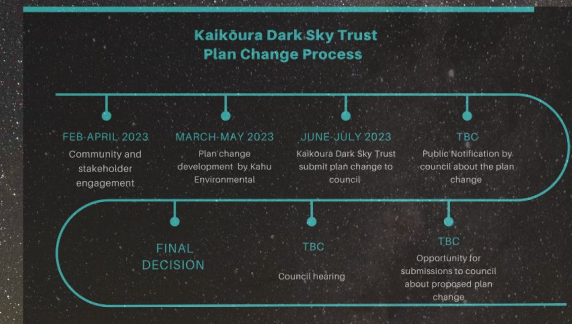
- the changes that we need to make to the district plan to become a dark sky sanctuary, and
- a report (s32 of the RMA) that explains the reasoning behind the proposed changes and considers costs and benefits.

Once ready, the Trust will submit the plan change to Kaikōura District Council.

This plan change will be publicly notified and anyone can make a submission on it.

The submissions will be considered at a hearing by a hearing panel (chosen by the Council), who will issue a decision on the plan change. If parties disagree with the decision an option exists to appeal to the Environment Court.

### The timeline



### How you can be involved

#### Now

If you have any thoughts or questions, we would love to hear them now so we can address them as we prepare the plan change. Email [kaikouradarksky@gmail.com](mailto:kaikouradarksky@gmail.com).

#### Plan change submissions

Later in the year the plan change will be publicly notified and we encourage you to make a submission, hopefully in support of the good work we are doing. Submissions on the plan change should be sent to Kaikōura District Council, who will consider all submissions when making their decision on the plan change.



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# Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust Plan Change Process

FEB-APRIL 2023

Community and stakeholder engagement about the project

MARCH-JUNE 2023

Private Plan change development by Kāhu Environmental. Includes District Plan changes and s32 Report. Stakeholder Engagement feedback will be included

JUNE-JULY 2023

Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust will submit the private plan change to council for processing

Date TBC

Council will publicly notify the Private Plan Change

APPEALS

Period for appeals to be made to the Environment Court following public notification of the decision

COUNCIL WILL NOTIFY  
DECISION

A decision on the plan change will be issued by the Hearing Panel. Council can then approve and notify decision

DATE TBC

A date for council hearing will be set once submissions have been received

DATE TBC

Opportunity for public submissions to Council on the proposed plan change following notification



**QUESTIONS?**





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# EXPO

"WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN THE DARK"

SUN 21ST TO SUN 28TH MAY 2023  
DAILY – FREE  
FROM 10.30 AM

*Come and learn about our proposed*

# KAIKŌURA DARK SKY SANCTUARY

Community Evenings

*from 5.00 pm onward*  
& Stargazing

*from 7.00 pm Mon-Fri*

Venue - The Mayfair Theatre - Exhibition Suite

With special thanks to our sponsors and partners:



21ST – 28TH MAY

Learn and Discover  
Activities

Videos - "Discover the Night"  
Books & Library Info

All welcome to all of the days

## INFORMATION DISPLAY POSTERS

- KAIKŌURA DARK SKY TRUST
- INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY ASSOC &
  - NZ DARK SKY NETWORK
- AWE AND WONDER
- HEALTH
  - KAIKŌURA HEALTH – CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS/SLEEP
- ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT
- TOURISM
  - DESTINATION KAIKŌURA
- MATARIKI
- PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE
- UNDERSTANDING
  - LIGHT POLLUTION
  - RESPONSIBLE LIGHTING
  - OPTIONS FOR LIGHTING
- ENJOYING OUR NIGHT SKY
- CRIME
  - DISPELLING LIGHTING MYTHS
- HERITAGE OF THE NIGHT SKY
- CLIMATE CHANGE
  - SAVED ENERGY = SAVED \$\$\$

Venue - Mayfair Theatre - Exhibition Suite

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KAIKŌURA DARK SKY

EXPO  
FREE

OPEN DAILY FROM  
10.30 AM

"we are not going to be in the dark"

## PROGRAMME

21ST SUNDAY – 2.30 PM

- OFFICIAL OPENING

22ND MONDAY

- SCHOOLS
- EVENING – 5.30 PM – RURAL COMMUNITY

23RD TUESDAY

- SCHOOLS
- EVENING – 5.30 PM – BUSINESS COMMUNITY

24TH WEDNESDAY

- SCHOOLS
- EVENING – 5.30 PM – DESTINATION KAIKŌURA
  - TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES

25TH THURSDAY

- KK HEALTHCARE – 1.00 PM & 5.30 PM
  - GUEST: PROF EMERITUS PHILIPPA GANDER .  
CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS, SLEEP & WHY THEY MATTER

26TH FRIDAY

- KK MUSEUM – PRE-SCHOOLS & SCHOOLS
- EVENING 5.30 COMMUNITY EVENT
  - HOST – KAIKŌURA YOUTH COUNCIL

27TH SATURDAY

- KK OP SHOP – 2.30-4.30 PM (Private Function)

28TH SUNDAY – FINAL DAY



STARGAZING - Starlight Balcony

Mon to Friday - 7.00 pm at Mayfair Theatre