

Your submission to Draft first set of National Planning Standards

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Clause

Overarching comment

Notes

I agree with the purpose of the Draft first set of National Planning Standards "The planning standards are intended to improve consistency in plan and policy statement structure, format and content so they are easier to prepare, understand, compare and comply with. The standards are also intended to reduce the complexity and cost of creating plans and policy statements, and make plans and policy statements more user friendly." My main concerns are that the standards should be as simple and flexible as possible, that the standards should not prevent change to adapt to changing circumstances, and that Open Standards be used throughout. Open Standards are necessary to ensure that data can be gathered, accessed, exchanged, and compared consistently for all purposes. In particular it is necessary for the best use to be made of the data for purposes that may not have been thought of, and so that the public can interact easily with the planning process, not just just experts and large organisations that can afford large expenses.