

Waikato



REGIONAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Waikato

Rules recap

Rule must be:

- Clear
- Reasonable
- Consistent
- Achievable
- Implementable

Catchment wide rules

- What should be permitted/consented?
- Easily understood by land-owners and regulators
- Balance between simplicity and flexibility
- Exemptions/exceptions - caution needed; avoid need for subjectivity.
- Must be practicable
- Beware of PA rules that imply/impose obligations on Council (eg provision of sediment control plans)

Tailored Property Plans

- Can be required as part of:
 - Resource consent requirement; and/or
 - Permitted activity.
- Plans can be industry supported (or not)
- Limited to certain properties (>4 ha?)
- Required at different timeframes subject to risk?
- Property plan requirements must also be clear, certain, etc

Consent or PA?

- What best achieves the behaviour change sought?
- Essentially a PA is a free resource consent
- Both are subject to the same enforcement options
- Consents arguably allow for more direct engagement between Council and land-owners
- Charging mechanisms are fundamentally different – equity issue for PA approach?
- Consents – greater administration cost to those affected?

New systems required

- Training and accreditation systems
- Independent audit
- Monitoring and reporting
- Information sharing

Implementation and the role of industry

- Whose responsible for what aspects of implementation?
- Need confidence that robust advice being given
- Whatever role industry or third parties play, the public need to have confidence in the whole approach – giving advice, establishment of plans, quality control, monitoring, dealing with non-compliance.
- Implementation needs to be done in such a way to distinguish between effectiveness of rules v compliance with them

Resourcing

- Until policy design confirmed, very difficult to determine Council's resourcing needs for implementation
- Achieving HR outcomes is premised on seeing significant behaviour change across the region. Resourcing required to implement likely to be significant.

Risks

- Capacity gap
- Reliant on external systems
- Changed industry support
- Untested compliance models
- New industries