



# WAITAKI DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

## Contaminated Land (CL)

### What are the key issues we need to think about?

When disturbed, contaminated land poses a risk to the environment and to people's health and safety.

The National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health 2011 (NESCS) contains a national rule framework for managing contaminated land. The Contaminated Land chapter of the Draft District Plan does not therefore contain any rules but does contain objectives and policies to assist Council in assessing resource consents that are required under the NESCS.

### What are we suggesting in the Draft District Plan?

The control of contaminated land is shared by district and regional councils. District councils are responsible for managing changes to land under the NESCS regulations and the prevention or mitigation of any adverse effects of the development, subdivision or use of contaminated land. Regional councils are responsible for the control of discharges to the environment, such as discharges from a contaminated site to soil, air, groundwater or surface water. Regional councils are also responsible for the investigation of land for the purpose of identifying and monitoring contaminated land.

The key objective of the chapter is to manage contaminated land to minimise the risks to human health from the development and subdivision of contaminated land.

### Key changes from the current rules

The current operative District Plan has no provisions specifically to deal with contaminated land. The Draft District Plan is recommending the inclusion of objectives and policies to guide the assessment of any applications required under the NESCS.



### What does it mean for me?

The objective and policies in the draft chapter will assist with how resource consents are considered under the NESCS and what conditions may be imposed on a consent.

### Summary of the new rules being considered

There are no rules in this chapter as activities on contaminated land are controlled under the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health 2011 (NESCS).

### Find out more

You can view the full draft chapter on our website

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### More questions?

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