

National policy statements and national environmental standards

New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS)

Matters in the NZCPS of most relevance to the Project are: indigenous biodiversity, natural character, tangata whenua, public open space, coastal hazards, development in the coastal environment, integrated management, ports, reclamation, biosecurity, natural features and landscapes, sedimentation, and discharges in the coastal marine area.

Overall, the Project is consistent with the NZCPS.

(a) The Project receives specific and directive enabling support from Policy 9 (ports) and Policy 6 (activities in the coastal environment) of the NZCPS. The Project directly aligns with, and gains considerable support from, Policy 9 as it is founded on a need to integrate with and assist the national network of ports in New Zealand to provide for the efficient and essential movement of national and international freight. The Project is also consistent with, and meets the requirements of, Policy 10 of the NZCPS (reclamation)

(b) In addition, through careful assessment and design, involving input from a range of experienced independent expert advisors, Northport has carefully designed the Project so that it achieves the NZCPS's "avoidance" requirements, including with respect to indigenous biodiversity (Policy 11) and natural character and natural features and landscapes (Policy 13 and 15).

National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB)

To the extent that the NPS-IB applies to the Project, the Project is consistent with the relevant provisions of the NPS-IB. The Project will manage effects on coastal avifauna in a manner that is consistent with the relevant policies in the NPS-IB (including Policy 15). In addition, with respect to terrestrial indigenous biodiversity: there will be no Significant Natural Areas affected; no significant effects on indigenous biodiversity; and residual effects of the Project will be managed in a way that is consistent with the objectives and policies of the NPS-IB.