

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this discussion document is to seek early public feedback on the review of the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki* ('the RPS').

The review will look at how effective the RPS has been, what has changed over the last ten years since it was made operative in 1994 and what should be done differently. This review, which is a requirement under section 79 of the Resource Management Act 1991, will lead to the preparation of a new RPS for the next ten years.

1.2 Structure

The discussion document is divided into six sections.

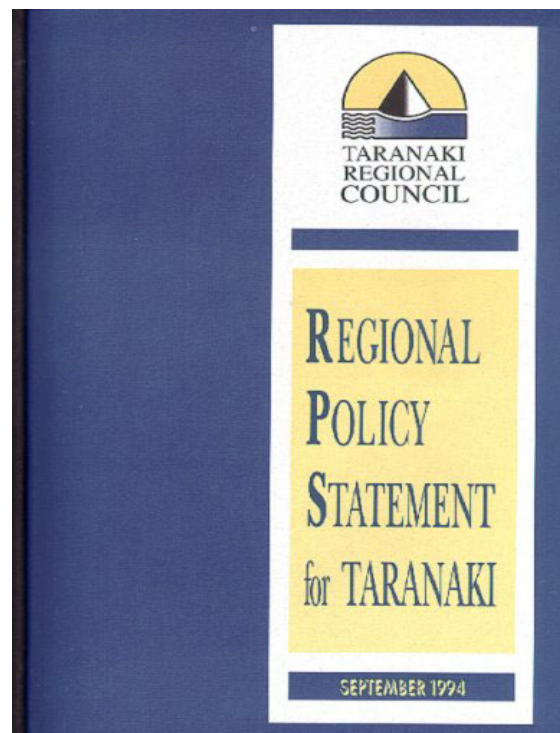
Section 1 introduces the purpose and structure of the discussion document.

Section 2 sets out the background to the review including legal requirements and the purpose and content of the RPS. This section also provides background on the preparation of the first RPS and outlines the review process.

Section 3 identifies a number of potential 'change' factors or matters, which have emerged since the adoption of the RPS that have been taken into consideration in assessing whether any change to the RPS is appropriate or necessary. These change factors range from the emergence of new or changing environmental issues, community attitudes and priorities, the promulgation of new legislation or amendments to existing legislation to the adoption of best practice.

Section 4 reviews the current provisions in the RPS for each of the resource management issues, including the efficiency and effectiveness of the policies and methods under each issue. The issues are grouped under the same chapter headings as they are in the RPS, namely:

- land;
- water;
- air;
- coastal environment; and
- energy.



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Section 5 reviews the current provisions in the RPS in relation to resource management systems and processes. These provisions are also grouped under the same chapter headings as they are in the RPS, namely:

- information and monitoring;
- consent processing;
- enforcement and cost recovery;
- Treaty of Waitangi and matters of significance to Iwi; and
- cross boundary issues and integrated resource management.

Section 6 presents conclusions in relation to the key issues and proposed changes to the RPS. Questions are posed at the back of the document, which you are encouraged to respond to.