

## Regional Plan Review – Topics

For the purposes of reviewing the regional plans, we have split the ‘work’ into topics.

Topic title	Detail
Water quality	Contaminants discharged to water (particular focus on sediment, nutrients, and faecal matter). Includes point source and non-point source discharges – land disturbance activities, run-off and leaching, and stock exclusion from water bodies. Does not include hazardous substances, agrichemicals and contaminants associated with solid wastes.
Water quantity	Activities that affect the flow, flow variability and water level of water resources. Includes water takes (including geothermal), bores, dams, water diversions and structures in fresh water.
Marine ecosystems and biodiversity	The identification and management of indigenous biodiversity in the coastal marine area. Includes aquatic pests, mangroves, and the identification and management of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna
Coastal water space	Activities operating in the coastal marine area. Includes occupation of space, public access recreational activities, structures (e.g. moorings, marinas and aquaculture) reclamations/impoundments, dredging, extraction and depositing/disposal of material, and commercial use of CMA (e.g. ports and wharves).  Does not include the management of significant natural and heritage values (e.g. outstanding natural landscapes), discharges, mining or mangrove removal.
Air quality	All discharges to air – smoke, odour, dust and spraydrift
Significant natural and heritage values	Managing activities in water bodies (mainly the coastal marine area) that impact on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outstanding and high natural character</li> <li>○ Outstanding natural features and landscapes</li> <li>○ Significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna (excluding freshwater bodies). (Does not include the identification of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna)</li> <li>○ Historic heritage</li> </ul>
Tangata whenua participation in resource management	The role of tangata whenua in resource management processes, including monitoring, participation in resource consent processes, and decision making.
Natural hazards	Covers the functions of the regional council for avoiding or mitigating natural hazards. Includes land use (e.g. development on floodplains), hazard protection structures (e.g. stopbanks and seawalls) and the role natural features in mitigating hazard risk (such as wetlands, floodplains and dunes).
Infrastructure and mineral extraction	Focuses on the management approach for significant infrastructure and mineral extraction activities. Includes renewable energy, sand extraction and quarrying.
Hazardous substances and contaminated land	Covers solid waste disposal to land, the use, storage, transport and disposal of hazardous substances in the coastal marine area and the disposal / discharge of hazardous substances to land and water (fresh and coastal).