

9 Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua

Minimum flows or water levels referred to in the Plan are interim to the extent that they will be reviewed by **whaitua** committees and may be amended by plan changes or variations following recommendations of **whaitua** committees.

9.1 Policies

In addition to policies on **minimum flows or water levels** that follow, policies in chapter 4 of the Plan also apply equally to **minimum flows or water levels** for the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua.

Policy P.P1: Minimum flows and minimum water levels in Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua

Minimum flows and **minimum water levels** in Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua are:

- (a) for rivers, 90% of the **mean annual low flow**, and
- (b) for **natural lakes**, existing **minimum water levels**.

9.2 Rules

If an activity is covered by more than one rule, then the rule that applies is the rule that is more specific for the relevant activity, area or resource rather than a more general rule. Where a proposal includes a number of activities which trigger separate specific rules all of the relevant rules are considered when assessing the proposal. An activity needs to comply with all relevant rules in the Plan, including those in Chapter 5.

Rule P.R1: Take and use of water – discretionary activity

The take and use of water from any river, lake or groundwater that is not provided for in Rules R136, R137, R138, R139, R140, R140A or R141 in Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua is a discretionary activity.