
Appendix 6 – Plan Review Process

The contents of this appendix were previously included in previous versions of the regional plan as Chapter 14.

The Regional Council must monitor the effectiveness of this regional plan as a means of achieving its objectives and policies under section 67(1)(i) and monitor the environment under section 35(2) of the Act.

The Regional Council will initiate a review of the regional plan no later than ten years from the date on which the regional plan becomes operative. The Regional Council will aim for the continual improvement of regional plan effectiveness through monitoring and review of objectives, policies and rules.

The following methods will be used to gather information for the regional plan review:

- (a) Compile a register of matters that may require reconsideration.
- (b) Monitor the implementation of the regional plan for:
 - (i) Structural and operational faults.
 - (ii) Effectiveness of policies and rules.
 - (iii) Meeting objectives.
 - (iv) Practicality of objectives, policies, rules and other methods.
- (c) Link state of the environment monitoring to performance monitoring of plan objectives, policies, rules and other methods.
- (d) Consultation and feedback from interested parties.
- (e) Surveys of community attitudes and perspectives.
- (f) Monitoring undertaken by other resource management agencies.
- (g) Research results from environmental investigations.
- (h) Records of investigation of environmental damage, enforcement action and pollution hotline complaints.
- (i) Compliance monitoring of consent conditions.
- (j) Impact monitoring of environmental effects of activities.
- (k) State of the environment reporting, including aspects in the Anticipated Environmental Results.

In reviewing this regional plan, the Regional Council will:

- (a) Determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the policies and methods in achieving the objectives.
- (b) Assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the policies and methods in achieving the anticipated environmental outcomes.
- (c) Assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the methods and rules.
- (d) Assess the relevancy of the issues addressed in the regional plan.
- (e) Determine if there are any additional issues that have arisen that require attention in the regional plan review.
- (f) Review the efficiency and effectiveness of voluntary methods for achieving objectives and consider the use of regulatory methods in areas where environmental performance targets have not been met.

In reviewing this regional plan, the Regional Council will consult with neighbouring regional councils, constituent city or district councils, local tangata whenua, key user groups and the regional community in general. Consideration will be given to technological changes, changes to community environmental expectations, and natural environmental changes.