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Kōmiti Whakarite Mahere / Planning Committee

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National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM 2020)

- Must be given full effect in the Unitary Plan, from overarching Regional Policy to on-the-ground rules, through notification of plan change(s) by end of 2024 (previously 2025 with option for extension)
- Third iteration of the NPS, with significant new and expanded requirements on top of existing, complex provisions
- Prominence of Te Mana o te Wai as a foundational concept, that must underpin all other responses



Te Mana o te Wai

A “hierarchy of obligations” that prioritises:

- First, the health and well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems
- Second, the health needs of people (such as drinking water)
- Third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being, now and in the future.

6 Principles

- Mana whakahaere
- Kaitiakitanga
- Manaakitanga
- Governance
- Stewardship
- Care and respect

“Te Mana o te Wai is about restoring and preserving the balance between the water, the wider environment, and the community”

Te Mana o te Wai must drive all responses in the plan, and is relevant to all freshwater management. It is intended to have far reaching effect on the management of water

Engagement and the NPS-FM 2020

NPS-FM 2020 has elaborated and strengthened expectation of Māori input and influence on responses developed (should they so wish) including (but not limited to):

- in determining local expression of Te Mana o te Wai
- making of plan provisions
- developing and implementing Matauranga Māori and other monitoring
- a requirement on the Council to investigate transfers and delegations of powers, co-management and the development of mana whakahono a rohe and other mechanisms

Communities must also be consulted at all steps in the process

Previously anticipated a focus on key stakeholders in the first instance

Significant overlap with other AC water projects – integration is critical



Council response

- Data/science driven policy leading to unitary plan provisions and other responses
- SOE report big step forward but there are new requirements that need to be addressed through new and expanded monitoring and modelling
- Data collection and research will be ongoing throughout process, but policy responses must progress despite uncertainty

Action Plans

NPS-FM 2020 requires “action plans” for some issues

Can also prepare other action plans

Want to demonstrate that implementing is also “on the ground” – important to show how operational responses contribute to achieving objectives of NPS-FM 2020

Next Steps

Progress programme and engagement planning

Seek guidance from NPS-FM 2020 working group on potential responses

Report to Planning Committee 6 monthly with updates and for decisions, first in June 2021