

<p style="text-align: center;">PART 4 SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES</p>
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4.1. Introduction

4.1.1. The important resources and the major activities which utilise or impact on the natural and physical resources of the Buller are identified and discussed in Part Three of the Plan. The effects of these activities on the natural and physical environment differ in both scale and magnitude depending on the characteristics of the resource, including its vulnerability or resilience to change. Issues arise when the different demands which people and communities place on resources conflict and/or where there are major environmental effects arising from a particular activity.

4.1.2. Resource management issues significant to the Buller District are identified and discussed, followed by specific objectives and policies which relate to each issue. The methods of implementing these objectives and policies are then outlined.

4.1.3. Accordingly Part 4 takes the following form:

4.1.3.1. Key Resource Management Issue

The issue, as it relates to a natural or physical resource, is stated and explained together with reasons for its significance in the Buller District.

4.1.3.2. Objectives

Objectives relate directly to the issues and reflect the specific outcomes desired by the community.

4.1.3.3. Policies

Policies identify specific areas in which the Council intends to take action in working towards objectives.

4.1.3.4. Methods of Implementation

The main methods for the implementation of objectives and policies are identified. These include both regulatory, that is rules and regulations, and non-regulatory methods such as economic instruments, information, consultation, advocacy and works and services. A monitoring strategy will be introduced by the Council addressing its responsibilities under Section 35 of the Act.

4.1.3.5. Explanation/Reasons

Objectives and policies are explained as being necessary in terms of promoting sustainable management and fulfilling the Council's functions and responsibilities under the Act.

4.1.3.6. Intended Environmental Outcomes

These state the environmental outcomes relating to an issue which the Council intends to achieve or work towards through implementation of the stated objectives and policies. Outcomes are based on community expectations with regard to the environment, and the expected result from the policies and methods in the Plan. They are also intended to form a measurable basis for monitoring the effectiveness of the District Plan in achieving the overall goal of sustainable management.

4.1.3.7. Monitoring

The monitoring which the Council will undertake is based on the intended environmental outcomes.

4.2. Infrastructure**4.2.1. Key Issue**

4.2.1.1. The need to provide for the efficient development, use and maintenance of infrastructure, in a manner which has regard to the avoidance, remediation, or mitigation of adverse effects, and the need to protect infrastructure services from the adverse effects of other activities.
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4.2.2. Transport, water supply, electricity, telecommunications, stormwater, sewage and waste disposal are all key services required for the efficient functioning of the District. While not all of these activities are the Council's responsibility, each can have adverse effects on the environment, which in turn can be controlled through the District Plan process. The significance and ease of mitigation of effects will be part of the criteria used to assess the urgency or priority of works and services.

4.2.3. Waste disposal especially at landfills is also of concern, especially where leachate enters rivers or other water bodies. Other services such as transmission towers and roading, can have an adverse effect on scenic landscape and/or visual amenities.