

National Direction Instruments

National Policy Statements and New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement

National Policy Statements (NPS) and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) form part of the Resource Management Act's policy framework and are prepared by Central Government. The District Plan must give effect to NPS and the NZCPS through its objectives, policies, and methods. Consent authorities must have regard to NPS and the NZCPS when making decisions on resource consent applications, alongside other considerations.

The table below provides an overview of whether any relevant review/s of the draft District Plan have been undertaken in relation to NPS and the NZCPS:

Table 1 – National Policy Statements and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (September 2020)	Reviewed 2020
National Policy Statement on Urban Development (August 2020)	Reviewed 2021
National Policy Statement on Renewable Electricity Generation (May 2011)	Reviewed 2020
National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission (March 2008)	Reviewed 2020
New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (December 2010)	Reviewed 2020

National Environmental Standards

National Environmental Standards (NES) 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 does not comply with an NES, it is likely to require a resource consent. NES must be observed and enforced by local authorities.

The following NES are currently in effect:

- National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (2004)
- National Environmental Standards for Sources of Drinking Water (2007)
- National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities (2016)
- National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities (2009)
- National Environmental Standards for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (2011)
- National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry (2017)
- National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (September 2020)
- National Environmental Standards for Marine Aquaculture (December 2020)

Regulations

The regulations in this chapter come under the Resource Management Act 1991, excluding the National Environmental Standards listed above. These regulations are as follows:

- 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