

Attachment 2A: National Policy Statements (NPS)

Statements are prepared by MfE or MoC under the RMA - as policy. What follows is our understanding of the current situation as at May 2014.

(i) Current National Policy Statements

1. Freshwater Management 2011

- May 2014: The Government is consulting on proposals to amend the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management* - this consultation began on 7 November 2013
- Information on this can be viewed here <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/rma/central/nps/freshwater-management.html>
- Review: 'independent review of the implementation and effectiveness' no later than 5 years after it comes into force (approx. 2016) (See page 5)
- The Statement can be retrieved from <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/nps-freshwater-management-2011/docs/nps-freshwater-mgmt-2011.pdf>

2. Renewable Electricity Generation 2011

- Review: To assess the effects within five years of taking effect (approx. 2016) (See page 8)
- The Statement can be retrieved from <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/nps-renewable-electricity-generation-2011/docs/nps-reg-2011.pdf>

3. New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 (first published 1994. See (iii) Achieved National Policy Statements)

- Review: To assess the effects within six years of its gazettal (approx. 2016) (See Policy 28, page 25)
- The Statement can be retrieved from <http://www.doc.govt.nz/documents/conservation/marine-and-coastal/coastal-management/nz-coastal-policy-statement-2010.pdf>

4. Electricity Transmission 2008

- Review: To review within four years of its approval (See Preamble, page 2)
- The Statement can be retrieved from <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/nps-electricity-transmission-mar08/nps-electricity-transmission-mar08.pdf>

(ii) Proposed National Policy Statements

1. Urban Design

- August 2008: A background paper on the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Design was prepared
- The background paper can be retrieved from <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/statement-on-urban-design/statement-on-urban-design-aug-08.pdf>
- Information on the Statement can be retrieved from

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/rma/central/nps/urban-design/index.html>

2. Indigenous Biodiversity

- 2000: A National Strategy identified and sought to respond to a decline in indigenous biodiversity (See Preamble, page 1)
- January 2011: MfE consulted publicly on the proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity
- The proposed Statement can be retrieved from <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/biodiversity/indigenous-biodiversity/proposed-national-policy-statement/statement.pdf>
- Information on this Statement can be retrieved from <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/rma/central/nps/biodiversity.html>

(iii) Archived National Policy Statements

1. New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 1994 (superseded in 2010. See (i) 3. New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010)

- Review: began in 2003, in accordance with an NZCPS policy, and went through several stages
 - 2004: independent review of effectiveness of the NZCPS 1994
 - 2006: Issues and Options paper
 - 2007: Proposed NZCPS prepared
 - 2008: Public submissions and Board of Inquiry hearings
 - 2009: Board report to Minister of Conservation
 - 2010: Minister considers Board report and recommendations
- Information on this can be viewed here <http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/marine-and-coastal/coastal-management/nz-coastal-policy-statement/review-of-1994-nzcps/>
- The Statement can be retrieved from <http://doc.org.nz/documents/conservation/marine-and-coastal/coastal-management/nz-coastal-policy-statement-1994-superseded.pdf>

Note on Terminology - NPS

Please note the term 'review' is used and defined in each NPS except the NPS on electricity transmission.

Disclaimer

To the best of our knowledge everything contained in this document is correct, however we have requested MfE check it for accuracy.

Attachment 2B: National Environmental Standards (NES)

Standards are prepared by MfE under the RMA - as regulation. What follows is our understanding of the current situation as at May 2014.

(i) Current National Environmental Standards

1. Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health 2011

- Has not yet been evaluated, but an evaluation plan has been proposed requiring evaluation within five years from 2012 (See page 67, User Guide 2012)
- Information on this can be retrieved from User Guide 2012
<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/users-guide-nes-for-assessing-managing-contaminants-in-soil/guide-nes-for-assessing-managing-contaminants-in-soil.pdf>
- The Standard can be retrieved from
[http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2011/0361/latest/DLM4052228.html?search=ts regulation contaminants resel&p=1&sr=1](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2011/0361/latest/DLM4052228.html?search=ts%20regulation%20contaminants%20resel&p=1&sr=1)
- More information on the Standard can be retrieved from
<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/contaminants-in-soil/>

2. Electricity Transmission Activities 2009

- Has not yet been evaluated (Source: MfE, personal communication, May 2014)
- The Standard can be retrieved from
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2009/0397/latest/DLM2626036.html>
- More information on the Standard can be retrieved from
<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/electricity-transmission.html>

3. Telecommunication Facilities 2008

- Was evaluated in 2013 but to our knowledge no report has been published (Source: MfE, personal communication, May 2014)
- The Standard can be retrieved from
[http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2008/0299/latest/DLM1576701.html?search=ta regulation R rc%40rin%40rnif an%40bn%40rn 25 a&p=3](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2008/0299/latest/DLM1576701.html?search=ta%20regulation%20R%20rc%40rin%40rnif%20an%40bn%40rn%2025%20a&p=3)
- More information on the Standard can be retrieved from
<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/telecommunication-standards.html>

4. Sources of Human Drinking Water 2007

- Has not yet been evaluated (MfE, personal communication, May 2014)
- The Standard can be retrieved from
[http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2007/0396/latest/DLM1106901.html?search=ta regulation R rc%40rin%40rnif an%40bn%40rn 25 a&p=3](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2007/0396/latest/DLM1106901.html?search=ta%20regulation%20R%20rc%40rin%40rnif%20an%40bn%40rn%2025%20a&p=3)
- More information on the Standard can be retrieved from
<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/drinking-water-source-standard.html>

5. Air Quality 2004

- Was reviewed in 2009 and then amended in 2011 (See page 3 Revised National Environment Standards for Air Quality)

- This can be retrieved from <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/air/national-air-quality-standards-section32/section32.pdf>
- Information on the amended Standard can be retrieved here <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/air-quality/review/index.html>
- The Standard can be retrieved from <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2004/0309/latest/DLM286835.html?search=ts+regulation+air+quality+resel&p=1&sr=1>
- More information on the Standard can be retrieved from <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/air-quality/index.html>

(ii) On Hold National Environmental Standards

The following standards are on hold pending the 2013 resource management and freshwater reforms, as at May 2014 the Bill still hasn't been introduced to the House (Source: MfE, personal communication, May 2014)

1. Ecological Flows and Water Levels

- The discussion document on the proposed Standard can be retrieved from <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/water/proposed-nes-ecological-flows-water-levels-mar08/proposed-nes-ecological-flows-water-levels-mar08.pdf>
- More information on the Standard can be retrieved from <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/ecological-flows-water-levels/index.html>

2. Plantation Forestry

- The discussion document on the proposed Standard can be retrieved from <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/proposed-nes-plantation-forestry/proposed-nes-plantation-forestry.pdf>
- More information on the Standard can be retrieved from <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/forestry/index.html>

(iii) Withdrawn National Environmental Standards

1. On-site Wastewater Systems

- The proposal for a National Environmental Standard for On-site Wastewater Systems was withdrawn in 2010
- More information on the withdrawn Standard can be retrieved from <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/laws/standards/wastewater-systems-standards.html>

Note on Terminology - NES

In regards to an NES, the term 'evaluation' means an internal evaluation as to how effectively the NES is operating. Not all NESs have an evaluation plan in place.

This is in contrast to a 'review' which would suggest an assessment as to the continued necessity of the NES itself. There is no protocol for reviews in the NESs or the legislation, and if a NES was to be reviewed this would likely be done at the discretion of the Minister.

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