

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 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 ~~seven-day~~¹ **mean annual low flow**, and
- (b) for **natural lakes**, existing **minimum water levels**.

9.2 Rules

~~In addition to rules for the take and use of water that follow, rules in Chapter 5 of the Plan also apply equally to rules for the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua. 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 rule². This does not apply where a proposal includes a number of activities which trigger separate specific rules. In that case, 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 5.³~~

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 R141⁴~~ in Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua is a discretionary activity.

¹ S42A Report: Water allocation, Issue 2.3

² S42A Report: Water quality, Issue 10.1

³ S42A Report: Overall policy framework of the proposed Plan, Issue 1.3

⁴ S42A Report : Water allocation, Issue 2.6