

## HOW THE PLAN WORKS

# GEN – General Approach

## Managing Land Use Effects

The purpose of managing the use of land and associated resources is to work toward sustainable management and toward specific environmental results. In doing this, one of the District Plan's main functions is to control any actual or potential adverse *effects* of the use, development or protection of land. "Cumulative" *effects* are of particular concern, i.e. one activity on its own may have little impact on the *environment*, but a number of such activities happening over time would have an adverse *effect*. Controlling the *effects* of activities which use the surface of rivers and lakes is also within the scope of this Plan.

## General Objectives

Refer also: GRUZ-03, GRZ-02, SETZ-02, INF-01, INF-02

<b>GEN-01</b>	To recognise the potential adverse effects of activities upon the natural and physical environment, land and ecosystems and to avoid, remedy or mitigate these <i>effects</i> .
<b>GEN-02</b>	To protect present and future District residents from potential adverse effects of land uses upon their amenities and their health and safety.
<b>GEN-03</b>	To foster a climate where the District's people can provide for their social and economic and cultural wellbeing and for their health and safety.
<b>GEN-04</b>	To recognise the need for the Tangata Whenua to be able to use their land and traditional resources according to their cultural heritage. (HH-02, TW-01).
<b>GEN-05</b>	To maintain and enhance the <i>amenity values</i> which make the District a pleasant place to live in and visit. [PC65]
<b>GEN-06</b>	To promote integrated management of land and water resources

## General Policies

<b>GEN-P1</b>	To ensure that adverse effects of land use and surface water activities on the natural <i>environment</i> , land, water and ecosystems are avoided, remedied or mitigated.
<b>GEN-P2</b>	To take potential impacts on future residents of an affected property into account when managing land use <i>effects</i> .
<b>GEN-P3</b>	To minimise the potential for conflict between new activities and lawfully existing activities.
<b>GEN-P4</b>	To provide opportunities for participation by the Tangata Whenua in making resource allocation and land use decisions, including setting conditions on land use consents where appropriate.
<b>GEN-P5</b>	To avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse <i>effects</i> resulting from the activities of others upon resources or other taonga valued by the Tangata Whenua. (Refer also HH-O2 and INF-O6).
<b>GEN-P6</b>	To remove impediments which limit the ability of the Tangata Whenua to use their land or resources according to their cultural heritage.
<b>GEN-P7</b>	To minimise the nuisance caused by effluent on roads and roadsides. (Refer also GRUZ-O3, GRZ-O2, SETZ-O2)
<b>GEN-P8</b>	To ensure that suitably-zoned land is available, with the required infrastructure, to meet the locational and operating needs of new industries and other employers.
<b>GEN-P9</b>	Not to place any unnecessary barriers (e.g. “red tape”) in the way of new job opportunities.

# District Rules

NB – Words outlined as *Italicised* type in the District Rules have a specific definition in the Definitions Chapter.

## Rules Applying Throughout the District

### Temporary Activities

#### GEN-R1

**Definition:** For the purpose of this rule, “temporary activity” means any short-term use of land for the following purposes:

##### GEN-R1.1

Military training activities

### Permitted Activities (PER)

#### GEN-R2

Temporary activities shall be *permitted activities* in all zones, provided that they comply with the standards GEN-ST1 below.

### Standards for Permitted Activities

#### GEN-ST1

Temporary *buildings* (including tents, mobile homes and prefabricated *buildings*) must:

##### GEN-ST1.1

be readily moveable and

##### GEN-ST1.2

meet any *yard* requirements of this Plan and

##### GEN-ST1.3

must be removed from the *site* within 6 months of the commencement of the activity and

##### GEN-ST1.4

not occupy a *site* for more than one 6 month period in any 12 months.

## Discretionary Activities (DIS)

**GEN-R3**

Any *permitted activity* specified in GEN-R1 and GEN-R2 which does not comply with any of the relevant standards in GEN-ST1 above shall be a *discretionary activity*.