



National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Progressive Implementation Programme for Hawke's Bay – 3rd edition (2018)

Preamble

HBRC will progressively implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014¹ (NPSFM) by a combination of the following:

- a) Amendments to the Regional Policy Statement
- b) Amendments to the regional plans (i.e. the Regional Resource Management Plan and Regional Coastal Environment Plan).

In addition to amending RMA planning documents, HBRC will also implement the NPSFM in:

- a) Environmental monitoring programmes and investigations, including:
 - a. Developing a freshwater accounting system for water quantity and water quality in the catchment areas; and
 - b. Developing and implementing monitoring plans for catchment areas to monitor progress towards any freshwater objectives set for the HB region (refer NPSFM Policy CB1).
- b) Assessment of, and decisions on, resource consent applications and
- c) A range of non-regulatory initiatives that sit outside of the tools and requirements of the RMA.

This third edition of HBRC's Progressive Implementation Programme replaces the previous programme that was adopted by the Council in November 2015 and the original September 2012 edition.

Time-limited stages of implementation 2018-2030

Implementation workstream	Summary of approach	Timeline milestone
RRMP Change 5: Integrated land and freshwater management	Resolving remaining part of one appeal. Awaiting final decision from Environment Court. Environment Court's final decision anticipated by 31 December 2018.	Approve Plan Change 5 to become operative in 2019.
Identification of outstanding waterbodies in Hawke's Bay ('PC7')	Assess named candidate waterbodies in the region for outstanding cultural, recreational, ecological and/or landscape value and include list of outstanding waterbodies in the RPS.	Notify proposed plan change no later than 2019.
RRMP Change: TANK catchment area ('PC9')	Develop freshwater objectives, catchment limits, policy and methods for water quality and quantity through a council and community process with the TANK Collaborative Stakeholder Group.	Notify proposed plan change no later than 2019.
RRMP Change: Mohaka catchment ('PC8')	Develop freshwater objectives, catchment limits, policy and methods for water quality and quantity through a council and community process.	Notify proposed plan change estimated in 2021, but no later than 2024.

¹ This refers to the 2014 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management updated to incorporate amendments from the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Amendment Order 2017.

Implementation workstream	Summary of approach	Timeline milestone
RRMP Change: remaining catchment areas (i.e. Esk, Nuhaka, Te Ngaru, Tutira, Porangahau, Southern coast area, Waihua, Waikari, Waipatiki, Wairoa, Whakaki, etc)	Develop freshwater objectives, catchment limits, policy and methods for water quality and quantity through council and community process(es).	Notify proposed plan change estimated no later than 2024.
Developing regional targets for increasing 'swimmability' of specified rivers and lakes in Hawke's Bay (refer NPSFM Policy A6)	Develop final regional targets to improve the quality of freshwater in specified rivers and lakes and contribute to achieving the national target to increase the proportion of specified rivers and lakes that are suitable for primary contact.	Develop and make publicly available final regional targets by 31 December 2018.
Reviews of the RCEP and RRMP (including the RPS)	Reviews of the RPS and regional plans will address any matters that are outstanding and not included in plan changes listed above. For example, Policy C2 regarding integrated management of the effects from use and development, encouraging coordination and sequencing of growth, land use and development and infrastructure.	Commence review of RCEP and RRMP (including RPS) 2021. Notify proposed reviewed RMA documents estimated 2024.

Conclusion – all documents operative by 31 December 2030.

Reporting

Annual reporting on Programme implementation is required by Policy E1(e) of the NPSFM. HBRC has been, and will continue, reporting annually on programme implementation progress in its Annual Reports.

Financial and resourcing implications

If, as a result of annual reporting of the implementation programme, the programme requires further flexibility to change, or is falling behind, the programme will be reviewed along with financial and resourcing requirements as part of the next HBRC Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process.

The NPSFM requires overall policy implementation by 31 December 2025. This timeframe may be extended out to 2030 if necessary and required (refer NPSFM Policy E1(ba)).