



# PART 1 - INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

## 4 National Direction Instruments

### 4.1 National Policy Statements

National Policy Statements (NPSs) form part of the Resource Management Act’s policy framework and are prepared by central government. The NPSs contain objectives, policies and methods that must be given effect to by plans. NPSs must also be given regard to by consent authorities when making decisions on resource consent applications, alongside other considerations.

The following table provides an overview of whether any relevant review(s) have been undertaken in relation to NPSs.

Table 1 – National Policy Statements	
National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023	
National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022	
National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020	<p>This <i>policy</i> statement has been given effect to in part through Council undertaking a Housing and Business Assessment for the District in 2023</p> <p>The removal of requiring car parks for Tokoroa and Kinleith in October 2021 from the district plan.</p> <p>Council is developing an Urban Growth Strategy for public consultation under the Local Government Act during November-December 2023.</p>
National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020	
National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2016	<p>This <i>policy</i> statement is given to effect in part by plan change 1 Putaruru Growth which was inserted into the plan in April 2021</p>
National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011	
National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008	
Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000	

**4 NATIONAL DIRECTION INSTRUMENTS**

**4.2 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS**

Environmental Reporting Act 2015	Came into force June 2016 whereby information from Council can be utilized at the National level.
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## 4.2 National Environmental Standards

National Environmental Standards are prepared by central government and can prescribe technical standards, methods (including rules) and/or other requirements for environmental matters throughout the whole country or specific areas. If an activity doesn't comply with a National Environmental Standard, it is likely to require a resource consent. National Environmental Standards must be observed and enforced by local authorities if required by the National Environmental Standards.

The following NESs are currently in force:

1. Resource management (National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry) November 2023
2. Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017
3. Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities) Regulations 2008
4. Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2011
5. Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009
6. Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water) Regulations 2007
7. Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 (amended 2011)

## 4.3 Regulations

The regulations in this chapter come under the Resource Management Act 1991 (excluding the national environmental standards listed in the National Environmental Standards chapter).

These regulations are:

1. Resource Management (Discount on Administrative Charges) Regulations 2010
2. Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 1996
3. Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 2017



4. Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003
5. Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Regulations 1999
6. Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulations 2010
7. Resource Management (Network Utility Operations) Regulations 2016
8. Resource Management (Transitional, Fees, Rents, and Royalties) Regulations 1991
9. Resource Management (Stock Exclusion) Regulations 2020
10. National Planning Standards

## **4.4 Water Conservation Orders**

District Plans cannot be inconsistent with the provisions of a water conservation order. A water conservation order can prohibit or restrict a regional council issuing new water and discharge permits, although it cannot affect existing permits.

There are no water conservation orders in the South Waikato District.