

Policies and rules for Water Quality – Point Source Discharges

Please note: The FARM Strategy policies and the Agricultural Activity rules (rules 13-1 to 13-8) will be covered in the planning presentation on Wednesday 27 January 2010.

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Chapter 6 Water	
1. 6.1.1 Scope page 6-1 (Section 4.6, page 37 of the officers report and section 4.6, page 40 of Appendix 1)	Wording to provide greater clarity. Note earlier comments from the hearing panel regarding the use of the term water body. To provide consistency with the terminology used i.e. zones and sub-zones.
2. 6.1.2 Overview page 6-2 (Section 4.8, page 40 of the officers report and section 4.8, page 42 of Appendix 1)	Deletion of the word “some” to acknowledge improvement is required.
3. 6.1.4 Water Quality page 6-4 (Section 4.10, page 45 of the officers report and section 4.10, page 47 of Appendix 1)	Wording changes to clarify intent of the provisions and respond to specific submitters.
4. Issue 6-1 Water Quality page 6-7 (Section 4.13, page 51 of the officers report and section 4.8, page 53 of Appendix 1)	Wording changes to replace “seepage” with “leaching” to more accurately reflects what occurs.
5. Objective 6-2 Water Quality page 6-8 (Section 4.17, page 59 of the officers report and section 4.17, page 63 of Appendix 1)	Changes made to respond to submissions from Horizons and Winstone Pulp and provide clarity in the wording.
6. Policies 6-3, 6-4 and 6-5 Surface Water Quality pages 6-12 and 6-13 (Sections 4.25, 4.26 and 4.27 pages 82 - 90 of the officers report and sections 4.25, 4.26 and 4.27, pages 100 - 122 of Appendix 1)	The three policies work together to provide guidance when the water quality standards are either met or not met.
7. Policy 6-8 Point Source Discharges to Land and Water page 6-15 (Section 4.30, page 98 of the officers report and section 4.30, page 139 of Appendix 1)	Given the recommended relocation of a number of policies the insertion of the word “land” within the policy aims to ensure that Part I policies deal with discharges to land.

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8. Method 6.2 Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades page 6-29 (Section 4.61, page 165 of the officers report and section 4.61, page 268 of Appendix 1)	Inclusion of iwi authorities as a party to be involved in the project in response to the submission from Ngati Kahungunu. Text deleted as the project is ongoing and those dates have passed. The re-wording aims to clarify what the project involves which is the Regional Council assisting territorial authorities to seek Central Government funding for sewage treatment plant upgrades.
9. Methods 6-3, 6-4 and 6-5 covering on-site wastewater system forum, human sewage discharges to water and stormwater system discharge upgrades pages 6-29 and 6-30 (Sections 4.62, 4.63 and 4.64 pages 166 - 168 of the officers report and sections 4.62, 4.63 and 4.64, pages 269 - 271 of Appendix 1)	Minor changes to provide consistent terminology.
10. Section 6.7 Explanations and Principal Reasons page 6-34 (Section 4.69, page 173 of the officers report and section 4.69, page 277 of Appendix 1)	Provide greater clarity in the wording.
Chapter 13 – Discharges to Land and Water	
11. Objective 13-1A page 13-1	New objective as discussed at the Land Hearing
12. Policy 13-1 page 13-2 (Section 4.73, page 181 of the officers report and section 4.73, page 290 of Appendix 1)	Policy 13-5 refers to industry based standards and states that these standards will be considered to the extent that the standards are addressed in policies 13-1 and 13-2. Policies 13-1 and 13-2 do not mention industry based standards. The insertions aim to provide a link between these related policies.
13. Policy 13-2 page 13-2 (Section 4.75, page 186 of the officers report and section 4.75, page 301 of Appendix 1)	The changes referring to regionally significant infrastructure address the matters raised by Transpower.
14. Policy 13-3 page 13-3 (Section 4.76, page 188 of the officers	The inclusion of clause (ca) dealing with a land area for the disposal field for discharges of domestic wastewater is to

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report and section 4.76, page 305 of Appendix 1)	provide consistency with the Manual for On-Site Wastewater Systems and to provide clearer policy guidance.
15. Policy 13-4 page 13-3 (Section 4.74, page 184 of the officers report and section 4.74, page 296 of Appendix 1)	The inclusion of the words point source is to clarify that the monitoring requirements apply only to point source discharges.
16. Policies 13-6, 13-7, 13-8 and 13-9 pages 13-5 to 13-6. 	Wording changes to ensure consistency across the Plan and to bring the policies into Part II. The changes to Policy 13-9 to refer to alternative systems addresses a number of submissions (page 109 of officers report). Need to consider amalgamating the policies as duplicate the headings and content of some other policies.
17. Rules 13-10, 13-11 and 13-12 pages 13-23 to 13-27. (Sections 4.91, 4.92 and 4.93 pages 223 - 230 of the officers report and sections 4.91, 4.92 and 4.93, pages 397 - 408 of Appendix 1)	Changes to more accurately target the standards to the effects at issue.
18. Rule 13-13 page 13-28. (Section 4.94, page 231 of the officers report and section 4.94, page 409 of Appendix 1)	More certain wording.
19. Rule 13-15 page 13-30. (Section 4.97, page 235 of the officers report and section 4.97, page 413 of Appendix 1)	Deletion of clause (b) as: (a) The territorial authorities would have been required to apply for a number of consents; (b) There was no clear basis for setting a 2 hectare limit.
20. Rule 13-19 page 13-34. (Section 4.101, page 243 of the officers report and section 4.101, page 429 of Appendix 1)	Included cross reference to other rules.
21. Rule 13-20 page 13-35.	Will return to how the composting rules fit with the bio-solids etc.

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(Section 4.102, page 246 of the officers report and section 4.102, page 432 of Appendix 1)	
22. Rule 13-23 page 13-38. (Section 4.105, page 249 of the officers report and section 4.105, page 435 of Appendix 1)	Note that lakes and wetlands need to be deleted from rule as covered by Rule 12-7.
23. Rules 13-24 and 13-25 page 13-39. (Sections 4.107 and 4.108 pages 251 - 254 of the officers report and sections 4.107 and 4.108, pages 438 - 441 of Appendix 1)	NZ Defence submission to exclude ammunition
24. Rule 13-26 page 13-40 (Section 4.109, page 255 of the officers report and section 4.109, page 442 of Appendix 1)	Removal of clause (f) as it is uncertain as a Permitted Activity standard.