



Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill

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Acronyms

- NPS – National Policy Statements
- NPSFM – National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020
- NPSIB – National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023
- NES – National Environmental Standards
- NESF – Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020
- NZCPS – New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement
- SNA – Significant Natural Area
- ASBV – Area of Significant Biodiversity Values
- RMA – Resource Management Act 1991
- 2GP – Dunedin City Second Generation Plan



Topics

- Removal of Hierarchy of Obligations from the NPSFM
- Consenting Pathway for Coal Mining
- Delay in Inclusion of SNAs in District Plans
- Speeding up the Process for National Direction under the RMA
- Repealing Winter Grazing Regulations in the NESF
- Amending Stock Exclusion Regulations in Relation to Sloped Land



Topics



Winter Grazing and Stock Exclusion

- These activities are managed by the Regional Council.
- Do you want to make a submission on these proposed changes?

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Hierarchy of Obligations - Te Mana o Te Wai

- *First, the health and well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems;*
- *Second, the health and needs of people, and*
- *Third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being, now and in the future.*
- Consistency with the draft submission on the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill.
- Recommendation is to oppose removal of the hierarchy (3Waters, Manawhenua).



Consenting Pathway – Coal Mining

- Seeks alignment of NPSIB, NPSFM, NESF.
- DCC previously opposed pathway for mining in wetlands (2022).
- Coal mining not provided for in the 2GP.
- Recommendation is to oppose this proposal (Zero Carbon, Biodiversity, Manawhenua).



SNAs in District Plans

- SNAs = ASBVs in the 2GP but predates NPSIB and slightly different criteria.
- Variation 3 – will the effect of new ASBVs be suspended for 3 years?
- Should there be a carve out for SNAs where there is landowner approval?
- Recommendation is to seek clarification on the above questions and oppose the proposed suspension (Biodiversity).



Speeding up Process for National Directions

- National directions are NES, NPS, National Planning Standard, NZCPS.
- Currently two pathways: Board of Inquiry or public submission process.
- Proposal is to:
 - remove the Board of Inquiry option as it is no longer used; and
 - allow the Minister to make and amend national directions without following either process.
- Recommendation is to require consultation with Local Authorities on changes that they will have to implement.

Questions ?

