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Josie

After much thinking and brainstorming with ORC policy team we cannot find how supportive renewable electricity provisions can move beyond policy and into rules. Given the effects based approach of RMA – why the effect is created is not a consideration when creating status of a rule eg damming.

With respect to Policies 4 and 5:

Replace both with:

Without recourse to the First Schedule process all regional councils will include within their regional policy statements the following:

**ISSUE**

Without transition to renewable electricity production the adverse effects of non renewable electricity production will continue to adversely affect the environment

**OBJECTIVE**

Reduced adverse effects on air, water and land as a result of activities associated with renewable electricity production

**POLICY**

Greater levels of adverse effect from activities associated with the renewable electricity investigation, research and production are acceptable than from other uses of those same resources

Consents for activities associated with the identification and assessment of sites and sources, and research investigations of renewable electricity production will be notified in accordance with s94 RMA.