

The ever-evolving resource management system – What recent changes really mean for land development

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Resource Management Reform



NATURAL AND BUILT
ENVIRONMENT ACT (NBEA)



SPATIAL PLANNING ACT
(SPA)



CLIMATE CHANGE
ADAPTATION ACT (CAA)*

**currently AWOL*



But... National's 100 Day Action Plan includes:



Repealing the 2023 reform
legislation



Introducing a fast-track
consenting regime



So what's coming in the resource management and land development space?



TRENDS



ONGOING PROCESSES



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

**currently AWOL*



Two key trends



Greater use of national
direction



Greater prescription in
national direction



National Policy Statements



NPS-FM (Freshwater Management)



NPS-UD (Urban Development)



NPS-GHG (Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat)



NPS-REG (Renewable Electricity Generation)



NPS-HPL (Highly Productive Land)



NPS-ET (Electricity Transmission)



NPS-IB (Indigenous Biodiversity)



NPS-NH* (Natural Hazards)

**not yet in force*



National Environmental Standards



NES-CF (Commercial Forestry)



NES-AQ (Air Quality)



NES-SDW (Sources of Drinking Water)



NES-TF (Telecommunications Facilities)



NES-TF (Electricity Transmission Activities)



NES-F (Freshwater)



NES-MA (Marine Aquaculture)



NES-STO (Storing Tyres Outdoors)



NES-CS (Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health)



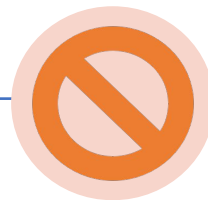
Policies have strengthened their bottom lines, leading the ability to grant consents in certain circumstances to become either:

More difficult



or

Entirely prohibited



Ongoing processes

- Intensification planning processes
- Freshwater planning
- Highly Productive Land mapping
- Significant Natural Area mapping
- Ongoing planning processes
- Fast-track consenting to stay



Hope for the future?

- RMA reform on hold for now, but still on the block
- New legislation proposed to be introduced in 2027
- A separation between urban planning and environmental planning?



Questions ?

