



A regional overview of planning for the Coromandel Peninsula –

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Topics covered:

- Regional Planning statutory RMA documents
- Proposed Regional Policy Statement
- Key regional issues identified in the Proposed RPS
- Blueprint Forum
- Effective RMA participation
- Opportunities for upcoming participation – RMA processes
- Opportunities for upcoming participation – non-RMA processes

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Regional Planning statutory RMA documents

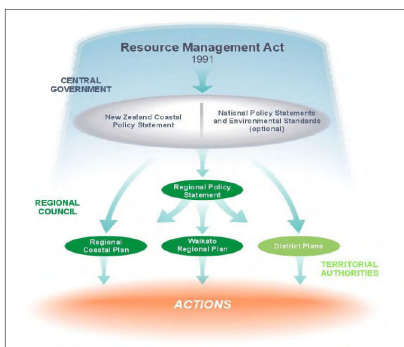
- Regional Policy Statement
- Proposed Regional Policy Statement
- Regional Coastal Plan
- Regional Plan

- Amendments to the RMA along with new national policy statements and national environmental standards have elevated the status of the Regional Policy Statement

- Regional and district plan must give effect to the RPS

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Proposed Regional Policy Statement (Proposed RPS)

- First RPS became operative in 2000, have been some significant changes in the region
- Pressures on natural and physical resources have intensified
- Have more knowledge about the resulting impacts
- Continuing Treaty of Waitangi settlement legislation influences

Regulatory responses – district and regional plans

Non-regulatory responses – Long Term Plan and Annual Plan cycle

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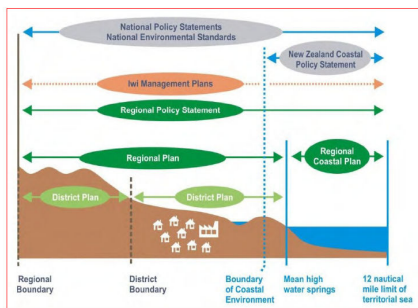


Proposed RPS

- Forward looking
- Takes a long-term approach to identification and resolution of issues
- Recognises issues evolve and change over time
- Are statutory requirements that must be included, these can not be ignored
- Discretion as to implementation, RPS provides sufficient flexibility in this regard

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Proposed RPS structure

- Integrated management
- Air
- Built environment
- Coastal Marine Area
- Fresh Water bodies
- Geothermal
- Heritage
- Indigenous biodiversity
- Landscape, natural character and amenity
- Natural hazards
- Soils

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Blueprint Framework fed into RPS

- Protection of outstanding landscapes
- Protection of registered cultural and archaeological sites
- Recognising the diversity and character of settlements
- No degradation of water quality
- Protection and enhancement of biodiversity
- Reduced risk from natural hazards

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Key regional issues identified

- Regionally significant landscapes, seascapes and areas of natural character
- Extent of coastal environment
- Biodiversity values, and pest and weed management
- Provide direction for allocation/zoning of marine space – use, development, protection

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Key regional issues identified in the Proposed RPS

- Control discharges, disturbance and vegetation clearance to minimise sedimentation of waterways and harbours
- Coastal buffer zones to reduce impact of coastal hazards
- Effective and effective use of infrastructure

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Proposed RPS timeline

- Notified in August 2010
- Submissions November 2010 – February 2011
- 396 submissions received
- 4465 submission points
• <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Regional-Policy-Statement/Regional-Policy-Statement-Review/>
- Hearings begin 13 February – 3 May
- Deliberations 11 July – 8 August
- Decisions released by November

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Effective RMA participation

- Early advice about what processes are coming up
- Knowing where to source information in regard to processes
- Going further than statutory processes prescribe
- Forming relationships and key contacts

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Opportunities for upcoming participation – RMA related

- Water Plan Change

Waikato	(2013-2017)
Waihou Piako	(2014-2018)
West Coast	(2017-2021)
- Marine Strategy (non-statutory document)
 - Presently gathering science and identifying information gaps
 - Community engagement planned for mid year
- Regional Plan and Regional Coastal Plan review 2014

Public participation processes



Opportunities for upcoming participation – Non RMA

- 2012-2022 Long Term Plan
- 27 March – 27 April submission period
 - 17 May – 18 May hearings
 - 28 May – 1 June deliberations
 - 30 June LTP produced
- Regional Land Transport Programme
- Dec 2011 – 20 February submission period
 - 8 February – 9 February hearings
 - 30 March – 2 April deliberations

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