

APPENDIX 1

Part 1 – Introduction and General Provisions

General Approach Chapter

Activity Status

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Step 4	Check the rules and applicable standards for the activity to see if you need a resource consent.
Step 5	If the activity is permitted, you can proceed without obtaining a resource consent, provided you undertake it in accordance with the permitted activity rules and standards. If the activity is controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary or noncomplying, you need to apply to the Council for a resource consent. If the activity is prohibited-permitted , ¹ you cannot proceed with the activity.

Mana Whenua Chapter

MW3.2 Statutory Acknowledgements

In recognition of the interests held by iwi and hapu in these sites, the Council will have regard to effects on Kāti Huirapa, Waihao and Moeraki when making decisions relating to affected parties, under section 95E of the Resource Management Act 1991, for any resource consent application that may affect the values of the identified statutory acknowledgements recognised in the Mackenzie District are:

- Aoraki / Mount Cook (Schedule 14);
- Hakataramea River (Schedule 16)²;
- Lake Ōhau (Schedule 32);
- Lake Pūkaki (Schedule 34);
- Lake Takapō/Tekapo (Schedule 57);
- Lake Benmore (Schedule 59); and
- Whakarukumoana / Lake McGregor (Schedule 77).

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Statutory Context Chapter

Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

Section 31	Sets out MDC's functions under the RMA, which include achieving integrated management of the effects of the use, development, or protection of land and associated natural and physical resources; ensuring there is sufficient development capacity in respect of housing and business land to meeting ³ the demands of the district; controlling the effects of the use, development, or protection of land; controlling the emission of noise and the mitigation of the effects of noise; and controlling any actual or potential effects of activities in relation to the surface of water in rivers and lakes.
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¹ ECan (14) – Note that this correction already appears in the e-Plan version

² ECan (14)

³ Federated Farmers (06)

Part 2 – District-Wide Matters

Strategic Direction Section

Introduction

This section of the Plan sets out the overarching strategic direction for the District Plan. This strategic direction responds to those resource management issues that are of particular importance to the Mackenzie District, matters of national and regional importance that are particularly relevant within the District, or issues that traverse more complex matters. The matters addressed in these chapters are then responded to, in an integrated and more detailed manner, across multiple chapters of the District Plan.

~~For the purposes of preparing, changing, interpreting, and implementing the District Plan, all objectives and policies in other chapters of this District Plan are to be read and achieved in a manner consistent with the strategic objectives.~~

For the purpose of plan development, including plan changes, the ~~S~~strategic ~~O~~bjectives in this section, as well as other requirements in the RMA, provide direction for the development of the more detailed provisions contained elsewhere in the District Plan.

For the purpose of plan implementation (including in the determination of resource consent application and notices of requirement), all relevant objectives and policies in the Plan should be ~~considered~~ had regard to.⁴

There is no hierarchy between the stated Objectives i.e. no one Strategic Objective has primacy over another Strategic Objective and the Strategic Objectives should be read as a whole.

ATC – A Thriving Community Chapter

Introduction

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There is a range of locally, regionally and nationally important infrastructure located within the District. Infrastructure is necessary to support the functioning of the community, both within and beyond the District, but its establishment and operation can have adverse effects. While needing to appropriately manage its effects, the continued ability for this infrastructure to operate, be maintained and upgraded,⁵ as well as development of new infrastructure is important to the well-being of the community of the Mackenzie District, the Canterbury Region and nationally.⁶ This includes the contribution that existing and new renewable electricity generation and transmission assets located in the District make to the nation, including parts of the nationally significant Waitaki Power Scheme which is the largest hydro-electric power scheme in New Zealand.⁷

The District Plan must give effect to the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation, the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission, and the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement, which provide direction on how these particular infrastructure activities are to be recognised and provided for in district plans.

⁴ Forest & Bird (05)

⁵ Opuha (09)

⁶ Opuha (09)

⁷ Genesis (07) and Meridian (11)

The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land also includes direction applying to any land which falls within the definition of the highly productive land. Management of rural areas containing such land will also need to give effect to this direction.⁸

ATC-O1	Live, Work, Play and Visit
<p>The Mackenzie District is a desirable place to live, work, play and visit, where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. there are a range of living options, businesses, and recreation activities to meet community needs; 2. activities that are important to the community’s social, economic and cultural well-being, including appropriate economic development opportunities, are provided for; 3. the <u>anticipated</u>⁹ amenity values and character of different areas are maintained or enhanced. 	
ATC-O4	Renewable Electricity
<p>The local, regional and national benefits of the District’s renewable electricity generation and electricity transmission <u>assets activities</u> are recognised and their development, operation, maintenance and upgrade are provided for.</p>	
ATC-O5	Adaption and Resilience
<p>The approach to managing <u>Management of</u>¹⁰ natural hazard risks and the effects of climate change <u>resources</u> is integrated and allows the community to be resilient and adapt appropriately to change.¹¹</p>	
ATC-O6	Compatibility and Conflict
<p><u>The location, type and nature of activities are managed, to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>minimise conflicts between incompatible activities; and</u> 2. <u>protect existing important activities from reverse sensitivity effects.</u>¹² 	

⁸ Consequential amendment (relating to ECan (14))

⁹ RVA (15)

¹⁰ Evidence of Sue Ruston (Meridian (11))

¹¹ ECan (14)

¹² ECan (14). Also relates to Genesis (07), Enviro Waste (08) and Meridian (11)

MW – Mana Whenua Chapter

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~~The following values for the Mackenzie District are sought by Mana Whenua~~ seek the following for the Mackenzie District¹³:

- Practice and protect the co-governance and co-management of natural resources and be active participants in the decision-making processes that impact the district.
- Establish and achieve a high standard of environmental outcomes to protect the natural landscape for future generations.
- Aim to return conservation land to a natural state where biodiversity projects can enhance the indigenous flora and fauna of the area.
- Encourage customary harvesting and practices on the whenua (land), in the awa (rivers) and the moana (lakes).
- Protect the whakapapa of Kati Huirapa and Moeraki.

NE – Natural Environment Chapter

Introduction

The District contains many natural resources of ~~importance~~ significance¹⁴. These include (but are not limited to)¹⁵: resources valued by mana whenua for mahika kai; the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve; those landscapes, and features that are considered outstanding,¹⁶ ~~and~~ indigenous biodiversity ~~that are considered significant~~¹⁷; and the District's wetlands, lakes and rivers and their margins.

While these resources have intrinsic values, they are also important to the District's social and cultural well-being in terms of the contribution they make to the District's character and identity, and its desirability as a place to live in and visit. Many of the District's natural resources are also significant to mana whenua and their connection with their takiwā. Economic value is derived from these natural resources, for example from tourism that is based on the natural resources within the District ~~and from hydro electric power generation~~. The District also contains a range of natural resources that are an important source of renewable energy generation.¹⁸ A failure to protect the values of these resources could therefore adversely affect the community's environmental, social, cultural and economic well-being.

The District Plan must give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. While this principally includes¹⁹ directions for how regional councils are to manage water quantity and quality, district plans must also reflect the fundamental concept of Te Mana o te Wai which first prioritises the health and well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems, second, the health needs of people and third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being, now and in the future.

¹³ Opuha (09)

¹⁴ Consequential amendment (relating to ECan (14))

¹⁵ Relates to Forest & Bird (05)

¹⁶ Forest & Bird (05)

¹⁷ Relates to Forest & Bird (05)

¹⁸ Evidence of Chris Py (Nova (17))

¹⁹ DOC (12)

The way that the important values of natural resources are managed through the District Plan, including how they are recognised and provided for, and which require protection and enhancement, will be consistent with the more specific direction relating to different resources in other relevant statutory direction, including section 6 of the RMA, national and regional policy statements and iwi management plans. **These values are identified and addressed in other chapters of this District Plan.**²⁰

Strategic Objectives	
NE-O1	Natural Environment
<p>The <u>important values</u> of the natural environment, including those²¹ that make the District unique, contribute to its character, identity and well-being, and <u>or</u> have significant <u>or outstanding</u>²² intrinsic values, are recognised and provided for, and where appropriate protected and enhanced. This includes, but is not limited to,²³ values associated with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. mahika kai resources; 2. night sky darkness; 3. outstanding natural features and landscapes; 4. significant indigenous biodiversity; and 5. water bodies and their margins. 	

UFD – Urban Form and Development

Introduction

Over the life of the District Plan, growth and development is expected in the Mackenzie District. Carefully planned and co-ordinated growth can benefit the environment, economy and the community of Mackenzie District. However, if not planned and managed carefully, growth and development could occur in an uncoordinated and fragmented manner, leading to a range of adverse effects.

To understand and plan for this growth and development, the Council prepared Spatial Plans for Fairlie, Tekapo/Takapō, Twizel, Burkes Pass/Te Kopi-O-Ōpihi, Kimbell and Albury. These identified and responded to specific problems identified with the current form of each township. These Spatial Plans provide a starting point for how the District Plan, together with other documents, manages growth and change within Mackenzie’s townships.

The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land also includes direction regarding rezoning of highly productive land for urban development. Any potential rezoning outside the current urban area or any growth area identified within the Spatial Plans is subject to this NPS.²⁴

While there is a National Policy Statement on Urban Development, it does not apply to the Mackenzie District, because the size of the District’s urban areas is below the threshold at which this Policy Statement applies.

²⁰ Relates to Forest & Bird (05)

²¹ ECan (14)

²² Forest & Bird (05)

²³ Evidence of Lisa Thorne (DOC (16)) and Nicola Snoyink (Forest & Bird (05))

²⁴ Relates to ECan (14)

Strategic Objectives	
UFD-O1	Urban Form and Development
<p>The District's townships and settlements grow and develop in a consolidated way that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is integrated into, and respects the values of the surrounding natural and physical environment; 2. achieves good connectivity with other parts of the urban area; 3. is supported by <u>integrated with the provision of</u>²⁵ <u>appropriate infrastructure and facilities which support the functioning of the community</u>²⁶; 4. maintains the <u>anticipated</u>²⁷ character of each township, and its attractiveness to residents, businesses and visitors; and 5. responds to the needs of the community, including diversity in housing and business opportunities. 	

²⁵ ECan (14)

²⁶ Enviro Waste (08), also relates to MOE (03)

²⁷ RVA (15)