

Part 5

Monitoring the efficiency and effectiveness of regional policy statement provisions

The Nelson City Council is required, by section 35(2)(b) of the RMA, to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of the policies, rules and methods in the Nelson Plan. Section 62(1)(j) of the RMA also requires that the Regional Policy Statement include the procedures to be used to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement policies or methods. The following procedures are included to fulfil the requirements of section 62(1)(j) of the RMA.

'Efficiency' means whether the policy and methods framework enables the efficient administration of resource management in Whakatū Nelson. This can be evaluated by determining whether the policies and methods have directed effort to the right place and, in this context, whether the correct mix of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches has been selected.

'Effectiveness' means whether the policy and methods framework achieves the objectives and performance measures set out in the Regional Policy Statement. Effective policies, rules or other methods are those that work, that is, they produce the anticipated environmental results.

Sources for the purposes of monitoring will include:

1. census data;
2. building and resource consent data (including the conditions attached to resource consents);
3. state of the environment reporting;
4. Resident and Plan-specific user surveys;
5. complaints data;
6. information gained from plan change processes and hearings;
7. technical assessments; and
8. cultural health indicator monitoring.

Part 2 – Resource management overview of the Nelson Plan sets out the significant resource management issues for the region and for iwi authorities. Under each of the issues, the policies are linked to one or more Anticipated Environmental Result. It is these Anticipated Environmental Results that will be the focus of monitoring the Regional Policy Statement.

The efficiency and effectiveness of the Nelson Plan, including the Regional Policy Statement, will be formally reviewed and publicly reported within five years of the operative date of the Nelson Plan. However, targeted reviews of discrete Nelson Plan provisions may be undertaken as required, if issues arise during the implementation of the Nelson Plan or in response to new and unforeseen environmental issues.