

Council Policy

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1 Policy Objectives

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline stormwater management requirements to minimise adverse effects, caused by stormwater flowing off property, when land is developed commercially or privately.

2 Definitions

- 2.1 **Stormwater:** Rainwater or water generated by the melting of snow or ice that does not naturally soak into the ground or evaporate, but flows off the property in a controlled or uncontrolled manner.
- 2.3 **Neutral or neutrality:** For the purposes of this policy, neutral or neutrality means the level of naturally occurring stormwater that flows off the property after development remaining the same as the level of stormwater that flowed off the property prior to development.
- 2.4 **Receiving Environment:** The area that stormwater flows to, or through once it leaves the zone of development.

3 Principles

- 3.1 To provide general guidelines for stormwater management for those wishing to develop land for commercial or private purposes.

4 Background

- 4.1 This policy has been developed to clarify:
- (a) Stormwater management requirements and standards that apply for those developing land privately or commercially.
 - (b) The importance of neutrality when planning for stormwater management when developing land.
 - (c) What Council will do if neutrality cannot be achieved.

5 Policy Statement

- 5.1 When land is developed for commercial or private purposes, stormwater management standards as per Land Development and Subdivision Infrastructure Standards 4404 (NZS 4404:2010), and clause E1 of the Building Code, should be followed.
- 5.2 Stormwater management should also meet the expectations set out in the Horizons Regional Councils One Plan, the Ruapehu District Council (RDC) District Plan, as well as be in accordance with National Environmental Standards, any relevant RDC bylaws, and this policy.
- 5.3 In line with clause 5.1 and 5.2, any stormwater that flows off the property must be at least neutral, in that the level of stormwater flowing off the property after development is no greater than the level of stormwater flowing off the property before development.
- 5.4 In the case that adequate planning and provision has not be made for the management of stormwater in line with this policy, ensuring that stormwater that flows off the property is at least neutral, or that it is not practicable to do so, consent for development may be withheld by RDC.
- 5.5 Consent may also be withheld as per section 4 of NZS 4404:2010, where there are issues over the protection of people, property, infrastructure and the environment (including the receiving environment), until such time that the planning, design and/or construction stages of development satisfactorily address the issues and meet Councils requirements.

6 Annotations

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