

Part 1 – Introduction and general provisions

National direction instruments

1. National policy statements and New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement

National policy statements (NPSs) and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) form part of the Resource Management Act's policy framework and are prepared by central government. NPSs and NZCPS contain objectives, policies and methods that must be given effect to by policy statements and plans. NPSs and the NZCPS 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 of the Whakamahere Whakatū Nelson Plan has been undertaken in relation to NPSs and NZCPS.

National direction instruments – Table 1: Reviews

| National policy statement | Reviews |
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| National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (came into effect 3 September 2020) | The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (amended 2017) and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 has been reviewed in part as at August 2020. |
| National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2020 | The National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2016 has been reviewed as of January 2020. The National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2020 has been reviewed in part as at August 2020. |
| National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 | The National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 has been reviewed as of January 2020. |
| New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 | The New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 has been reviewed as of January 2020. |
| National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 | The National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 has been reviewed as of January 2020. |

2. National environmental standards

National environment standards (NESs) 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 an NES, it is likely to require a resource consent. NESs must be observed and enforced by local authorities.

The following NESs are currently in force:

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| Resource Management (National Environmental Standard on Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017 |
| Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities) Regulations 2016 |
| Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2011 |
| Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009 |
| Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Sources of Drinking Water) Regulations 2007 |
| Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations 2004 (amended 2011) |
| Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 |

3. Regulations

The regulations included in this chapter come under the Resource Management Act 1991 (excluding the national environment standards listed above). These regulations are:

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| Resource Management (Discount on Administrative Charges) Regulations 2010 |
| Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 1996 |
| Resource Management (Exemption) Regulations 2017 |
| Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003 |
| Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Regulations 1999 |
| Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 |
| Resource Management (Measurement and reporting of Water Takes) Regulations 2010 |
| Resource Management (Network Utility Operations) Regulations 2016 |
| Resource Management (Transitional, Fees, Rents, and Royalties) Regulations 1991 |