

Please help Destination Wairarapa to retain its funding.

Please make a submission to your local council before 5 May, saying that you **support the continued investment and support of Destination Wairarapa at current levels** – you could even include an example of something we do that you find really useful, or how we've assisted your business or event.

How do you do it?

The process is very simple – you submit a written submission to your **respective Council online** as follows:

Carterton:

Carterton District Council: <https://s.surveylegend.com/-Ns5mCS00zZKk3Efnrvl>

Question four provides the opportunity to include a comment about tourism support

Masterton

Masterton District Council: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D5CSWDF>

Big Decision 3 (question 11): Council Funding – this is where you are able to tell MDC if you'd like funding to remain the same for organisations like DW, or if you prefer all funding to be annually contestable.

There are a number of issues with contestable funding, especially on an annual basis:

1. We wouldn't have the security of funding to be able to sign a lease for any iSite or office premises.
2. It makes it very hard to plan and grow our service offerings for members and attract qualified team members.
3. It puts organisations against each other, when we need to be working together to provide our members and the region with the best service possible.
4. If contestable funding is unavoidable, it needs to be every three years so that organisations have more security in terms of planning and delivery.

MDC Councillors will be at Library pop-ups on Wednesdays 11.30am to 1.30pm and at the Town Square Food Truck events on Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm. A written submission is the most effective way to help us but please also seek out your local councillors and talk to them.

South Wairarapa District Council: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRSJBDL>

The final question in the survey allows an opportunity to include a comment about your support for tourism.

South Wairarapa will also be hosting community workshops in Martinborough on 13 April, and Featherston on 20 April. A written submission is the most effective way to help us but please also seek out your local councillors and talk to them.

Deadline for submissions is May 5th 2024.