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# **Regional Policy Statement for Northland**

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## APPROVAL OF THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Northland Regional Council by resolution dated 17 February 1999, approved and made operative the Regional Policy Statement for Northland, contained herein; pursuant to the powers and authorities vested in it by the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This approval will be publicly notified on 20 March 1999 and becomes operative on 31 March 1999.

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## APPROVAL OF THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Northland Regional Council by resolution dated 19 June 2002, approved and made operative the Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Landscapes Section of the Regional Policy Statement for Northland, contained herein; pursuant to the powers and authorities vested in it by the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This approval will be publicly notified on 4 July 2002 and becomes operative on 15 July 2002.

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## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

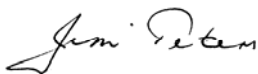
This Regional Policy Statement for Northland is important for the people of the region, as it sets out the significant natural resource issues and a long-term strategy for their sustainable management. This Statement represents the completion of the process that commenced with the publishing of a discussion document in June 1992, followed by various drafts compiled with wide community involvement. The proposed Regional Policy Statement, publicly notified in October 1993 for public submissions, attracted 150 submissions covering 4,500 issues. These were each considered by a committee of Councillors during the first half of 1995, and the committee's recommendations were adopted by the Regional Council in September 1995. Thirteen appeals were subsequently lodged covering some 113 different issues; all but one have now been settled through either consent order negotiations or Environment Court hearings.\*

This Regional Policy Statement provides for the needs of future generations to allow our children and our grandchildren to enjoy their natural surroundings at least as well as we have. However the Regional Policy Statement cannot be a solution to all environmental problems. Often there are no simple solutions, and no single individual, group or level of government has all the answers.

To achieve the objectives and meet the policies set out in this document, a co-ordinated effort from a wide range of people and organisations will be required. It is not a document for the Regional Council alone, but for the region, its agencies and its people; all of which will be bound to incorporate the conclusions of the Statement into their long-term planning and daily actions.

As with all the regions of New Zealand, Northland encompasses diverse geographical features, and its communities have different social, cultural and economic needs. The objectives and policies in this Statement attempt to recognise this diversity by focusing on principles, so as to maintain flexibility to meet individual situations and conditions. This Regional Policy Statement benefits from, and clearly reflects, the wide consultation undertaken with the Northland community.

This statement is ours, made by and for Northlanders.



**Jim Peters**  
Chairman

\* The remaining appeal was settled by the inclusion of an Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Landscapes Section in the Regional Policy Statement, which was made operative on 15 July 2002.



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