

# RP – IO – Integrated objectives

## Scope and background

Under the RMA most activities affecting air quality, *water*\* quality and quantity, the *beds*\* of *rivers*\* and *lakes*\* and the coastal marine area (CMA) are restricted unless allowed by a rule or resource consent. Many such activities have only minor *effects*\* and requiring a resource consent in every case would be unduly bureaucratic and costly. By contrast, *land*\* use activities are allowed under the RMA unless restricted by a rule. Some *land*\* use activities can have very significant *effects*\* which require a level of control. Through rules the Regional Council can both free up as many minor activities as possible, thereby minimising costs on resource users, and restrict activities that might otherwise cause significant *effects*\*. This chapter describes the Regional Council's overarching objectives for regulating activities.

## Objectives

### IO-O1: Resource management in the Region

1. The regulation of activities in a manner which maximises certainty and avoids unnecessary costs on resource users and other parties.
2. The regulation of activities in a manner which gives effect to the provisions of Part I of this Plan, the Regional Policy Statement.

### IO-O2: Consent duration, review and enforcement

1. The provisions of the RMA dealing with the duration of resource consents, review of consent conditions, and enforcement procedures must be implemented in a manner that provides the maximum reasonable certainty to resource users, affected parties and submitters.
2. The Regional Council will provide user-friendly consents of appropriate duration and will carefully monitor and manage compliance.