

3 Objectives

Objective O2



The importance and contribution of the ecosystem health, ecological processes, natural character and ecosystem services of land and water to the social, economic and cultural well-being of the community are recognised.

Objective O4



The intrinsic values of ~~aquatic~~ freshwater and marine ecosystems are recognised and the life supporting capacity of water and ecosystems are safeguarded ~~are recognised~~.³

Objective O5



Fresh water bodies and the coastal marine area, as a minimum, are managed to:

- (a) safeguard life supporting capacity and aquatic ecosystem health and mahinga kai, and
- (aa) safeguard mahinga kai; and
- (b) recognise and provide for primary contact recreation and **Māori customary use**; and
- (c) in the case of fresh water, provide for the **health needs of people**; and
- (d) preserve and protect natural character, including:
 - (i) Natural elements, processes and patterns;
 - (ii) Biophysical, biochemical, ecological, geomorphological and morphological aspect;
 - (iii) The natural movement of water and sediment including hydrological and fluvial processes.

3.2 Beneficial use and development

~~Objective O6~~

~~Sufficient water of a suitable quality is available for the **health needs of people**.~~

Objective O7

~~Fresh water is available in quantities and is of a suitable quality for the **reasonable needs of livestock**.~~

The take and use of fresh water is managed to enable people, industry and agriculture to meet their reasonable needs while ensuring that:

- (a) The minimum flows and allocation regimes are set for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing (where degraded) the existing life supporting capacity of rivers and their beds and providing for the values identified in Schedule C, Schedule F1b, Schedule F2a, Schedule F4, Schedule A and Schedule I;
- (b) The amount of water taken from rivers and lakes does not compromise the ability of freshwater to meet the freshwater objectives (numerical states) set in tables 3.1 to 3.4;
- (c) The instream components of natural character are provided for.

~~Objective O8~~

~~The social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of taking and using water are recognised and provided for within the Plan's allocation framework.~~