

NFL – Natural features and landscapes

The relevant area specific zone chapter provisions apply in addition to this chapter.

Objective

- NFL-O1 Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes.
- Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes and their attributes are recognised and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

Policies

- NFL-PI Recognising values and qualities.
- (1) Recognise and protect the attributes of outstanding natural features and outstanding natural landscapes as set out in SCHED5 – Outstanding natural features and landscapes.
- NFL-P2 Protection from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
- (1) Avoid adverse effects of activities on the attributes of Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes in the coastal environment.
- (2) Avoid adverse effects of activities on the attributes of Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes outside the coastal environment, and if avoidance is not possible remedy or mitigate the adverse effects, by:
- (a) Requiring buildings and structures to be integrated into the Outstanding Natural Landscape or feature to minimise any visual impacts;
- (b) Managing the adverse effects of building platforms, driveways and roads through appropriate subdivision design; and
- (c) Requiring subdivision and development to retain views of Outstanding Natural Landscapes and features from public places.
- (3) Avoid the adverse effects of extractive industries and earthworks on the attributes of Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes.
- NFL-P3 The relationships of Maaori with natural resources and land.
- (1) Provide for the consideration of cultural and spiritual relationships of Maaori with Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes as part of subdivision, use and development.
- (2) Provide for the development of Maaori Freehold Land, within Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, including within the Whaanga Coast specific area.
- (3) Provide for Maaori cultural and customary uses of natural resources, including land, water and other natural resources as an integral part of identified Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes.

Rules

Land use – activities

NFL-R1	Earthworks – within an Outstanding Natural Feature or Outstanding Natural Landscape								
All zones	<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) Earthworks for the maintenance of existing tracks, fences or drains within an Outstanding Natural Feature or Outstanding Natural Landscape.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) For areas within the coastal environment, whether avoidance of adverse effects from earthworks on the attributes of the identified landscape or natural character is achieved in the first instance, and if avoidance is not achievable, remedied or otherwise mitigated; and</p> <p>(b) For areas outside the coastal environment, the extent to which adverse effects from earthworks on the attributes of the identified landscape or natural character area are avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p>							
NFL-R2	Earthworks – within an Outstanding Natural Feature or Outstanding Natural Landscape								
All zones	<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) Earthworks that meet all of the following standards:</p> <p>(i) Earthworks are completed within a 12 month period</p> <p>(ii) Earthworks do not exceed the following areas and volumes:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1406 887 1666"> <thead> <tr> <th>Landscape area</th> <th>Area (m²)</th> <th>Volume (m³)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Outstanding Natural Feature</td> <td rowspan="2">50</td> <td rowspan="2">250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outstanding Natural Landscape</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(iii) The height of the resulting cut or batter face in stable ground does not exceed 1.5 metres;</p> <p>(iv) The maximum slope of the resulting cut or batter face in stable ground does not exceed 1:2 (1 metre vertical to 2 metres horizontal);</p>	Landscape area	Area (m ²)	Volume (m ³)	Outstanding Natural Feature	50	250	Outstanding Natural Landscape	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) For areas within the coastal environment, whether avoidance of adverse effects from earthworks on the attributes of the identified landscape or natural character is achieved in the first instance, and if avoidance is not achievable, remedied or otherwise mitigated; and</p> <p>(b) For areas outside the coastal environment, the extent to which adverse effects from earthworks on the attributes of the identified landscape or natural character area are avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p>
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Outstanding Natural Landscape									

	<p>(v) Areas exposed by the earthworks are re-vegetated to achieve 80% ground cover within 2 months of completing the earthworks;</p> <p>(vi) Sediment is retained on the site through implementation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls; and</p> <p>(vii) There is no diversion or change to natural water flows, water bodies or established drainage paths and does not enter waterways, open drains or overland flowpaths.</p>	
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Subdivision

NFL-R3	Subdivision	
All zones	<p>(1) Activity status: DIS</p> <p>Activity specific condition:</p> <p>(a) Subdivision of any land containing any of the following areas:</p> <p>(i) Outstanding Natural Feature; or</p> <p>(ii) Outstanding Natural Landscape.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a</p>