

Feedback from Westland District Council (WDC) below:

- Agree that the Strategic Direction chapter Objectives and Policies be read without primacy over other Objectives and Policies within the Plan.
- Agree that a climate change consideration should be included within the connections and resilience objectives.
- Agree that Natural Hazards should be included in the strategic direction chapter to provide overarching objectives in regard to managing existing development and the location and appropriateness of new development within areas of known natural hazards.
- Disagree that managed retreat should not be a consideration for this updated section. Although managed retreat should sit with Regional Council, it is referred to in various objectives and policies within the plan, including the NH chapter and the FUZ chapter. Therefore, we view it should be acknowledged within the strategic direction chapter to achieve cohesion in provisions and existing plan intentions.
- Agree that the inclusion of natural hazards should be informed by the Regional and National level planning instruments, inclusive of the draft NPS-NH.

Can you please clarify if the recommendation is to include or not include Natural Hazards in the strategic direction? As the following statements contradict each other:

notification. As I advised in the hearing, I consider that in light of the large number of different natural hazards that face the West Coast, Strategic Direction around natural hazards could be a useful addition to the Plan.

should have no greater weight than other objectives in the Plan, I consider it may not be necessary to have a Natural Hazards Strategic Direction and this issue could be addressed through a recrafting of the existing Natural Hazards Objectives.

- In relation to the above - We would recommend the inclusion of natural hazards within the Strategic Direction chapter to provide a high-level overview which summarises the direction the plan intends to take with its later NH chapter and associated provision.
- Don't agree that strategic direction is required in respect to reverse sensitivity. This is thoroughly addressed within the existing planning provisions.
- Agree with the content of paragraph 18. An overarching economic development objective is not necessary. Enabling economic provisions area contained throughout the plan and is supported within high level planning documents. Economic development shouldn't take precedence over other community and environmental needs. The inclusion of this within the strategic direction chapter will potentially lead decision makers to believe this is the intention of the plan.

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