

Draft first set of National Planning Standards

SUBMISSION FORM

The Government is seeking views on the draft first set of National Planning Standards.

For more information about the Government's proposals read our National planning standards consultation document available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/draft-national-planning-standards>.

Submissions close at 5:00 pm on Friday 17 August 2018.

Making a submission

You can provide feedback in three ways:

1. Use the online submission form available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/draft-national-planning-standards>. This is our preferred way to receive submissions.
2. Complete this submission form and send it to us by email or post.
3. Write your own submission and send it to us by email or post.

Publishing and releasing submissions

All or part of any written submission (including names of submitters) will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website www.mfe.govt.nz. Unless you clearly specify otherwise in your submission, we will consider that you have consented both your submission and your name being posted to the Ministry's website.

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Submission form

The questions below are a guide only and all comments are welcome. You do not have to answer all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, please explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate. The structure of this form is in line with the draft first set of national planning standards as shown in the overview section tables 1 and 2.

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* Questions marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

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1. Do you support the draft first set of National Planning Standards?

- Yes
- No

NZILA support the use of planning standards as a 'tool kit' for councils to improve consistency and address local issues through helping to implement the vision for the district /region's development. We consider this is delivered through promoting appropriate landscape design, management and protection.

2. S-RPS: Regional Policy Statement Structure Standard

a. Parts 3 and 4 – Core policy statement provisions

Part 4 Themes - We support inclusion of landscape and natural character as specific themes to be addressed in Regional Policy Statements, as required by the RMA. See response to Section 5 below for other comments regarding landscape.

3. S-RP: Regional Plan Structure Standard

a. Parts 3, 4 and 5 – Core plan provisions

Part 4 Themes - We support inclusion of landscape and natural character as specific themes to be addressed in Regional Plans. See response to Section 5 below for other comments regarding landscape.

9. S-DWM: District Plan – Part 4 District Wide Matters

b. Natural Environment Values Chapter

We support inclusion of landscape and natural character as specific District Wide Matter to be addressed in District Plans. See response to Section 5 below for other comments regarding landscape.

Other comments

4. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposal?

As per above, NZILA support the inclusion of landscape and natural character as separate specific themes and matters to be addressed in Regional Policy Statements, Regional Plans and District Plans, as is required by the RMA.

NZILA defines landscape as, "the cumulative expression of natural and cultural features, patterns and processes in a geographical area, including human perceptions and associations." We recognise that New Zealand's landscapes include the places where we work, live and play and encompass the coastal environment and inland water bodies and their margins where high natural character may occur. We agree that an understanding of such landscapes is crucial to develop statutory planning tools that promote sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

Where areas of landscape require protection as a matter of national importance (such as outstanding natural features and landscapes), NZILA support developing future planning standards which inform their appropriate identification. We agree that this is a key topic which requires further investigation, as identified on page 14 of the Consultation Document. With this goal in mind, NZILA are also

currently working with MfE and DoC to prepare Landscape Guidelines to improve clarity around this technical issue. NZILA recognise the importance of this work and are keen to continue working with Government on how this matter may be addressed through future planning standards.

Releasing submissions

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Please check this box if you would like your name, address, and any personal details withheld.

Note that the name, email, and submitter type fields are mandatory for you to make your submission.

When your submission is complete

If you are emailing your submission, send it to PlanningStandards@mfe.govt.nz as a:

- PDF
- Microsoft Word document.

If you are posting your submission, send it to National Planning Standards, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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