

2 KEY REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT OBJECTIVES

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 This Chapter sets out the key objectives of the Plan which apply across the region, in terms of section 62 (1) (c) of the RMA. They embody the HBRC's approach to the preparation of the Plan.
- 2.1.2 It is, therefore, intended to provide the overall framework for the management of natural and physical resources in Hawke's Bay.

2.2 Issue

- 2.2.1 **The need to establish a resource management framework in order to promote the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the Hawke's Bay region.**

Explanation and Reasons

- 2.2.2 Section 30 of the RMA sets out the functions of HBRC in relation to resource management. In order to work towards integrated management of the region's natural and physical resources, HBRC has identified the need to:
- Firstly, integrate its resource management documents as far as is practicable.
 - Secondly, express its general approach to the management of natural and physical resources, before focusing on the specific.
- 2.2.3 Accordingly Chapters 2 and 3 of this Plan contain the regionally significant issues, objectives and policies which apply across the whole region. The objectives and policies set out in Chapter 5 of this Plan have been developed in accordance with section 67 (1) of the RMA and are applied as appropriate to the use of a particular resource.

2.3 Plan Objectives

- OBJ 1** To achieve the integrated sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the Hawke's Bay region, while recognising the importance of resource use activity in Hawke's Bay, and its contribution to the development and prosperity of the region.
- OBJ 2** To maximise certainty by providing clear environmental direction.
- OBJ 3** To avoid the imposition of unnecessary costs of regulation on resource users and other people.

Explanation and Reasons

- 2.3.1 These objectives have been adopted by the HBRC to set the overarching resource management framework for the region's resources. Hawke's Bay Regional Council recognises the integrated nature and importance of both resource use and environmental quality and the need for this to be apparent in the Plan.
- 2.3.2 These objectives build on the sustainable philosophy of the RMA, while also incorporating the private sector's and the public's desire for efficient and accountable decision-making.
- 2.3.3 These are the key Regional Policy Statement objectives. They also provide a linkage between the Regional Policy Statement and the objectives contained in Chapter 5 of this document, that chapter forming part of the Regional Plan.

2.3.4 The following table clarifies which objectives are contained in the Regional Policy Statement and which are contained in the Regional Plan:

Table 1. Regional Policy Statement Objectives and Regional Plan Objectives

OBJECTIVE	TOPIC	LOCATION
Objectives LW1 – LW3	Integrated land use and freshwater management	REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT
Objectives UD1 – UD6	Managing the Built Environment	
Objectives 4-10	Coastal Resources	
Objectives 11-14	Loss and Degradation of Soil	
Objective 15	Scarcity of Indigenous Vegetation and Wetlands	
Objectives 16-18	Effects of Conflicting Land Use Activities	
Objective 19	Agrichemical Use	
Objective 20	Management of Organic Material	
Objectives 21-22	Groundwater Quality	
Objectives 23-24	Groundwater Quantity	
Objectives 25-26	Surface Water Quantity	
Objective 27	Surface Water Quality	
Objectives 28-29	River Bed Gravel Extraction	
Objective 30	Natural Hazards	
Objectives 31-32	Physical Resources	
Objectives 33-36	Matters of Significance to Iwi/Hapu	
Objective 37	Land	
Objective 38	Air Quality	
Objective 39	Surface Water Quality	
Objective 40	Surface Water Quantity	
Objectives 41-42	Groundwater Quality	
Objective 43	Groundwater Quantity	
Objective 44	Beds of Rivers and Lakes	

2.4 Giving Effect to the RPS

2.3.5 To achieve the best outcome for the Hawke's Bay region, it is necessary to ensure consistency in resource management approaches. This will be achieved through the:

- amendment of regional and district plans to give effect to this Statement and
- adoption of consistent approaches and bottom-lines.

2.3.6 It is recognised, however, that some Districts come under the jurisdiction of more than one Regional Council. In such cases a pragmatic approach may be necessary to ensure that those Councils are able to develop statutory policy in the most effective and efficient manner for their District that best reflects the variance of regional governance in that District.

