

Regional Policy Statement

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		Chapter B.1 Issues of regional significance - Nga take Matua a-rohe	B.1 Introduction			
1				B.1 Issues of Regional Significance, Table 1	The extent to which Auckland is accessible or connected will have an impact on climate change. However, the table suggests there is no relationship. Issue 8: Responding to climate change is not ticked under Auckland Plan Outcome - A well connected and accessible Auckland.	Add a "Tick" to the relevant box to illustrate that the issue and outcome are linked for Table 1.
			B.1.2 Enabling economic wellbeing			
2				B.1.2 Enabling economic well-being, Transport & land use, 4th paragraph	Users of public transport include general users, as well as commuters. AT is designing frequent PT services throughout the day, not just in peak periods.	Amend 4th paragraph of Transport & Land use to: Improving public transport options and connections along key transport corridors will encourage commuters <u>and others</u> to use public transport
			B.1.5 Sustainably managing our natural resources			
3				B.1.5 Sustainably managing our natural resources, Water allocation, second paragraph.	Minor amendments for consistent use of terminology and clarity.	Amend paragraph 2 of Water allocation as follows: "The public <u>municipal</u> -water supply accounts for 85 per cent of the water take in Auckland. This comes primarily from the Waitākere and Hunua ranges catchment areas with additional water imported <u>sourced</u> from the Waikato River to <u>meet Auckland's growth demand</u> ."
		Chapter B.2 Enabling quality urban growth - Tahuhu Whakaruruha u a-taone	B.2.1 Providing for growth in a quality compact urban form			
4				B.2.1 Providing for growth in a quality compact urban form (new policy)	Greater clarity is required that where the primary constraint on increased density in an area is infrastructure capacity, Council can rezone to provide for a higher intensity of development, once these constraints have been addressed.	Add new policy 4 4. <u>Enable increased intensity of development, consistent with policies 2 and 3 above, including by rezoning land where a lack of infrastructure servicing was the constraint on development and that constraint has been addressed.</u>
5				B.2.1 Providing for growth in a quality compact urban form, Introduction, paragraph 2	Missing word ('public') makes sentence inconsistent with Objective 3, and creates uncertainty	Amend introduction, paragraph 2 as follows: ... focus residential and business growth in centres, within neighbourhoods and along frequent <u>public</u> transport routes.

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6				B.2.1 Providing for growth in a quality compact urban form, Introduction, first line	Inconsistent wording in Introduction – the other sections use the word 'section', not 'chapter'	Amend first line of introduction to: This chapter <u>section</u> sets out the objectives and policies ...
			Appendix 1 Structure plan requirements and Metropolitan Urban Area 2010			
7				Appendix 1	Uses terminology which is inconsistent with the remainder of the PAUP i.e.. <i>Metropolitan Urban Area 2010</i>	Amend Appendix 1 heading to: 'Appendix 1 Structure plan requirements and Metropolitan Urban Area 2010'
			Changes to the RUB			
8	8			Blackbrigde Road, Dairy Flat, Auckland	Amend RUB to follow Outstanding Natural Landscape	Amend RUB line to follow ONL at Blackbridge Road, Dairy Flat. See attachment 8.
			B.2.3 Development capacity and supply of land for urban development			
9				B.2.3 Development capacity and supply of land for urban development Policy 4(b)	Greater clarity is required that "out of sequence" development (i.e. inconsistent with planned sequential development sought through the RPS) is inappropriate. Clarify how council intends to articulate the sequence of land release by including specific reference to land release strategy in policy b2.3 policy 4	Amend policy 4(b) rezoning and infrastructure provision should be done in a logical sequence, <u>in general accordance with Council's land release strategy</u> and out of sequence <u>rezoning or</u> infrastructure provision should be specifically avoided.
10				B.2.3 Development capacity and supply of land for urban development, Methods, Bullet point 1	Correct terminology for land release strategy.	Amend Methods, bullet point 1 as follows: •A <u>land release strategy</u> sub-regional analysis and land release strategy will be prepared by the council in conjunction with infrastructure providers, iwi, landowners, developers, central government and other stakeholders to integrate and prioritise land delivery and investment in infrastructure to support the development of brownfield and greenfield land
		Chapter B.3 Enabling Economic well-being - Te Whakatapu Oranga Whanau	B.3.2 Significant infrastructure and energy			

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11				B.3.2 Significant infrastructure and energy, Policy 8	This policy is necessary to provide policy direction on an appropriate balance between providing for new significant infrastructure and the values protected by overlays. However, as it is an RPS policy and not a DP/RP/RCP policy it is not relevant to the assessment of non-complying activities under section 104D and will have less weight when assessing resource consent applications under section 104. The majority of the overlays have DP/RP/RCP objectives and policies so this balancing provision needs to have equivalent standing. This amendment will avoid the need to specifically provide for significant infrastructure in the objectives and policies for every overlay.	Policy 8 be identified as a RPS/DP/RP/RCP policy.
12				B.3.2 Significant infrastructure and energy, Policy 8	RPS infrastructure section includes policy "managing adverse effects", which provides policy direction for significant infrastructure in overlays. These overlays intentionally focus on managing effects in the overlays and include a theme to protect the values within the overlay. However, in order to better reflect the balancing component of section 5 of the RMA, this provision provides specific reference to the need to balance the competing interests, particularly in relation to the provision of significant infrastructure that enables the growth of Auckland.	Amend Policy 8 as follows: 8. Where new or major upgrades to significant infrastructure are proposed within <u>ecological, natural, historic heritage, and sites of significance to Mana Whenua overlays</u> those overlays identified to protect landscapes, natural and historic heritage, ecological, biodiversity values, and scheduled sites and places of significance to Mana Whenua, the following matters must be considered when <u>in</u> balancing the development against the protection of these places: a. the economic and social benefits derived from significant infrastructure b. whether the significant infrastructure has a functional need to be located in the proposed location c. the need for utility connections across or through such areas to enable an effective and sustainable network d. whether there are any reasonably practicable alternative locations, routes or designs, which would reduce any adverse effects e. the extent of existing adverse effects f. <u>how the proposed infrastructure enables the planned growth and intensification of Auckland</u> f. g. the type, scale and extent of adverse effects on the identified values of the area, including: i. scheduled sites and places of significance to Mana Whenua ii. significant public open space areas, including harbours iii. hilltops and high points that are publicly accessible scenic lookouts, particularly where the infrastructure involves tall structures, such as towers and poles iv. high-use recreation areas v. natural ecosystems and habitats vi. the extent to which the adverse effects can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
			B.3.3 Transport			
13				B.3.3 Transport Policy 4(a)(iv)	State highway 20 omitted from policy.	Amend policy 4(a)(iv) to state: iv. The city centre, the Auckland International Airport and Manukau Metropolitan centre (including State Highways <u>20 and 1</u>)
		General	B.12 Environmental Results Anticipated Table 2 Economic wellbeing			

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14				B.12 Environmental results anticipated Table 2, row four (2)	Reference is made to AT Code of Practice. Reference to 'any relevant code of practice or engineering standards' is required to achieve consistency.	Amend Table 2, row 4 (2) as follows: "2. All transport projects are designed and constructed in a way that supports placemaking and a quality compact form of urban growth-(as detailed in the Auckland-Transport Code of Practice)- <u>as detailed in any relevant code of practice or engineering standards.</u> "
		Chapter B.4 Protecting our historic heritage, special character and natural heritage - Te tiaki taonga tuku iho	B4.1 Historic heritage			
15				B.4.1 Historic heritage Policy 3	Missing words	Amend Policy 3 as per following: Include the places in the Historic Heritage overlay if they are found to be of considerable or <u>exceptional</u> overall significance.....
16				B.4.1 Historic Heritage Policy 4	Missing words	Amend Policy 4 as per following: ...extent of a historic heritage place (<u>extent of place</u>) as...
17				B.4.1 Special Character Policy 6(a)(iii)	Missing word	Amend Policy 6(a)(iii) to the following: The relocation or <u>removal</u> of a primary feature...
			B.4.2 Special character			
18				B.4.2 Special Character Introduction, Bullet point 9	"Maintenance" more appropriate than "protection".	Amend Introduction, Bullet point 9 as follows: Protection - <u>Maintenance</u> of the overall special character of the area...
19				B.4.2 Special Character, Methods, Non-Regulatory, Bullet Point 4	Inconsistent approach to managing special character	Remove the following text from Methods, Non-regulatory, Bullet Point 5: Conservation plans for council-owned or controlled special character
20				B.4.2 Special Character Methods, Bullet Point 15	Incorrect terminology.	Amend Bullet Point 15 from Methods as follows: Heritage evaluation <u>Special character evaluation</u>
			B.4.3.2 Landscape and natural features			
21				B.4.3.2 Landscape and natural features, Methods, Regulatory, Unitary Plan, Bullet Point 5	Remove 'marine' as there is no coastal marine zone. It should apply to all coastal zones not just the General Coastal Marine zone.	Amend Methods, Regulatory, Unitary Plan, Bullet Point 5 as follows: Coastal Marine zones objectives, policies and rules
			B.4.3.3 Trees and vegetation	B.4.3.3		

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22				B.4.3.3 Trees and vegetation, Methods, Regulatory	Trees and vegetation within the road corridor are also managed through the Corridor Access Request process and this may be an appropriate method for managing trees in streets and public open spaces	Add new clause to Methods, Regulatory as follows: "Regulatory Unitary Plan: •Auckland-wide objectives, policies and rules for Vegetation management, Trees in streets and public open space, Coastal Environment, Freshwater •Overlays objectives, policies and rules for the: Notable tree overlay, Significant Ecological Areas, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, Outstanding and High Natural Character Areas, Outstanding Natural Features •Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act •Covenants (including QE II and Nga Whenua Rahui) •Consent Conditions •Corridor Access Request Process for Network Utility Operators and Council or its agent
23				B.4.3.3 Trees and vegetation, Methods	The PAUP should include reference to NZS 6806:2010 Acoustics – Road-traffic noise – New and altered roads. This will provide a 'baseline' for new roading projects to support high level objectives and policies which reference noise and vibration mitigation for new roads.	Include " <u>NZS 6806:2010 Acoustics – Road-traffic noise</u> " as a reference under B.4.3.3 Trees and vegetation, Methods.
24				B.4.3.3 Trees and vegetation, Introduction	Consequential amendment from removal of the street and road definitions.	Amend the second sentence of the introduction to read 'Those located in streets <u>roads</u> and public space'
25				B.4.3.3 Trees and vegetation, Non Regulatory	In the 'Methods' section, the Regional Pest Management Plan is listed as a non-regulatory plan or strategy when it is a statutory document prepared under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and is regulatory.	Move bullet point 6 'Regional Pest Management Plan' up into the Regulatory list of the 'Methods' section of 4.3.3 Trees and vegetation.
		Chapter B.6 Sustainably managing our natural resources - Toitu te whenua, toitu te taiao				
			B.6.3 Freshwater and geothermal water			
26				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water Objective 2	Amendments suggested for clarity and consistency in use of terminology.	Amend Objective 2 as follows: "The quality of freshwater and the natural and cultural values of freshwater systems are maintained and restored and <u>or</u> enhanced where they have been degraded below levels necessary to safeguard life supporting capacity and meet community <u>support natural and cultural values.</u> "

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27				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water Objective 3	Amendments required for clarity in the use of the terms “manage”, “allocate” and “used”. There are three different aspects of water resource management allocation & use. There is currently inadequate recognition at the RPS level that municipal water supply is critical to ensuring the future water supply for Auckland and this needs to be reflected in the RPS new objectives for the taking of water.	Amend Objective 3 as follows: “Freshwater and geothermal resources are managed and allocated to support their natural and cultural values. to make efficient use of available w Water that is available for use is allocated to provide for economic, social and cultural purposes, particularly the community’s need for domestic and municipal water supply. “
28				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water Objective 4	Reducing the use of freshwater should be included as a policy in the Auckland-wide provisions.	Replace Objective 4 with the following: “4. <u>Freshwater that is available for use is used efficiently.</u> ”
29				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water Objective 4	Reducing the use of freshwater should be included as a policy in the Auckland-wide provisions.	Relocate existing wording of Objective 4 to new Policy 9, with consequential renumbering of other policies. <u>Objective 4: Policy 9: Progressively reduce the amount of freshwater used by Auckland on a per head basis.</u>
30				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water Policy 1	The use of words “collection and treatment” are unnecessary.	Amend Policy 1 as follows: “a. ensuring water supply, stormwater and wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure is adequately provided for in areas of new growth or intensification”
31				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water Policy 2	The policy needs to be amended to acknowledge that it may not always be practicable to enhance values. This approach of recognising that there are practicable limits on what can be achieved in the short term is consistent with the regional objectives and policies.	Amend Policy 2 as follows: “c. protect and enhance <u>where practicable</u> the <u>life</u> supporting elements <u>capacity</u> and natural, social and cultural values of remaining rivers and streams including their headwaters, riparian margins and vegetation, flood plains and wetland areas”
32				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water Policy 3(e)(iv)	Amendment for clarity that there are no wastewater diversions.	Amend Policy 3(e)(iv) as follows: “iv. adopting the best practicable option for managing stormwater <u>diversions and discharges</u> and wastewater network diversions and discharges ”
33				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water, Policy 6	There is currently inadequate reference at the RPS level to the provisions of the regional plan objectives and policies that give specific priorities for water takes.	Amend the Policy 9 as follows: Manage the quantity of water taken from freshwater systems by: <u>d. setting the regional and district objectives and policies establishing priorities for water takes that provide for domestic and municipal water supplies</u>
34				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water 1(b)	There is currently inadequate recognition at the RPS level that municipal water supply is critical to ensuring the future water supply for Auckland and this needs to be reflected in the RPS new objectives for the taking of water.	Amend Policy 1(b) as follows: b. ...water management planning processes, and adopt <u>water</u> sensitive design and green...
34A				B.6.3 Freshwater and Geothermal Water Policy 3 (new policy)	New policy required for consistency with the NES for Source of Human Drinking Water.	Add the following to Policy 3: 3. Manage use and development, discharges and other activities to avoid where practicable, and otherwise minimise and reduce: ... <u>f. adverse effects on the water quality of catchments and aquifers which provide water for domestic and municipal water supply.</u>
			B.6.4 Land - hazardous substances			

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35				Objective 1	Add human health to the Objective to be consistent with Policy 1	Amend Objective 1 as follows: 1. The environment, <u>including human health</u> is protected from the adverse effects and risks...
			B.6.5 Contaminated Land			
36				B.6.5 Land – contaminated, Introduction	Correct error in introduction	Amend Introduction as follows: "Contaminants leaching from soil into groundwater, surface <u>waters</u> and eventually into the CMA <u>can</u> affects water quality and flora and fauna".
37				B.6.5 Land – contaminated, Policies	Add to Policy 1 to reflect effects on the natural environment. 'Significant' as term used in RMA itself.	Add to Policy 1 as follows: <u>c. sites having significant adverse effects on the natural environment.</u>
		Chapter B.7 Sustainably managing our coastal environment - Toitu te taiwhenua	B.7.1 Subdivision, use and development in the coastal environment			
38				B.7.1 Subdivision, use and development in the coastal environment, Policy 5	Consistency with definition of marine and port activities	Amend Policy 5 as follows: ...existing activities in the CMA, including <u>marine and port activities</u>
39				B.7.1 – Subdivision, use and development in the coastal environment, Policy 4	Amend provision to remove ambiguity and achieve consistency in use of term "practicable" in the PAUP.	Amend Policy 4 as follows: 4. Maintain the value of the coast as an open space area with free public access by limiting use, occupation and development in the CMA to activities that a. have a functional need to be located below MHWS; <u>or</u> b. are for public benefit, including infrastructure that cannot be reasonably or practicably be located outside the CMA, including existing uses; <u>or</u> c. enable the cultural or traditional use of the CMA by Mana Whenua.
40				B.7.1 Subdivision, use and development in the coastal environment, explanation and reasons	Consistency with definition of marine and port activities	Amend explanation and reasons ... CMA activities like aquaculture, <u>marine and port activities</u>
			B.7.3 Areas of degraded water quality			
41	Attachment 42			B.7.3 Areas of degraded water quality Introduction	Amendments to address stock access	Amend introduction as per attachment 42
42	Attachment 43			B.7.3 Areas of degraded water quality Policy 3	Amendments to address stock access	Amend Policy 3 as shown in attachment 43