Designations

Introduction

A designation is a provision in the plan that gives effect to a notice of requirement for a public work or project by a requiring authority. Requiring authorities include a Minister of the Crown, local authority or approved network operator. A public work or project could include a school, police station, road, park or a network utility operator that has been approved as a requiring authority under section 167 of the Resource Management Act. Designations are shown on the planning maps.

The effect of a designation is that the requiring authority responsible for the designation may do anything that is in accordance with the designation, irrespective of the ordinary rules in the plan that might otherwise control the activity. Other people may not, without the prior written consent of the requiring authority, do anything in relation to the designated land that would prevent or hinder the project or work to which the designation relates. The zone rules regulate activities that are not covered by the designation.

The mapped designations include those that have been rolled over from previous district plans either 'without modification' or 'with modification' under clause 4 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act. Most of the works for those designations have been give effect to. Other designations are the result of notices of requirement lodged with Council after the last review of the district plan.

Designations for works that have not been given effect to lapse after five years unless a longer period has been specifically identified.

The following organisations are requiring authorities that have designations in this Plan:

- ACNZ Airways Corporation of New Zealand Ltd;
- AUC Auckland Council;
- CNZ Chorus NZ Ltd;
- CPOW Counties Power;
- FRSTG First Gas;
- HCC Hamilton City Council;
- HDC Hauraki District Council;
- KRH KiwiRail Holdings Ltd;
- MCON Minister of Conservation;
- MCOR Minister of Corrections;
- MEDU Minister of Education;
- MJUS Minister of Justice;
- MPOL Minister of Police;
- NZTA New Zealand Transport Agency;
- RNZ Radio New Zealand Ltd;
- TPR Transpower New Zealand Ltd;
- WDC Waikato District Council;
- WEL WEL Networks Ltd;
- WRAL Waikato Regional Airport Ltd;
- WRC Waikato Regional Council; and
- WSL Watercare Services Ltd

Advice note:

A designation does not exempt a requiring authority from first obtaining an authority from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga if an archaeological site is to be modified or destroyed.

