

SECTION 11 – CROSS BOUNDARY ISSUES

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11 CROSS BOUNDARY ISSUES

11.1 Introduction

The **Act** requires that District Plans state “*the processes to be used to deal with issues which cross territorial boundaries.*” (Section 75) There are many issues and problems which Districts have in common, but the true “cross-boundary” issues arise from:

- a) Activities which are located in one District but which may impact adversely on another, e.g. airport flight paths.
- b) Natural or built resources which straddle District boundaries, if a problem may result if the resource is not managed in a consistent way by the Districts concerned.

Boundaries between the jurisdiction of **Council** and other bodies such as the **Regional Council** (or the lack of a clear division of responsibilities) can also be regarded as cross-boundary issues.

11.2 Identified Issues

The cross-boundary issues which are most relevant to the Manawatu District are:

- 1) Potential noise problems from boats on the boundary rivers (Manawatu, Pohangina and Rangitikei).
- 2) The **effects** of Milson Airport and Ohakea Air Force Base, particularly noise.
- 3) Implementation of esplanade walkways, where those walkways would cross a District boundary, ie Manawatu and Pohangina Rivers and the Mangaone Stream.
- 4) Land use and subdivision proposals which may have an impact on people and properties in a different District.
- 5) Potential duplication of effort or gaps in responsibility between **Council** and the **Regional Council** or other agencies, e.g. management of the beach area below high tide.

There are many other situations where a resource straddles more than one District, but the planning provisions for those Districts can be different without creating a problem e.g. gas pipelines. Such situations are not recognised as an issue.

11.3 Processes To Be Used

The above five issues will be addressed by maintaining a dialogue with other **Councils** and working with them and the other parties involved. This would include:

- 1) Involving other **Councils** at an early stage in the preparation and review of the Manawatu District Plan.

- 2) Being involved in the early stages of other **Councils'** Plans.
- 3) Discussing mutual problems and difficulties which arise from cross-boundary issues.
- 4) Seeking input from adjoining **Councils** when a resource consent application is received which may affect them.
- 5) Using joint hearings where consent under the **Act** is required from more than one authority.
- 6) Having representatives of another District on the Manawatu District Council Hearings Committee where a land use application will have a significant **effect** on the residents of that District.
- 7) Delegating responsibility for Plan administration, to put management in the hands of one authority.
- 8) Acting as a liaison point for the public with the **Regional Council**.

11.4 Monitoring And Review Procedures – Cross Boundary Issues

The procedures to be used will include:

- a) Checking whether present and proposed Regional Plans and other District Plans conflict with this Plan in respect of the above issues, and initiating amendments if necessary.
- b) Assessing whether differences between the Plans are causing practical problems for users or for proper management of the resource.
- c) Assessing the efficiency and outcome of any hearings, delegations, and mixed-representation Hearings Committees.
- d) Assessing how effective the above processes have been in dealing with cross-boundary issues, and changing these processes if necessary.