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Te Horopaki ā-Ture

Statutory Context

Resource Management Act 1991

The Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) defines natural and physical resources to include 'land, water, air, soil, minerals and energy, all forms of plants and animals (whether native to New Zealand or introduced) and all structures'.

The purpose, function and contents of the District Plan are directed towards achieving the purpose of the Act (defined by Part 2), which is 'to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources' (under Section 5 of the Act). Wellington City Council must have a District Plan at all times under Section 73 of the Act.

Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Act place particular duties on the Council when exercising its functions and powers under the Act, as follows:

- Section 6, Matters of National Importance – the Council must recognise and provide for the matters of national importance that are listed in this section
- Section 7, Other Matters – the Council must have regard to the matters that are listed in this section
- Section 8, Treaty of Waitangi – the Council must take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

These matters have been addressed in the strategic objectives, and the objectives, policies, rules and standards throughout the District Plan as well as the Design Guides. In addition, the District Plan has been prepared to give effect to, have regard to (or not be inconsistent with) various other related documents to achieve the integrated management of natural and physical resources (as directed by the Act and explained in detail below).

Relationship with other planning documents and policies

The Wellington City District Plan has been prepared within a hierarchy of policy statements and plans that have been prepared under the Act. Along with the District Plan, these documents form the statutory context for plan-making. Under the concept of integrated management, these plans and policy statements work together to achieve the purpose of the Act. The hierarchy of these documents and the Council's obligations under each document, in relation to the District Plan, are set out below.

National Level

Document(s)	Purpose	Relationship with the District Plan as directed by the Act
National Policy Statements (as set out in the National Policy Statements and New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement chapter)	Prepared under section 52(2) of the Act. State objectives and policies for matters of national significance.	District Plans are required to give effect to National Policy Statements under section 75(3)(a)-(b) of the Act.
National Environmental Standards (as set out in the National Environmental Standards chapter)	Regulations, prepared under section 43 of the Act. Set out technical standards in relation to the use, development, and	District Plans must not duplicate or conflict with National Environmental Standards under section 44A of the Act.

	protection of natural and physical resources.	
National Planning Standards	Prepared under section 58B of the Act to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assist in achieving the purpose of the Act; and • set out requirements or other provisions relating to any aspect of the structure, format, or content of plans. 	District Plans must give effect to the National Planning Standards under s75(3)(ba) of the Act. Council must amend its District Plan if a national planning standard directs it to do so.

Regional Level

Document(s)	Purpose	Relationship with District Plan as directed by the Act
Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region	Prepared by Greater Wellington Regional Council under section 60 of the Act. Sets out the significant resource management issues for the Wellington region, including issues of significance to iwi authorities in the region, and objectives, policies, and methods to address those issues.	The District Plan must give effect to the Regional Policy Statement under section 75(3)(c) of the Act, and have regard to any proposed regional policy statement under section 74(2)(a) of the Act.
Regional Plans prepared by Greater Wellington Regional Council, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region • Regional Air Quality Plan • Regional Coastal Plan • Regional Freshwater Plan • Regional Soil Plan • Regional Plan for discharges to land 	Prepared by Greater Wellington Regional Council under section 64 of the Act. Assist the Regional Council in carrying out its functions under the Act.	District Plans must not be inconsistent with a regional plan for any matter specified in section 30(1) of the Act under section 75(4)(b) of the Act, and shall have regard to any proposed regional plan in regard to any matter of regional significance or for which the regional council has primary responsibility for under Part 4 of the Act (section 74(2)(b)(ii)).

Local level

Document(s)	Purpose	Relationship with District Plan as directed by the Act
Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan	Prepared under the Local Government Act 2002 to establish community outcomes in terms of social, cultural, economic and environmental matters, and outline the Council's responses to those in terms of budget priorities and programmes.	District Plans must have regard to these plans, to the extent that their content has a bearing on resource management issues of the District (section 74(2)(b)(i) of the Act).
Our City Tomorrow – He Mahere Mokowā mō Pōneke - A Spatial Plan for Wellington City 2021	A strategic plan to guide how the City will grow over the next 30 years, including how associated infrastructure, services and investment will be coordinated. It represents how the City will respond to expected population growth and	District Plans must have regard to these documents to the extent that the content has a bearing on resource management issues of the District, under section 74(2)(b)(i) of the Act. The Spatial

	other development challenges the City faces.	Plan provides strategic direction for the District Plan.
Heritage New Zealand List – Rārangi Kōrero	This list is required by the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. It lists buildings, places and sites that are of social or outstanding historical or cultural significance or value.	District Plans must have regard to this list, to the extent that its content has a bearing on resource management issues of the District (section 74(2)(b)(iia) of the Act).
Reserve Management Plans	Within the district there are a number of reserves administered under the Reserves Act 1977. Under this Act, the Department of Conservation and the Council prepare reserve management plans which manage use, maintenance and access of the public land.	District Plans must have regard to these plans, to the extent that their content has a bearing on resource management issues of the District (section 74(2)(b)(i) of the Act).

In addition to the above documents, there are other relevant Council plans and strategies for various issues and areas that the District Plan must also have regard to (to the extent that their content has a bearing on resource management issues of the district under section 74(2)(b)(i) of the Act).