

Agenda – RM Reform Ministerial Oversight Group Meeting #15B

Date: Thursday 10 March 2022 4-5pm

Location: Zoom

Chair: Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance

Deputy Chair: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Attendees: Hon Kelvin Davis, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
 Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Housing
 Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Local Government
 Hon Poto Williams, Minister for Building and Construction
 Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of Agriculture
 Hon Willie Jackson, Minister for Māori Development
 Hon Michael Wood, Minister of Transport
 Hon Kiritapu Allan, Minister of Conservation, Associate Minister for the Environment and Associate Minister of Culture and Heritage
 Hon Phil Twyford, Associate Minister for the Environment
 Hon James Shaw, Minister of Climate Change

Time	Agenda item	Purpose	Relevant paper
4.00pm to 4.30pm	1. Presentation by Ministry for the Environment officials	This presentation is proposed to provide an overview of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the reform objectives and key system changes b. key decisions made to date c. how the future system will differ from the current system d. indicative transition processes e. the critical issues remaining for decision f. key anchor points across remaining decisions. 	Presentation: Transforming New Zealand's Resource Management System – what it looks like as a whole
4:30 to 5.00pm	2. Discussion	Provide feedback to officials ahead of MOGs #16 and #17.	

MOG #15B Presentation: Transforming New Zealand’s Resource Management System – what it looks like as a whole

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Transforming New Zealand's Resource Management System – what it looks like as a whole

Presentation for the Ministerial Oversight Group
10 March 2022



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Purpose of this session

- Overall picture of how it is intended to work, the big shifts from the current system and how we will get there
- How some critical outstanding issues interact with the operation of the system, and the big decisions required
- Anchor points it would be helpful to confirm for shaping advice :
 - national, regional and local roles
 - iwi/Māori participation, upholding settlements and protecting rights and interests
 - moving from reactive effects-based to strategic outcomes-based planning to deliver environmental limits and development within them
 - improving system efficiency and accountability.

System overview

Reform objectives

Protect and where necessary restore the natural environment, including its capacity to provide for the well-being of present and future generations.

Better enable development within environmental biophysical limits including a significant improvement in housing supply, affordability and choice, and timely provision of appropriate infrastructure, including social infrastructure.

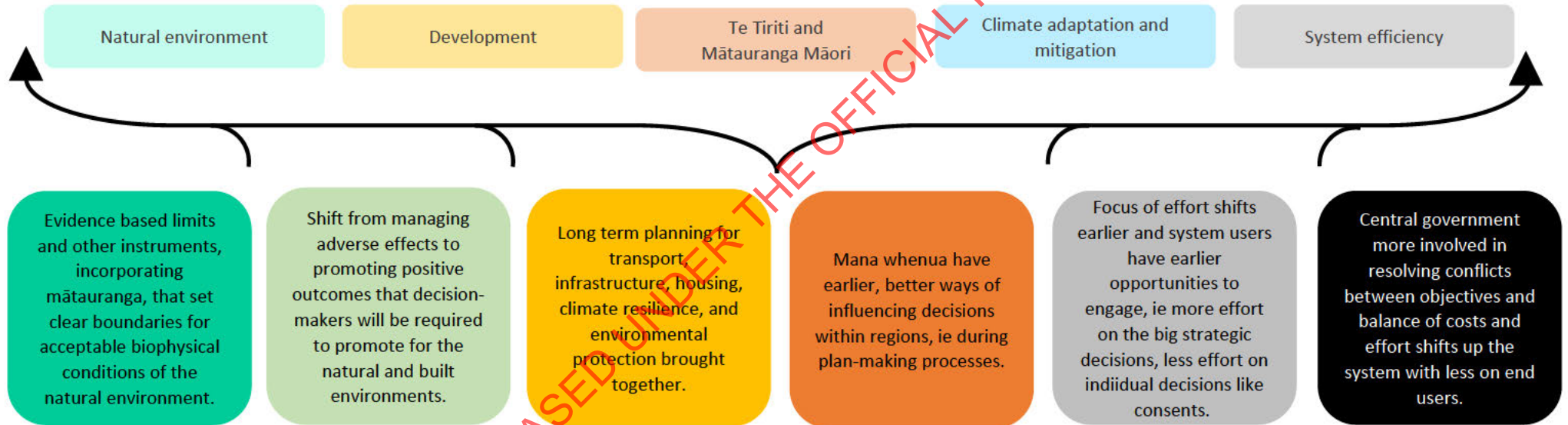
Give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and provide greater recognition of te ao Māori, including mātauranga Māori.

Better prepare for adapting to climate change and risks from natural hazards as well as mitigating the emissions which contribute to climate change.

Improve system efficiency and effectiveness, and reduce complexity, while retaining appropriate local democratic input.

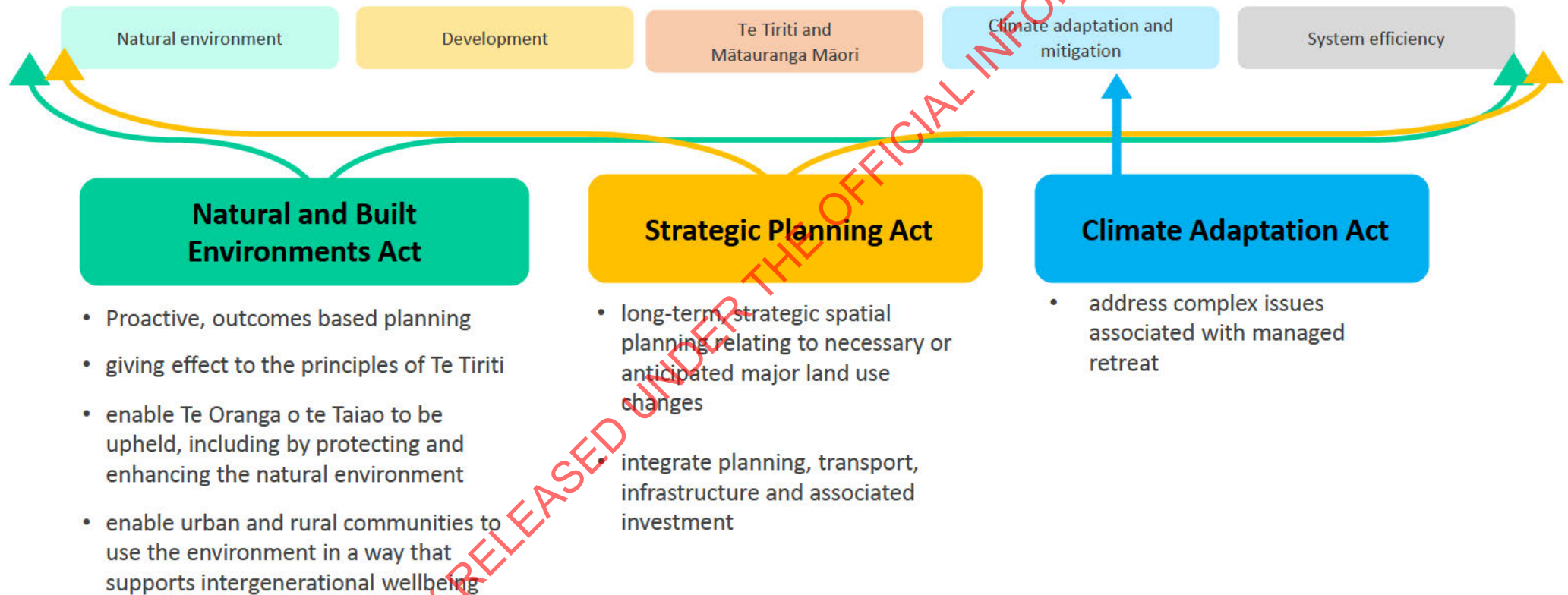
System overview

System changes to bring about these objectives



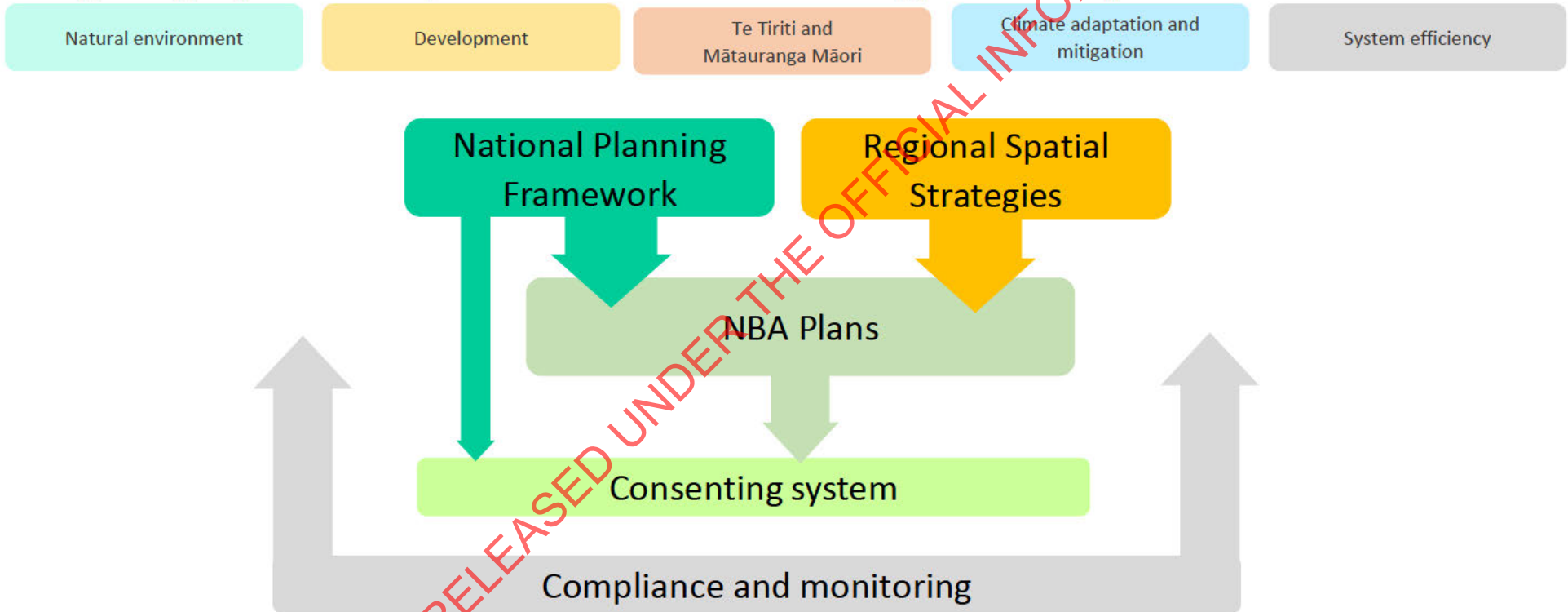
System overview

Three Acts



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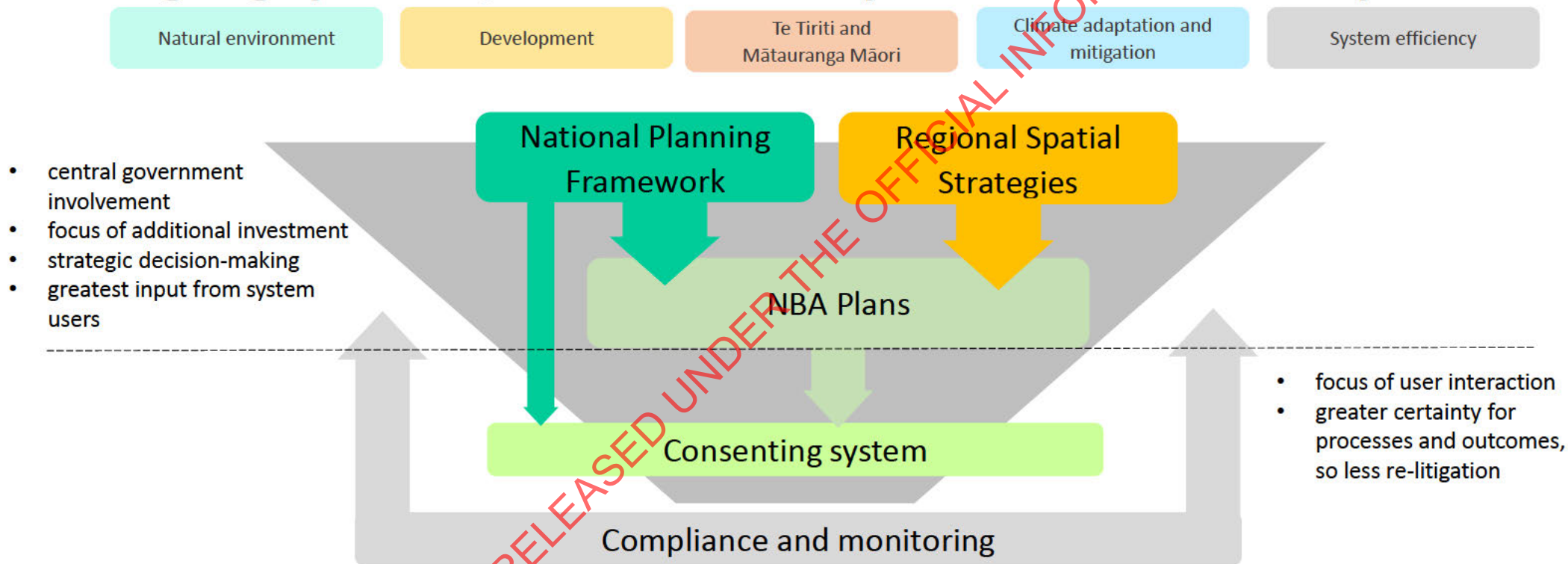
Ongoing operation/evolution of the integrated* system



* Integrated planning and environmental protection

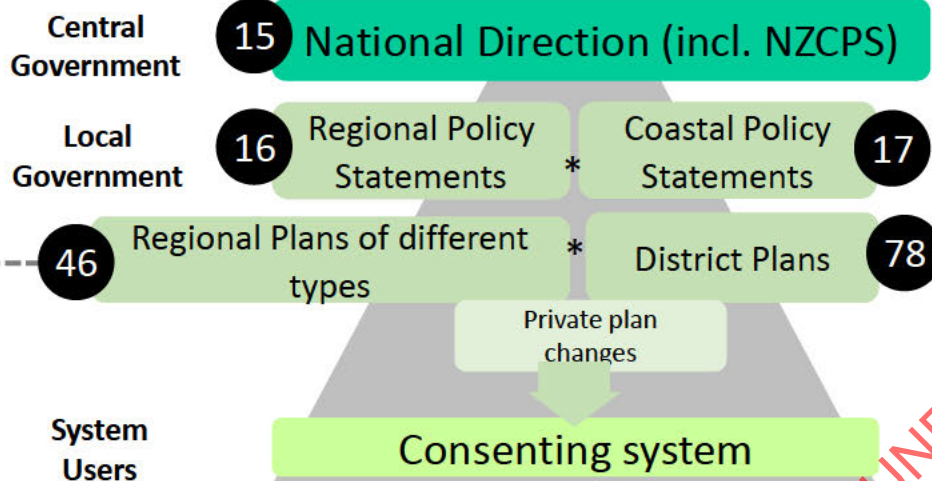
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Ongoing operation/evolution of the System with feedback loops

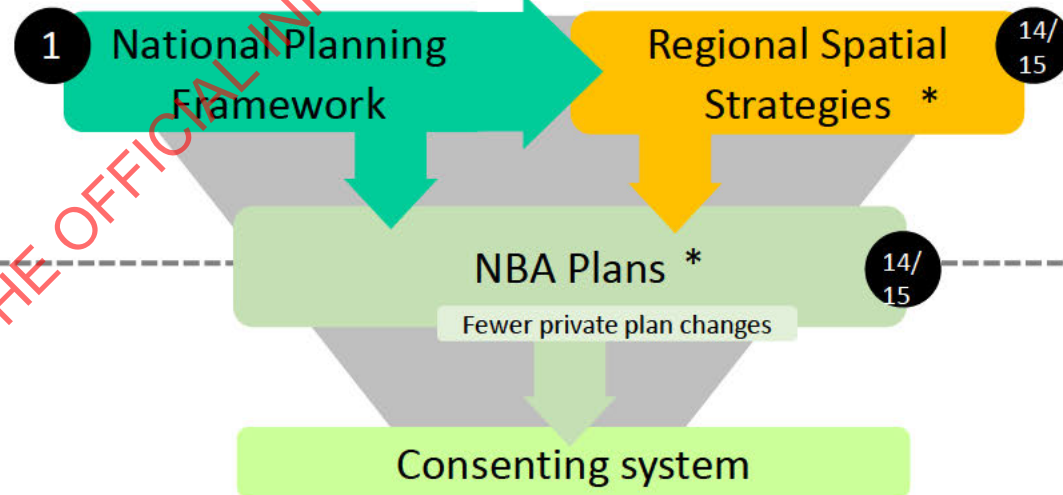


Comparison with RMA system

RMA System



Future System



- earlier, more strategic, more engaged planning
- fewer documents
- decisions at each level better supported from above
- greater number of permitted activities, reducing consent numbers (and costs for users)
- less relitigation of outcomes, and less involvement of the courts, in specific consenting decisions

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How limits are to work in the new system

Purpose of limits is to protect ecological integrity and/or human health (exposure draft)
Limits are one of the primary ways through which the system upholds **Te Oranga o te Taiao**

Future MOG agendas

MOG #16 – 29 March

1. roles of central government in the NBA and SPA
2. transition and implementation
3. allocation and economic instruments
4. narrative on limits

MOG #17 – 12 April

1. NBA decision-making framework including environmental limits
2. NPF including environmental limits
3. institutional arrangements for central government
4. role of iwi/Māori in the system
5. governance, including joint committees

Engagement update

Local government

- support greater central government involvement through the NPF and RSSs
- interested in how joint committees will enable accountability
- seek greater understanding on how the system will enable local voices to influence, will provide for a role for Māori in the system, and will transition/ be implemented.

Māori

- support flexible compositions for joint committees that reflect the context in a region
- have emphasised the need for local government commitment to work collaboratively with iwi, hapū, and Māori
- are seeking greater understanding on role of Māori landowners and ahi kā in the new system.

Sector stakeholders

Perspectives vary:

- industry groups seek better recognition of the built environment and infrastructure
- ENGOs seek stronger environmental outcomes
- Primary sector stakeholders are concerned about system efficiency and ensuring clarity and certainty in the consenting system from a rural lens.

- Both seek greater central government funding.

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Confirmation is sought from MOG of four anchor points for the remaining work to deliver key system choices by MOG #17 and through delegated decisions



Anchor points

Based on the decisions to date, including those summarised above, there are four anchor points for the remaining work to deliver key system choices by MOG #17 and through delegated decisions.

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