



National Planning Standards

Summary of National Planning Standards: Tangata whenua provisions in resource management plans

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The draft National Planning Standards are a set of new requirements for the format and structure of council resource management plans. The purpose of these standards is to:

- improve the consistency of district and regional plans and policy statements
- make plans easier for councils to prepare
- make it easier for those who use or are affected by these plans to understand, compare and comply with

Variation in tangata whenua plan provisions

In 2017, the Ministry for the Environment Manatū Mō Te Taiao reviewed tangata whenua provisions in plans across the country. This review identified variation in the location, structure and content of tangata whenua planning topics. For example, some plans address tangata whenua matters in a separate section in the plan, while others integrated it throughout the plan.

The review provided a basis for the first set of National Planning Standards. For example, a tangata whenua section with headings for certain topics was created.

Next steps

The flow chart below shows each stage of the development process and anticipated timeframes for the National Planning Standards.



We are currently in the drafting and testing phase for the National Planning Standards.

We intend to publically notify the first set of draft Planning Standards in June for formal consultation and submissions mid-2018. We intend to hold workshops and regional hui on the draft standards as part of this consultation.

Ngā pātai

The pātai below help to prompt your thinking about tangata whenua provisions in plans.

QUESTIONS

1. Which of the provisions outlined in the paper would benefit from being standardised, and why?
2. Would standard sections and locations for provisions be useful?
3. What balance do you think there should be between integrating provisions in the plan and placing them in a tangata whenua section?
4. How should te reo Māori words be incorporated and defined in plans?
5. What are the most effective planning tools to protect and manage sites of cultural significance?

Find out more

For the full paper go to: <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/national-planning-standards-tangata-whenua-provisions-resource-management-plans>.

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