

Purpose

The District Plan for the District is prepared under the requirements of the RMA. The District Plan will assist the District Council in achieving the purpose of the RMA, which is the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

The District Council must have a District Plan and review it every 10 years. This is an RMA requirement. However, it is expected that the District Plan will be changed over time in recognition of community and environmental issues.

The District Plan has been prepared recognising and providing for the relationship of mana whenua with their culture and traditions with ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taonga. In administering the District Plan, the District Council is required to have particular regard to kaitiakitanga and take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).

The District Plan sets out a framework for the integrated and sustainable management of natural and physical resources. It includes objectives, policies and rules to manage the effects of land and resource use, the use of the surface of water and subdivision activities under the jurisdiction of the District Council. The District Plan utilises zones that apply objectives, policies and rules for activities within each zone or district wide objectives, policies and rules for activities that apply throughout the District or in specific locations.

The policies and rules provide the basis for monitoring the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan in achieving sustainable management of resources in the District.