
SECTION 12: NATURAL HAZARDS

Section 2.01.7 should be referred to when considering the provisions of this section. Both the District and Regional Council's share responsibility under the Resource Management Act for the avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards. The focus of this section is on the local and generally small-scale activities associated with the following, in areas which are or are likely to be, subject to natural hazards associated with erosion, land instability, subsidence, flooding and earthquake:

- Site clearance (removal of vegetation) and earthworks associated with the construction of buildings for human habitation;
- The location of buildings intended to be used for human habitation; and
- Site clearance and earthworks associated with accessing buildings to be used for human habitation.

The controls on design and location of buildings in relation to these areas are particularly relevant. The Taranaki Regional Council is to prepare a regional plan to deal with the effects on water and soil resources of large scale land disturbance and vegetation removal on land subject to erosion. The provisions of this section are not likely to be inconsistent with any provisions developed in that plan at a future date.

12.01 CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES

12.01.1 PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

None.

12.01.2 CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES

None.

12.01.3 LIMITED DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES

The following are Limited Discretionary Activities if they are not listed in 12.01.4 and if they comply with the performance standards in 12.02.

- (a) All developments on sites which:
- (i) Are or are likely to be subject to erosion, landslip, subsidence or flooding as identified on data such as the New Zealand Land Resource Inventory worksheets and the District Flood Maps held by the South Taranaki District Council; or
 - (ii) Involve land shown as Land Use Capability Class 6, 7 or 8 on the New Zealand Land Use Inventory worksheets seaward of State Highway 3 (between Nukumarū and Hawera) and State Highway 45 (between Hawera and the Stony River); and

involve land shown as Land Use Capability Class 7 or 8 on the New Zealand Land Resource Inventory worksheets inland of State Highway 3 (between Nukumarū and Hawera) and State Highway 45 (between Hawera and the Stony River); or

- (iii) Are underlain with unstable material; or
- (iv) Are within 100 metres of a geological fault line as identified in "Earthquake Hazards in the Taranaki Region" (Jan 1993) AG Hull & GD Dellow. Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences Ltd. IGNS 1993);

Matters over which Council retains discretion:

- (i) Minimum floor height
- (ii) Building relocatability
- (iii) Building design
- (iv) Foundation design
- (v) Site drainage
- (vi) Sewage disposal
- (vii) Health and safety
- (viii) Financial Contributions

12.01.4 **DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES**

- (a) All vegetation clearance and earthworks (including excavations for building platforms), including access tracks and roading on:

Land described as Land Use Capability Class 6, 7 or 8 on the New Zealand Land Use Inventory worksheets seaward of State Highway 3 (between Nukumarū and Hawera) and State Highway 45 (between Hawera and the Stony River); or

Land described as Land Use Capability Class 7 or 8 on the New Zealand Land Resource Inventory worksheets inland of State Highway 3 (between Nukumarū and Hawera) and State Highway 45 (between Hawera and the Stony River).

NOTE: Council may impose Financial Contributions in accordance with Section 16.

12.01.5 **NON-COMPLYING ACTIVITIES**

None.

12.01.6 **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

None.

12.02 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS - LIMITED DISCRETIONARY AND DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES

12.02.1 All buildings to be used for human habitation shall be constructed a minimum of 50 metres from the edge of the normal watercourse of the following rivers:

Stony (Haungatahua) River
Waiaua River
Waingongoro River
Manawapou River
Tangahoe River
Patea River
Whenuakura River
Waitotara River

12.02.2 All buildings to be used for human habitation shall be constructed a minimum of 30 metres from the banks of all other rivers.

12.02.3 The floor levels of all buildings used for human habitation shall be above known flood levels based on a 1 in 50 year flood event.

12.02.4 No building to be used for human habitation shall be erected in any area:

- (i) Which has been, or has the potential to be, affected by hazards such as erosion, inundation, slippage or subsidence; and/or
- (ii) Where it would accelerate or worsen such hazards.