

Appendix 1.3 – Officers Recommended Amendments to the Purpose Chapter

Note the below provisions represent the Section 42A Report Writing Officer's recommended amendments to the provisions of the Proposed District Plan, in response to submissions (with underline used for new text and ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted text).

Purpose

The District Plan controls the way land is used, developed and subdivided and is a requirement under the **Resource Management Act 1991** (RMA). The purpose of the RMA is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

The Far North District Council as a territorial authority is subject to the functions under Section 31 of the RMA. Those functions include:

1. achieving integrated management of the effects of the use, development and protection of land and associated natural and physical resources of the district;
2. controlling the effects of the use, development and protection of land, including in respect of natural hazards, the subdivision, use and development of contaminated land and indigenous biodiversity;
3. controlling noise and the effects of activities on the surface of waterbodies; and
4. ensuring that there is sufficient development capacity in respect of housing and business land to meet the expected demands of the district.

These functions inform the topics covered in this District Plan.

The District Plan contains objectives, policies, rules and standards about how the people of the district can use, develop and subdivide their land. The District Plan therefore seeks to manage and protect the natural and physical resources that are important to the community, and to ensure that environmental qualities and values are safeguarded for future generations to enjoy.

In responding to the district's significant resource management issues, the District Plan also helps Council achieve the community outcomes set out in the district's strategy titled **Far North 2100**. This strategy is based on Council's vision 'He Whenua Rangatira — a district of sustainable prosperity and wellbeing'.

The rules of the District Plan set out the activities that you are allowed to do as of right (permitted activities) and the types of activities that require a resource consent from the Council. The District Plan is required to reviewed every 10 years.