

## CROSS BOUNDARY CONCERNS

Waitakere City abuts Rodney District to the North, Auckland City to the south and North Shore City (across the Upper Harbour Bridge) to the east.

Cross boundary concerns which may arise include:

- *land use* activities and development strategies which may give rise to adverse environmental *effects* in a neighbouring district;
- roading and transportation matters, drainage systems, and *infrastructure* which start in one district and cross over into one or more of the adjoining districts;
- *resource consent* matters primarily the concern of the Regional Council, which may impact on one or more territorial authority districts.

In considering these issues, the Council will be guided by the contents of the Regional Policy Statement, any Regional Plan and the contents of this *Plan*.

The Council will consider significant resource management issues arising in the District of an adjoining local authority which affect the City. In appropriate cases, submissions will be prepared to that local authority in relation to such issues.

Where the Council receives an application for a *land use consent* which is to be notified and the activity may give rise to adverse environmental *effects* in a neighbouring district, affected *land* owners in that district and the relevant Council will generally be notified.

The Council will, where appropriate, participate in joint hearings with other territorial Councils, as provided for by section 102 of the *Act*, in situations where:

- the *land use consent* concerns roading, drainage systems or other *infrastructure* or any similar network use which extends into a neighbouring district; or
- a requirement for a *designation* for such matters has been served on the Council.

## MONITORING

### Introduction

This part outlines monitoring strategies carried out or to be carried out by the Council to meet its obligations under the *Act*. The general aim of monitoring is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources, taking into account the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti O Waitangi. Where monitoring suggests that action needs to be taken to ensure compliance with the intent of the *Act*, the Council will initiate such changes in the *Plan* or procedures as necessary. The results from monitoring will be reported both to the Council and to the public, utilising the Local Government Act annual plan process and other appropriate procedures.

### Monitoring Programme

Council's monitoring programme is divided into four main areas;

- state of the environment monitoring
- monitoring to gauge suitability and effectiveness of the plan

- procedures monitoring and
- *resource consents* monitoring

### State of the Environment Monitoring

Periodic reports will be prepared on the state of the *environment*, and will be made available by the Council for public submission. The State of the Environment report will include three sections - pressures on the *environment*, state of the natural *environment* and state of the human *environment*. Details of the monitoring strategy will be published each year in the Annual Plan.

### Suitability of the Plan

Monitoring of the *Plan's* provisions will ensure that they remain suitable for Waitakere City's current *environment* and in relation to the City's changing needs and ongoing development. Contents of the *Plan* will be monitored to ensure that they are carrying out their intended purpose, particularly in the delivery of the *Plan's* objectives and policies.

Monitoring of the *Plan* will include, but not be limited to:

- a complaints and concerns register related to *Plan* matters;
- an assessment of types of *resource consent* applications received, decisions made and issues raised;
- an assessment of the effectiveness of the *Plan* in responding to issues raised in state of the *environment* monitoring; and
- a staged, section by section, analysis and review of the effectiveness of *Plan* provisions.

### Procedures

Council will undertake monitoring of its delegated functions, powers and duties under the *Act*, in relation to provisions in the *Plan*. This will be carried out on an annual basis, parallel to the annual planning processes. This monitoring strategy will include, but not be limited to:

- timeliness of *resource consent* processing
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- timeliness and effectiveness of enforcement procedures
- scope and effectiveness of monitoring strategies and responses to issues raised through monitoring
- effectiveness of delegated functions under the *Act*.

### Resource Consent Monitoring

An annual report will be provided on *resource consent* monitoring. This report will include, but not be limited to:

- compliance with conditions of *resource consents*;
- the cost of processing *resource consents*;
- the effectiveness of consultation with affected parties, including *tangata whenua*.

### Responsibilities for Monitoring

The primary responsibility for *Plan* monitoring lies with the Council. However, the Council will encourage input from other Councils, other agencies, *tangata whenua*, interest groups, applicants and the community in general. Other environmental monitoring will be carried out in conjunction with, for instance, the Auckland Regional Council, on matters of shared responsibility or concern.

### Actions Arising from Monitoring

Objectives, policies, rules or the process of administering the *Plan* may require amendment if significant variation is evident from the expected environmental results in this *Plan*. Amendments may be in the form of:

- altering implementation procedures;
- altering funding for staff, resources, monitoring strategies, etc.;
- initiating a *Plan Change* to alter objectives, policies or rules;
- deferring action pending further investigation, or inclusion of the issue in a scheduled future planned review of the *Plan*.

