

## **Section 6: National policy statements and national environmental standards**

**What is the general assessment of the project in relation to any relevant national policy statement (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and national environmental standard?**

<b>National Policy Statement / National Environmental Standard</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
<b>National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water (NES-DW)</b>	<p>The Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water) Regulations 2007 (NES-DW) requires regional councils to ensure that effects on drinking water sources are considered in decisions on resource consents.</p> <p>Specifically, regional councils are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-decline discharge or water permits that are likely to result in community drinking water becoming unsafe for human consumption following existing treatment; and</li> <li>- place conditions on relevant resource consents requiring notification of drinking water suppliers if significant unintended events occur (eg. spills) that may adversely affect sources of human drinking water.</li> </ul> <p>There are no community drinking water supplies that will be affected by the discharges from the landfill.</p>
<b>National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NES-AQ)</b>	<p>Flaring of landfill gas is permitted by section 27 of the NESAQ subject to certain performance standards being met.</p> <p>The project is therefore consistent with the outcomes sought in the NES-AQ</p>
<b>National Policy Statement Freshwater Management (NPS -FW)</b>	<p>The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS - FW) identifies freshwater management as a matter of national priority. A primary policy objective of the Freshwater NPS is to safeguard fresh water's life-supporting capacity, ecosystem processes and indigenous species. The Freshwater NPS contains policies to provide direction on water quality, water quantity, integrated management and iwi/hapū interests. The major thrust of the Freshwater NPS is the setting of limits for both water quantity and quality.</p> <p>The landfill is able to be operated in a manner consistent with this NPS.</p>
<b>National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (NES-FW)</b>	<p>The NES-FW set requirements for carrying out certain activities that pose risks to freshwater and freshwater ecosystems. Anyone carrying out these activities will need to comply with the standards.</p> <p>The standards are designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protect natural inland wetlands</li> <li>• protect urban and rural streams from in-filling</li> <li>• ensure connectivity of fish habitat (fish passage)</li> </ul>

	The landfill is able to be operated in a manner consistent with the intent of this NES.
<b>National Policy Statement for indigenous biodiversity (NPS-IB)</b>	<p>The National Policy Statement for indigenous biodiversity provides direction to councils to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity requiring at least no further reduction nationally. It provides direction to councils on how to identify significant natural areas (SNA) and manage the adverse effects of new activities on them.</p> <p>There are no SNA within the vicinity of the York Valley landfill (the wider designation footprint comprises exotic forestry land use) and no mapped areas of significant indigenous biodiversity within the location of the York Valley landfill. Regardless, it is noted that the York Valley landfill is already designated for landfill purposes in the NRMP.</p>
<b>New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS)</b>	N/A
<b>National policy statement on urban development (NPS-UD)</b>	<p>The NPS-UD recognises the national significance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• having well-functioning urban environments that enable all people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing, and for their health and safety, now and into the future</li> <li>• providing sufficient development capacity to meet the different needs of people and communities.</li> </ul> <p>The project is consistent with this NPS because it will provide landfill development capacity to meet the future needs of the Nelson-Tasman community. It will also provide for the communities' social, economic and cultural well-being, and for their health and safety by enabling the existing regional landfill facility to be extended into the adjoining gullies.</p>