

# Full public notice of new and amended proposals for national direction

The Minister Responsible for RMA Reform\* and the Minister of Conservation,\*\* have prepared the following proposals for new national direction to prepare, review, change or revoke parts of the following national direction and parts of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

Proposals for new national direction	
<b>Package 1: Infrastructure and development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Policy Statement for Infrastructure</li> <li>National Environmental Standards for Granny Flats (Minor Residential Units)</li> <li>National Environmental Standards for Papakāinga</li> <li>National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards</li> </ul>
Proposals to review or change existing national direction	
<b>Package 1: Infrastructure and development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011</li> <li>National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 (to be renamed National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks)</li> <li>Resource Management (National Environment Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009 (to be renamed) National Environment Standards for Electricity Network Activities</li> <li>Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities) Regulations 2016</li> </ul>
<b>Package 2: Primary sector</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Marine Aquaculture) Regulations 2020</li> <li>Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry) Regulations 2017</li> <li>New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010</li> <li>National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022</li> <li>Resource Management (Stock Exclusion) Regulations 2020 (Stock Exclusion Regulations)</li> </ul> <p>Multiple instruments for quarrying and mining provisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023</li> <li>National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020</li> <li>Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020</li> <li>National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022</li> </ul>
<b>Package 3: Freshwater</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020</li> <li>Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020</li> </ul>

This notice meets the requirements of section 46A (1) and (2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

The proposals may be inspected at <https://environment.govt.nz/news/consultation-on-updating-rma-national-direction>. If you have any questions about the proposal, please contact [ndprogramme@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ndprogramme@mfe.govt.nz).

Any person may make a submission on the proposal through Citizenspace, our consultation hub, by either filling out the feedback form or by uploading your own written submission.

Submissions close at 11:59 pm on 27 July 2025.

We would prefer you use the online system for making your submission. However, if you need to, mail your written submission to:

- National direction consultation, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

Please include your:

- name or name of the organisation you represent
- postal address
- telephone number
- email address.

Your submission should state whether you support or oppose the proposal. You should state any changes that you want to the proposal. You should give reasons for your views.

## Public notice of withdrawal of national policy statements

The Minister Responsible for RMA Reform\* has withdrawn previously proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 and the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 and a proposed National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision-Making, which were all notified for statutory consultation in 2023. These proposals have been withdrawn in accordance with section 51A of the RMA because they are superseded by the new proposals.

*\*instead of the Minister for the Environment (in accordance with section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986)*

*\*\*for proposals which are amendments to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.*

Jo Gascoigne  
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