

PART 8	MONITORING AND REVIEW
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MONITORING OF PLAN PROVISIONS, CONSENT CONDITIONS AND REVIEW

8.1 INTRODUCTION

This part of the Plan sets out the approach adopted by the Council to monitor and review the operation of the District Plan and the compliance with Plan provisions of those undertaking activities in the District. In addition, the compliance of consent holders with any conditions of consent imposed will be subject to monitor and review.

8.2 OVERVIEW

The provisions of the District Plan have been prepared on the basis of information and knowledge known at the time of its promulgation. Accordingly, provisions and rules have been prepared in order to manage the resources of the District in terms of the activities and the context of the District as at the present time.

The precise impact or outcome of the provisions as prepared is difficult to predict. The exact nature of the total environment of the District and its capacity for response and/or adaptation to changing conditions is not fully understood at the time of preparation of this Plan. Similarly the responses to the provisions of the Plan of those persons establishing activities and the actual outcomes achieved cannot be anticipated.

In addition, environmental conditions change and evolve. This change may occur naturally or may be induced as a result of the impact of the provisions as contained in the District Plan. Further, additional and parallel activities and actions taken by Council in terms of its other statutory obligations and the contents of the Annual Plan may also modify the condition of the environment.

Accordingly, the Council has formulated an approach to the administration of the District Plan that is aimed at improving the effect on the District of the provisions of the Plan. This approach relies upon the parallel implementation of provisions through such vehicles as the Annual Plan.

To this end, the future administration and review of this District Plan will be based on monitoring and consultation. The Council has expanded responsibilities for gathering information, monitoring and maintaining records in respect of resource management matters. These responsibilities will allow the Council to consider refinements to the content of the Plan in a timely manner, as well as enabling the community to be informed about specific matters and examples of the performance of the Council.

In this regard, the Council will undertake a programme of gathering further information and undertaking further research to ensure the ongoing applicability and appropriateness of the provision of this District Plan. This programme will be planned and implemented in accordance with the needs of the community and the District. Where matters of heritage protection are identified, Council will consult with the tangata whenua to ensure that management techniques are effective and appropriate.

The monitoring process of the Council has two elements. The first element is the monitoring of compliance with the provisions of the Plan or compliance with the conditions of consent. The second element is the monitoring of environmental quality where the suitability and effectiveness of the provisions contained within the Plan are assessed. In either case, action to change the Plan may be required and, in such cases, will be pursued.

Together with the monitoring procedures, the Council is committed to a process of on-going consultation with the community and with the tangata whenua in order to achieve improvements in resource management. The benefits from such dialogue are recognised and the Council wishes to take advantage of the consultation process in order to audit and overview the provisions of the Plan.

Beyond this the Council will review the provisions of the District Plan as and when necessary.

8.3 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The resource management issues raised by the matter of monitoring and review are:

- the efficient and effective achievement of the resource management objectives and policies of the District Plan.
- the timely and considered review of all provisions of the District Plan.
- the review and monitoring of compliance with conditions of consent.

8.4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The resource management strategy for monitoring and review is:

- to adopt a management and administration mechanism for monitoring and reviewing the provisions of the District Plan and compliance with conditions of resource consents.

8.5 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Objective

- 8.5.1** *To maintain a current and relevant District Plan which addresses contemporary issues and concerns in accordance with the principles of sustainable resource management.*

Policies

- 8.5.1.1** To monitor the effectiveness of the District Plan by undertaking studies to identify issues which are indicators of environmental change.
- 8.5.1.2** To initiate plan changes which address evolving resource management issues and community needs and which are formulated to improve environmental quality and amenity values.
- 8.5.1.3** To change the District Plan as necessary in accordance with evolving national or regional policy statements or plans.

8.5.1.4 To consult with the community on matters of environmental quality and amenity values and to make information relating to the administration of policy statements and plans, resource consents and environmental issues available to the public.

8.5.1.5 To review the effectiveness and suitability of the conditions placed on resource consents and to promote a review of resource consent conditions if necessary to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on the environment.

Objective

8.5.2 *To recognise and provide for the relationships of the Maori people with their ancestral land, culture and traditions.*

Policies

8.5.2.1 The Council will, in line with its duties and responsibilities under the Resource Management Act 1991, consult with tangata whenua on a regular basis.

8.5.2.2 In order to give effect to the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991 and to achieve Objective 8.5.2, the Council will, in consultation with tangata whenua, maintain a list of people with recognised expertise in tikanga Maori and Treaty of Waitangi matters so that, where appropriate, such a person will be asked to assist in hearings under the Resource Management Act 1991 where ancestral taonga or tikanga Maori is a significant issue to iwi or hapu.

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