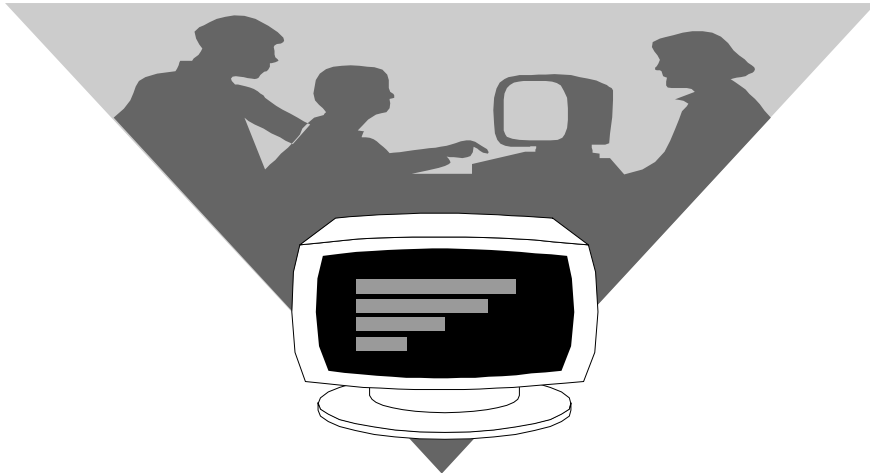


MONITORING and REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT



10.1 INTRODUCTION

Section 35 of the Act establishes a general duty to monitor the suitability and effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement.

Section 62 of the Act requires the Regional Policy Statement to state the procedures to be used to :

- *monitor the effectiveness of the statement as a means of achieving its objectives and policies; and*
- *review the Regional Policy Statement*

Section 79 of the Act requires that a full review of the Regional Policy Statement be commenced not later than 10 years after the statement becomes operative.

10.2 MONITORING THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

The procedures to be used by the Gisborne District Council to monitor the suitability and effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement for Gisborne are to:

- *Gather and analyse information from the Councils monitoring strategies, programmes and procedures and prepare, at five and 10 year intervals, reports on the achievement of objectives and policies contained in the Regional Policy Statement and the degree to which the methods listed in the Statement have been implemented. Consult with tangata whenua, interested organisations and the general public when preparing such reports.*
- *Monitor the feedback received through the media, correspondence, meetings, resource users, the public or other interested or affected parties, concerning the suitability and effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement, and include such response in the Council's reporting procedures.*
- *Monitor administrative processes and trends as a measure of the suitability and effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement including:*

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- the number of resource consents processed, the time required for processing and the efficiency and effectiveness of administrative procedures;
 - the number, frequency and type of complaints received, unauthorised discharges and activities reported, abatement notices issues and follow-up procedures undertaken;
 - the number and type of submissions made to district council plan reviews and changes and resource consents processed by the district Council.
- *Monitor the effectiveness of regional and district plans as a means of achieving the objectives and policies of the Regional Policy Statement.*

Explanation

Monitoring the suitability and effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement is a statutory requirement and is necessary to ensure that objectives, policies and methods remain relevant, appropriate, efficient and effective.

The achievement of many of the environmental results anticipated from the implementation of the policies and methods contained in the Regional Policy Statement will occur in the long term rather than the short term.

The five and 10 year reports will provide an indication of overall trends and the effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement.

The collection and interpretation of scientifically defensible information on the state of the Gisborne environment will be an important component of monitoring the suitability and effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement. However, such monitoring need not be limited to such methods. Community feedback on the Regional Policy Statement through both formal and informal channels will provide a basis for assessing the appropriateness of the Statement to Gisborne.

The monitoring of administrative systems provide a measure of how the Regional Policy Statement may be influencing the use, development and protection of resources.

Regional and district plans are not to be inconsistent with the Regional Policy Statement. The evaluation of the effectiveness of regional and district plans will contribute to the assessment of the Regional Policy Statement.

10.3 REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

The procedures to be used by the Gisborne District Council to review the Regional Policy Statement for Gisborne are to:

- *Undertake an ongoing review of the Regional Policy Statement in response to new information and the results of monitoring of the environment and of the suitability and effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement.*

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- *Carry out an interim review of the Regional Policy Statement that coincides with the five year report on the achievement of objectives and policies contained in the Regional Policy Statement (refer Section 10.2).*
- *Carry out a full review of the Regional Policy Statement not later than 10 years after it has become operative and collect, collate and assess information, prepare background reports, newsletters or discussion documents, establish working parties, hold meetings or hui and adopt other procedures and consultation methods as appropriate.*

Explanation

The Regional Policy Statement is a dynamic and evolving statement of the obligations and aspirations of the Gisborne community with respect to promoting the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. Change and review of the Regional Policy Statement will be required as part of this process in order to ensure that the statement is up to date and continues to achieve its purpose.

Interim and full reviews provide an opportunity to more fully assess the appropriateness of objectives, policies and methods and their relative priority in light of any significant changes in environment trends, or understanding.

Public consultation procedures to be used in the review process will enable community views to be fully tested and issues identified prior

to the adoption of revised or new objectives, policies and methods of implementation.

The methods of implementation are considered to be the most efficient and effective for achieving the policy and objective. The methods for monitoring the effectiveness of the Regional Policy Statement employ a number of quantitative 'hard' data sources as well as 'softer' qualitative and more subjective measures. Both are considered to be appropriate.