

RPS provisions that give effect to the NPS-FW

Policy 11: Management purposes for surface water bodies – regional plans

Regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that:

- (a) Require that water quality, flows and water levels, and the aquatic habitat of surface water bodies are to be managed for the purpose of safeguarding aquatic ecosystem health, and
- (b) Manage water bodies for other purposes identified in regional plans

Policy 12: Allocating water – regional plans

Regional plans shall include policies and/or rules that:

- (a) Establish allocation limits for the total amount of water that can be taken from rivers and lakes, taking into account aquatic ecosystem health, and
- (b) Establish allocation limits for the total amount of water that can be taken from groundwater, taking into account the aquatic ecosystem health of rivers, lakes and wetlands, and preventing saltwater intrusion.

Policy 19: Using water efficiently – regional plans

Regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that:

- (a) Promote the efficient allocation and use of water, and
- (b) Promote water harvesting

Policy 43: Managing water takes to ensure efficient use – consideration

When considering an application for a resource consent to take water, particular regard shall be given to:

- (a) Whether the applicant has demonstrated that the volume of water sought is reasonable and justifiable for the intended use, including consideration of soil and crop type when water is taken for irrigation purposes
- (b) Requiring the consent holder to measure and report the actual amount of water taken, and
- (c) Requiring the consent holder to adopt water conservation and demand management measures and demonstrate how water will be used efficiently

Policy 54: Maintaining a compact, well designed and sustainable regional form – consideration

When considering an application for a resource consent, or a change, variation or review of a district plan for urban development beyond the region's urban areas (as at March 2009), particular regard shall be given to whether:

- (a) The proposed development is the most appropriate option to achieve Objective 21, and
- (b) The proposed development is consistent with the Council's growth and/or development framework or strategy that describes where and how future urban development should occur in that district, and/or
- (c) A structure plan has been prepared

Policy 55: Managing development in rural areas – consideration

When considering an application for a resource consent or a change, variation or review of a district plan, in rural areas (as at March 2009), particular regard shall be given to whether:

- (a) The proposal will result in a loss of productive capability of the rural area, including cumulative impacts that would reduce the potential for food and other primary production and reverse sensitivity issues for existing production activities, including extraction and distribution of aggregate minerals,
- (b) The proposal will reduce aesthetic and open space values in rural areas between and around settlements,
- (c) The proposals location, design or density will minimise demand for non-renewable energy resources, and
- (d) The proposal is consistent with the relevant city or district council growth and/or development framework or strategy that addresses future rural development, or
- (e) In the absence of such a framework or strategy, the proposal will increase pressure for public services and infrastructure beyond existing infrastructure capacity

Policy 57: Co-ordinating land use with development and operation of infrastructure – consideration

When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement, or a plan change, variation or review of a district plan for subdivision, use or development, particular regard shall be given to whether the proposed subdivision, use or development is located and sequenced to:

- (a) The efficient and safe use of existing infrastructure capacity, and/or
- (b) Coordinate with the development and operation of new infrastructure