

# Public Notice of Amendments to Waikato Regional Plan

Waikato Regional Council gives notice that, in accordance with s55(2A) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), the Waikato Regional Plan has been amended to include policy wording required by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM 2020).

The NPSFM 2020 directs how freshwater resources and activities that affect those resources are to be managed. The Governor-General, on recommendation from the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, approved amendments to the NPSFM 2020 on 15 December 2025. These amendments came into force on 15 January 2026.

Waikato Regional Council is therefore required to amend Policy 3.A.2 of the Waikato Regional Plan, pursuant to section 55(2A) of the RMA, to include the amended policy wording required under the NPSFM 2020. In accordance with section 55(2A) of the RMA, these changes must be made without using the process set out in Schedule 1 of the RMA.

A document setting out the amendments to Policy 3.A.2. of the Waikato Regional Plan can be found on the Waikato Regional Council website at <https://waikatoregion.govt.nz/regional-plan>.

To access the Waikato Regional Plan online, go to the Waikato Regional Council e-plan website at <https://eplan.waikatoregion.govt.nz/eplan>. Click the link 'Read the Plan' and navigate to Waikato Regional Plan to view a copy of the plan incorporating the above changes. You can also download the Waikato Regional Plan in a pdf format incorporating the above changes at <https://waikatoregion.govt.nz/regional-plan>.

Paper copies of the Waikato Regional Plan are available at Waikato Regional Council's Customer Services for the cost set in the Fees and Charges in the annual plan.

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