


 WAITAKI
DISTRICT
PLAN
REVIEW

Noise (NOISE)

What are the key issues we need to think about?

Almost all land use activities generate some degree of noise, and this can affect the health, safety and amenity of the district's residents and visitors.

Excessive noise and vibration can detract from the character and amenity values associated with the local environment.

Some existing activities such as the State Highway and rail corridor can generate higher noise levels which can lead to reverse sensitivity when noise sensitive activities (eg residential, healthcare and education) are located in close proximity.



What does it mean for me?

Any lawfully established existing businesses or activities have what is referred to as 'existing use rights' and could continue to operate unchanged.

Activities that do not exceed the set noise limits for the relevant zone would be able to take place without the need for a resource consent.

Some activities such as farm machinery, transport, emergency warning devices and temporary crowd noise would be exempt from the noise standards. Other activities that exceed the noise limits would need a resource consent.

What are we suggesting in the Draft District Plan?

The adverse effects of noise generating activities are managed in the chapter. The provisions would ensure that noise and vibration levels were compatible with the zone and surrounding environment and would ensure that new noise sensitive activities were designed and located to protect them from excessive noise levels.

Noise limits are recommended for the zones, but some activities would be exempt from these (including farming activities, social activities, moving vehicles, aircraft in flight, trains, and temporary crowd noise at a park or reserve).

There are also provisions covering acoustic insulation of buildings near noise generating activities.

The key objective of the chapter is to ensure that noise generating activities do not compromise public health, safety, well being and amenity values and that reverse sensitivity is minimised.

Key changes from the current rules

Noise provisions have been brought together into this chapter rather than being listed as provisions under each individual zone.

Noise limits have generally been set at a lower level than those in the Operative District Plan, with new requirements for lower noise levels in evening hours.

There are new provisions to manage noise and vibration from temporary activities such as construction/demolition and large crowd generating events.

Find out more

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More questions?

If you have any further questions that aren't covered in this document, or on our website, you can email the Planning Team at planreview@waitaki.govt.nz or call the District Plan Review hotline on 03 433 1661 and leave a message.

Summary of key rules

Permitted Activities that would not require a resource consent:

- Activities where noise limits for the zone are not exceeded.
- Noise sensitive activities where acoustic insulation is provided.
- Noise, vibration and blasting effects in the Macraes Mining Zone, where noise limits are not exceeded, and conditions are complied with. Construction and demolition noise and vibration where it complies with the NZ and ISO standards.
- Temporary event noise where conditions are complied with.
- Temporary military training activity where limits and time restrictions are met.

Activities that would require a resource consent:

- Activities generating noise, other than exempt activities, where zone noise limits are exceeded.
- Acoustic insulation of new buildings in some zones for use by a noise sensitive activity where standards are not complied with.
- Noise, vibration and blasting effects in the Macraes Mining Zone, other than exempt activities, where limits are exceeded, or conditions are not met.
- Construction and demolition noise and vibration where it does not comply with the NZ or ISO standards.
- Temporary event noise, where conditions are not complied with.
- Temporary military training activity where limits or time restrictions are not met.