

11 Wairarapa Coast Whaitua

Minimum flows, minimum water levels and **core allocation** 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.

11.1 Policies

In addition to policies on **minimum flows** and **core allocation** that follow, policies in chapter 4 of the Plan also apply equally to **minimum flows** and **core allocation** for the Wairarapa Coast Whaitua.

Policy WC.P1: Minimum flows and lake levels in the Wairarapa Coast Whaitua

Minimum flows and **minimum water levels** for rivers and **natural lakes** in the Wairarapa Coast Whaitua are:

- (a) for rivers, 90% of the ~~seven-day~~¹ **mean annual low flow**, and
- (b) for **natural lakes**, existing **minimum water levels**.

11.2 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 Wairarapa Coast 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 WC.R1: Take and use of water – discretionary activity

The take and use of water from a river, lake or groundwater groundwater ~~that is not provided for in Rules R136, R137, R138, R139, R140, R140A or R141⁴~~ in the Wairarapa Coast 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 – Part B, Issue 1.3

⁴ S42A Report : Water allocation, Issue 2.6