



## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES - POLICY

### SA2.1 Introduction

Throughout the District, considerable investment of resources has been made in the establishment and operation of certain land uses. These land uses contribute significantly to the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of individuals within the community and the District community as a whole.

The activities included as Special Activities in this Plan have been in existence within the District for some time. The activities are provided with special recognition to permit their maintenance and management in a way that avoids, remedies or mitigates adverse effects on the environment.

### SA2.2 Issues

- (a) Inefficient use and development of special activities caused by fragmented management under the Act.
- (b) Degradation of the quality of the environment caused by the environmental effects of the use and development of the special activities.

#### SA2.2.1 Objective

- (a) Sustainable management of special activities in a way that enables people and the community to provide for their social and economic wellbeing while maintaining the quality of the environment.

#### SA2.2.2 Policies

- (a) To provide for identified special activities within the Ruapehu District.
- (b) To restrict the extent of the recognition of these special activities as permitted activities to the same or similar character, intensity and scale of environmental effects generated by the activities at the time this Plan was notified.
- (c) To promote to operators of the special activities their individual responsibilities under the Act.
- (d) To ensure that amenity values and the quality of the surrounding environment are maintained and enhanced, by amongst other things, protecting the natural and physical characteristics of the environment.

#### SA2.2.3 Explanation of Policies

The policies will provide for the continuance of existing identified special activities provided the effects generated are the same or similar character, intensity and scale. However, this does not absolve the operator of any identified Special Activity from its responsibilities under the Act. Any additional effects generated by redevelopment or a change in management of the individual operations will be subject to the full requirements of the Act and, in particular, the resource consent process.