

Resource Management Act 1991

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Assessment of Effects on the Environment

Extracted from the Resource Management Act 1991 as at 15 September 2005

1. Matters that should be included in an assessment of effects on the environment—

Subject to the provisions of any policy statement or plan, an assessment of effects on the environment for the purposes of section 88 should include—

- (a) A description of the proposal:
- (b) Where it is likely that an activity will result in any significant adverse effect on the environment, a description of any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity:
- (c) *Repealed.*
- (d) An assessment of the actual or potential effect on the environment of the proposed activity:
- (e) Where the activity includes the use of hazardous substances and installations, an assessment of any risks to the environment which are likely to arise from such use:
- (f) Where the activity includes the discharge of any contaminant, a description of—
 - (i) The nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the proposed receiving environment to adverse effects; and
 - (ii) Any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other receiving environment:
- (g) A description of the mitigation measures (safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect:
- (h) Identification of the persons affected by the proposal, the consultation undertaken, if any, and any response to the view of any person consulted:
- (i) Where the scale or significance of the activity's effect are such that monitoring is required, a description of how, once the proposal is approved, effects will be monitored and by whom.

1A Matters that must be included in an assessment of effects on the environment

An assessment of effects on the environment for the purposes of section 88 must include, in a case where a recognised customary activity is, or is likely to be, adversely affected, a description of possible alternative locations or methods for the proposed activity (unless written approval for that activity is given by the holder of the customary rights order).

2. Matters that should be considered when preparing an assessment of effects on the environment—

Subject to the provisions of any policy statement or plan, any person preparing an assessment of the effects on the environment should consider the following matters:

- (a) Any effect on those in the neighbourhood and, where relevant, the wider community including any socio-economic and cultural effects:
- (b) Any physical effect on the locality, including any landscape and visual effects:
- (c) Any effect on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals and any physical disturbance of habitats in the vicinity:
- (d) Any effect on natural and physical resources having aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, or cultural, or other special value for present or future generations:
- (e) Any discharge of contaminants into the environment, including any unreasonable emission of noise and options for the treatment and disposal of contaminants:
- (f) Any risk to the neighbourhood, the wider community, or the environment through natural hazards or the use of hazardous substances or hazardous installations.