

17 Local Authority Cross-Boundary Issues

17.1 Introduction

This chapter describes the processes to be used to deal with issues that cross territorial boundaries. The Waikato District has boundaries with Franklin District, Hauraki District, Matamata-Piako District, Waipa District, Hamilton City and Otorohanga District. In addition, Waikato District is within the Waikato Region.

17.2 Issues

The issues that could affect, or otherwise involve the neighbouring district and regional councils are as follows:

With all councils:

- harmonisation of standards and processes
- national infrastructure – network utilities including state highways, gas, electricity
- local infrastructure – network utilities that cross territorial boundaries
- resource consent applications where there will be effects (such as noise) that go beyond territorial boundaries or where an application for consent straddles a common territorial boundary (such as network utilities)
- subdivision consent applications for rural and rural residential developments near territorial boundaries
- recreational facilities provision
- natural hazards
- hazardous substances
- solid waste management, including irresponsible disposal of old tyres and cars
- reverse sensitivity issues, especially for factory farming and mineral extraction
- indigenous vegetation
- discharge of contaminants to land, water and air
- water quality and aquatic habitat in water bodies
- availability of aggregate and sand resources in greater Waikato
- lack of land for industrial development in greater Waikato, effects of industrial development on amenity and environment generally
- issues arising from the differing rules, functions and responsibilities of district and regional councils, including clarification or transfer of functions where necessary.
- issues arising from heritage places and areas that cross boundaries.

With particular councils:

- Hamilton International Airport effects (Hamilton, Waipa)
- urban growth in Hamilton City (Hamilton, Waipa)
- land transport issues (Hamilton in particular)
- Waikato Innovation Park effects (Hamilton)
- Mystery Creek function centre effects (Waipa)
- surface activities on the Waikato River (Hamilton, Waipa, Franklin)
- coal storage and transportation (Matamata-Piako, Waipa.)
- coastal management (Franklin, Hauraki, Otorohanga, Waikato Region)
- west coast management issues, transport connections, amenity and habitat (Franklin, Waikato Region)
- Hauraki Gulf catchment issues, especially management of amenity and habitat under Hauraki

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Gulf Marine Park Act (Franklin, Hauraki, Waikato Region).

17.3 Processes

The processes that the council will use to resolve any issues that cross territorial boundaries include:

- (a) inform and consult with other councils on consent applications, or plan change requests, where a potential cross-boundary effect may occur, especially when applications raise matters related to the above issues
- (b) encourage applicants, where activities have effects beyond the boundaries of the district, or which might give rise to effects that are not within the Council's resource management functions, to consult with the affected council
- (c) liaise with other councils where the effects of activities cross territorial boundaries, to determine and agree on the most appropriate methods to achieve integrated resource management outcomes, particularly in respect of the above issues
- (d) initiate and participate in joint hearings with the other councils where appropriate
- (e) maintain an ongoing dialogue with other councils to ensure efficient and effective and integrated management of resource management issues at a district and regional level, particularly to harmonise standards and processes
- (f) make submissions, where appropriate, on plans and policy statements prepared by other councils
- (g) identify, in conjunction with the regional council, opportunities for the transfer of functions between the two authorities where this would result in more efficient, effective and integrated resource management.