

Topic: Infrastructure and minerals

Northland Regional Council

22 October 2014, 9:30am – 3:30pm

Council Chambers, Northland Regional Council,
36 Water Street, Whangarei

Workshop goals:

Participants will:

- Understand the current approach to managing infrastructure and mineral extraction in the regional plans.
- Provide feedback on problems with the current approach to managing infrastructure and mineral extraction in the regional plans.
- Share their ideas about possible future management approaches for managing infrastructure and mineral extraction in the new regional plan(s).
- Know how to continue to be involved in the development of the new regional plan(s).

Chair: NRC Councillor (TBC)

Presenters: Jon Trewin (NRC)

Facilitators: Ben Lee and Michael Day (NRC)

Note taker: Michael Payne (NRC)

Experts / scientists: Colin Dall (NRC)

9:30 – 9:45 **Welcome, introductions, and house keeping**

Short presentation from NRC and participants to introduce themselves

9:45 - 11:00 **Session 1: Infrastructure**

A 10-15min presentation from NRC on scope of topic, higher level policy guidance relevant to infrastructure , current plan approach to infrastructure and possible changes to policy/rules for infrastructure. Following this there will be a discussion either in groups or together depending on numbers.

Key questions for the discussion:

- Do you agree (generally) with the approach proposed towards infrastructure?

- How do we provide for infrastructure in sensitive areas, for instance where NZCPS protection criteria apply?
- How do we provide for renewable electricity generation and give effect to the NPS Renewable Electricity Generation?
- Are there specific rules that need changing?
- Can compliance costs be reduced?
- Are there examples of best practice we could use/integrate into plan rules?

11:00 - 11:15 **Morning tea (provided)**

11:15 – 1:00 **Session 1 continued**

1:00 - 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 - 3:00 **Session 2: Minerals**

A 10min presentation from NRC that will cover the current approach to minerals/mining and possible changes to policy/rules for mining/mineral extraction activities. Following this there will be a discussion either in groups or together depending on numbers.

Key questions for the discussion:

- Do you agree (in general) with the approach proposed towards mining/mineral extraction activities?
- How do we provide for mineral extraction in sensitive areas, for instance where NZCPS protection criteria apply?
- Should rules be tightened for mineral extraction activities in the CMA and/or sensitive areas away from the coast?
- Are there specific rules that need changing?
- Are the existing plan rules for quarrying appropriate?
- Are there examples of best practice we could use/integrate into plan rules – for example guidelines for marine seismic surveying?

3:00 – 3:15 **Afternoon tea (provided)**

3:15 – 3:30 **Wrap up, next steps & evaluations**

- Summary of key points from the day
- Next steps in the process explained
- Participants evaluate the workshop