

CROSS-BOUNDARY PROCESSES

The Act requires the District Plan to state the processes to be used to deal with issues which cross territorial boundaries (Section 75(1)(h)). The Ruapehu District shares its boundary with six other districts, being; Waitomo, Taupo, Stratford, New Plymouth, Rangitikei and Wanganui.

Many resource management issues do not fall within the boundaries of a single territorial authority. Therefore it is important that processes and protocols are developed between authorities so that cross-boundary issues can be dealt with in the most efficient and effective manner.

CB 1.0 ISSUE

- (a) **Fragmentation of management responsibility for resource management issues crossing territorial authority boundaries.**

CB 1.1 OUTCOME

- (a) **Integrated management of cross-boundary resource management issues.**

CB 1.2 OBJECTIVE

- (a) **Administrative processes reflecting any cross-boundary issues associated with resource use, development or protection.**

CB 1.3 POLICIES

- (a) **To develop protocols and processes to deal with resource management issues which cross district boundaries.**
- (b) **To develop consultation processes with adjacent authorities where effects of an activity for which a resource consent application is made across district boundaries.**

Explanation of Policies

These policies seek to promote the integrated administration and implementation of resource management functions between the Council and other adjacent district councils.

CB 2.0 METHODS

- (1) To negotiate and develop appropriate processes and protocols with adjacent authorities to deal with cross-boundary issues.
- (2) To, where appropriate, participate in joint hearings with other territorial authorities.

Principal Reasons for Adopting the Objectives, Policies and Methods

The principal reasons for adopting the objectives, policies and methods are to provide for the efficient administration of the Act and the integration of resource management responsibilities with adjacent territorial authorities.

