# AREA SPECIFIC MATTERS Rural Production Zone

# Overview

The rural production zone provides for a number of important scheduled rural industrial activities which contribute to the economic and social well-being of the community. These activities have established over time, generally in rural locations, in close proximity to the natural resources that they require. This zone recognises that the scheduled industrial activities located within it may have effects beyond those which can be accommodated in the general rural zone and makes appropriate provision for these effects.

In order to make specific planning provisions for each of the sites, they are listed and form part of this plan as RPROZ-SCHED1 – Scheduled rural production sites. This schedule may be changed only as a result of a change to the district plan. The schedule also specifies the primary purpose of the site and whether the site is of regional significance. In line with the provisions of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement, where quarries are of regional significance, indicative areas of expansion are identified on the planning maps. A plan change is required to make these areas into a live zone. Identifying these areas does not pre-empt any resource consent application or plan change application decision. However, it does ensure that the resource is identified, and new development and subdivision is appropriately considered in respect of this. Where the term regionally significant is used below it refers both to regionally significant industry, infrastructure and significant mineral resources.

# **Objectives**

Refer also to the relevant objectives in Part 2 District - Wide Matters

- **RPROZ-O1.** This zone provides for and recognises both the economic and social benefits afforded by the scheduled rural production sites and their unique operational requirements.
- **RPROZ-O2.** Recognise and provide for the ability of the sites identified as regionally significant in RPROZ-SCHED1 Scheduled rural production sites, to continue to operate, grow and develop and to be maintained and upgraded by:
  - 1. Avoiding or minimising the potential for reverse sensitivity effects on activities in this zone; and
  - 2. Managing the establishment of noise sensitive activities including subdivision, use and development.
- **RPROZ-O3.** Ensure the adverse effects of the scheduled rural production sites are internalised, or avoided, remedied or mitigated as far as practicable.

- **RPROZ-04**. Provide for the primary purpose of any scheduled activity in the rural production zone including opportunities for their growth and expansion to meet future demands, while managing the adverse effects on the environment.
- **RPROZ-05.** Development or re-development of any site must be appropriately designed, located and landscaped to mitigate adverse effects on the external visual catchment.
- **RPROZ-06.** Ensure new development or re-development does not exceed available capacities for servicing and infrastructure and is co-ordinated with infrastructure provision.

# **Policies**

Refer also to the relevant policies in Part 2 District - Wide Matters

- **RPROZ-P1.** Protect the ongoing operation and development or maintenance and upgrading of sites identified as regionally significant in RPROZ-SCHED1 -Scheduled rural production sites, by limiting the establishment or growth of noise sensitive activities on surrounding sites.
- **RPROZ-P2.** Where the removal of indigenous vegetation in a significant natural area is unavoidable to provide for activities on sites identified as regionally significant, the ensuing operations must remedy or mitigate adverse effects in that order in the first instance, or if this is not possible, offset adverse effects on the indigenous biodiversity values and ecological characteristics of the significant natural area by:
  - 1. Providing a biodiversity offset that is consistent with the framework detailed in Appendix 4 Biodiversity Offsetting Framework; and
  - 2. Ensuring the biodiversity offset can achieve no net loss of indigenous biodiversity values at a regional scale, preferably in the affected significant natural area, or where that is not practicable, in the ecological district in which the affected significant natural area is located.
- **RPROZ-P3.** Where the location of an existing quarrying activity of significant mineral resources coincides with the karst overlay in whole or part, adverse effects on the geomorphological or hydrological characteristics of the karst system should be remedied or mitigated in that order in the first instance, or if this is not possible, offset adverse effects.
- **RPROZ-P4.** Enable scheduled activities in the rural production zone, provided that the adverse effects of the activities are internalised, or avoided, remedied or mitigated as far as practicable through methods such as management practices, rehabilitation plans and mitigation measures that include:

- Managing dust, odour, noise, vibration, access, debris on roads, illumination and driver behaviour to maintain amenity values, particularly during the night time; and
- 2. Ensuring that noise and vibration effects are not unreasonable and do not adversely affect amenity values in the surrounding area; and
- 3. Ensuring that effects associated with glare, odour and particulates are appropriately mitigated; and
- 4. Avoiding adverse effects on water bodies; and
- 5. Undertaking remedial measures during operations as appropriate; and
- 6. Requiring sites where quarrying activities occur to be rehabilitated and ensuring appropriate materials are used for this purpose.
- **RPROZ-P5.** To maintain the safe and efficient functioning of adjoining roads, activities must:
  - 1. Ensure the scale and location of any expansion is consistent with the capacity, design and function of the roading hierarchy or is able to offset adverse effects on the roading network; and
  - 2. Ensure traffic generated by the activity does not compromise road safety or efficiency; and
  - 3. Avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of traffic generation, load type and vehicle characteristics on the operation and maintenance of the transport network; and
  - 4. Provide well located, appropriately formed vehicle entrances, parking, loading and manoeuvring areas to sufficiently accommodate the requirements of the activity.
- **RPROZ-P6.** Ensure the scale and location of any expansion of activities does not adversely affect local character or amenity by:
  - 1. Maintaining boundary setbacks for activities and buildings; and
  - 2. Ensuring that sites are sufficiently landscaped and screened from roads, public spaces and adjoining neighbours; and
  - 3. Ensuring that industrial buildings are designed as far as practicable to not overshadow or overly dominate the wider surrounding area.
- **RPROZ-P7.** Recognise that meeting mineral and aggregate needs from predominantly local sources is desirable and provide for this by:
  - 1. Recognising that quarrying activities are constrained by the location of the resource; and
  - 2. Recognising the importance of maintaining a supply of extracted minerals.
- **RPROZ-P8.** Avoid or minimise the potential for reverse sensitivity effects to arise by

managing the establishment of noise sensitive activities including subdivision, use and development.

- **RPROZ-P9.** Where reticulated water, wastewater and stormwater networks are available, discourage any development that requires servicing and infrastructure at an adverse cost to the community.
- **RPROZ-P10.** Where reticulated water, wastewater and stormwater networks are not available, ensure the scale and intensity of development can be serviced by on site non-reticulated wastewater and stormwater methods.
- **RPROZ-P11.** Ensure new development is designed and located to manage significant risks from natural hazards.
- **RPROZ-P12.** Ensure the flightpath height restrictions shown on the planning maps are complied with to enable the safe operation of the Te Kūiti Aerodrome.

# Rules

The rules that apply to the rural production zone are contained in the tables listed below. To undertake any activity, it must comply with all the rules listed in:

- RPROZ Table 1 Activities rules; and
- RPROZ Table 2 Performance Standards; and
- Any relevant provision in Part 2 District-wide matters.

Where an activity breaches more than one rule, the most restrictive status shall apply to the activity.

<u>Refer to Part 1 - How the Plan Works</u> for an explanation of how to use this plan, including activity status abbreviations.

# Pursuant to Section 86B(3) of the RMA, the following rules that protect or relate to water have immediate legal effect: RPROZ-R27.

RPROZ-R1.	Warehouses, cool stores and covered storage areas for the storage of products produced on site – where these are ancillary to the primary purpose of any scheduled activity
RPROZ-R2.	Offices, canteens, ablution facilities, medical rooms, recreational facilities, vehicle servicing depots, emergency service facilities and workshops ancillary to the primary purpose of any scheduled activity
RPROZ-R3.	Laboratories and research facilities ancillary to the primary purpose of any scheduled activity
RPROZ-R4.	Demolition and/or removal of buildings

## **RPROZ** - Table 1 – Activities Rules

RPROZ-R5.	Tanks, silos and stormwater ponds	
RPROZ-R6.	Agricultural, pastoral and horticultural activities including stock underpasses, stockholding areas, loading facilities and pens	
RPROZ-R7.	One residential unit providing residential accommodation per each individual zone for security staff or caretakers.	
RPROZ-R8.	Vehicle parking and vehicle storage ancillary to the primary purpose of any scheduled activity	
RPROZ-R9.	Helipads and facilities for their servicing and management ancillary to the primary purpose of any scheduled activity	
RPROZ-R10.	Temporary overhead electrical and telecommunication lines subject to Council being formally notified of the route, voltage/type of the electrical or telecommunications link and the date by which it will be removed.	
RPROZ-R11.	Accessory buildings ancillary to any permitted activity	
Activity statu	IS: PER	Activity status where compliance is not

### Where

- 1. All of the performance standards in RPROZ -Table 2 are complied with; and
- 2. Where the building is listed in <u>SCHED1 -</u> Heritage Buildings and Structures, see the historic heritage chapter.

Note: For the avoidance of doubt RPROZ-R1 to RPROZ-R11 apply to all sites identified in RPROZ-SCHED 1.

achieved: RDIS

Matters over which discretion is restricted:

The matters of discretion associated with any (a) performance standard which cannot be complied with in RPROZ - Table 2.

Activity status where compliance is not achieved with RPROZ-R26: DIS

Activity status where compliance is not achieved with RPROZ-R27: NC

RPROZ-R12.	RPROZ-1 to RPROZ-9: Mineral prospecting and exploration	
RPROZ-R13.	RPROZ-1 to RPROZ-9: Quarrying activities	

Activity status: PER	Activity status where
Where	achieved: RDIS
1. This rule only applies to sites RPROZ-1 to	Matters over which dis
RPROZ-9 as listed in RPROZ-SCHED1; and	(a) The matters of discre
2. All of the performance standards in RPROZ -	performance standa
Table 2 are complied with.	complied with in RPR

Note: The provisions of the earthworks chapter do not apply to quarrying activities.

# Activity status where compliance is not

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RPROZ-R14.	RPROZ-10 to RPROZ-11: Mineral processing including product packaging, storage and distribution activities and storage of products, by-products and waste materials processed on site within
RPROZ-R15.	RPROZ-12 to RPROZ-13: Meat processing including product packaging, storage and distribution activities and storage of products, by-products and waste materials processed on site

Activity status: PER	Activity status where compliance is not
Where	achieved: RDIS
<ol> <li>This rule only applies to sites RPROZ-10 to RPROZ-13 as listed in RPROZ-SCHED1; and</li> <li>All of the performance standards in RPROZ - Table 2 are complied with.</li> </ol>	Matters over which discretion is restricted: (a) The matters of discretion associated with any performance standard which cannot be complied with in RPROZ - Table 2.

RPROZ-R16.	RPROZ-14 to RPROZ-17: Hydro-electric Power Generation

Except for RPROZ-R17.4, refer to the Energy chapter.

RPROZ-R17.
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While all activities in this zone must comply with the provisions in the transport chapter, for clarity, the following applies in respect of Integrated Transport Assessments:

- 1. All activities in the zone must comply with the provisions of TRAN-R8; and
- For the purposes of TRAN Table 3, RPROZ-1 to RPROZ-9 must be assessed as "Primary production
   – mining and quarrying activities"; and
- 3. For the purposes of TRAN Table 3, RPROZ-10 to RPROZ-13 must be assessed as "Industrial activities"; and
- 4. For the purposes of TRAN Table 3, RPROZ-14 to RPROZ-17 must be assessed as "Rural-based industry".

RPROZ-R18.	Activities not otherwise listed in RPROZ - Table 1		
Activity status: DIS		Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A	
RPROZ-R19.	Non-compliance with the Te Kūiti Aerodrome Flightpath height restrictions shown on the Planning Maps		
Activity status: PR		Activity status where compliance is not achieved: N/A	

## **RPROZ – Table 2 – Performance Standards**

1. From road boundaries:	Matters over which discretion is restricted:
<ol> <li>Promitioad boundaries:</li> <li>The minimum setback for buildings or structures greater than 10 m high on all roads – 60 m; and</li> <li>The minimum setback from a district road boundary for all other buildings or structures – 15 m; and</li> <li>The minimum setback from a designated State Highway boundary for all other buildings or structures – 30 m; and</li> <li>The minimum setback from any road boundary for deposition of overburden material or for extraction and deposition of aggregates – 30 m;</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>(a) The extent to which the landscaping, fencing or screening is able to soften the visual impact of the proposed building, structure or activity; and</li> <li>(b) The overall landscaping provided on-site; and</li> <li>(c) The extent to which the siting and external appearance of buildings, structures or activities sit within the receiving environment; and</li> <li>(d) The extent of the activity and the ability to internalise adverse effects; and</li> </ul>
AND	(e) The extent to which off-site effects including
<ul> <li>6. From internal site boundaries:</li> <li>7. The minimum setback from internal site boundaries for buildings greater than 10 m high must be 60 m or 150 m from a building housing a residential activity on an adjoining site – whichever is the greater; and</li> <li>8. The minimum setback from internal site boundaries for all other buildings must be 15 m or 150 m from a building housing a residential activity on an adjoining site – whichever is the greater; and</li> <li>9. The minimum setback from internal site boundaries for deposition of overburden material</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(e) The extent to which off-site effects including noise will inhibit the use of surrounding land; and</li> <li>(f) The extent to which the non-compliance and any subsequent building, structure or activities on the site adversely affects the character and amenity values of the surrounding area and/or road; and</li> <li>(g) Effects on the safety and efficiency of traffic flow; and</li> <li>(h) The extent to which the activity can be relocated to meet setback requirements; and</li> <li>(i) The layout, design and location of the activity, including consideration of wind and climate</li> </ul>
or for extraction and deposition of aggregates must be 30 m or 150 m from a building housing a residential activity on an adjoining site – whichever is the greater. 10. On rear sites all boundaries are internal	patterns and the ability to maintain the amenity of neighbouring properties; and (j) Topographical and geographical features affecting odour, dust, visual impact and noise; and
boundaries; and 11. Buildings may be erected up to any common boundary with an adjoining site which is in the same holding.	<ul> <li>(k) The effects associated with layout, design and location of the activity, including operating hours; and</li> <li>(l) The effects of increased traffic and the timing of traffic generation; and</li> </ul>
Note: Stockyards and stock loading ramps are not required to comply with this rule. Note: All buildings and structures, must also comply with NATC-R2, CEH-R1 and CEH-R2.	(m) The extent to which the reduction in the setback is due to the shape or natural and physical features of the site.

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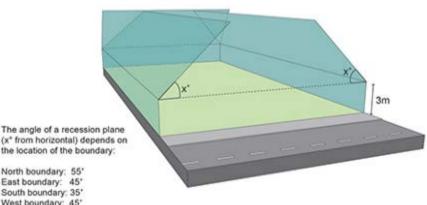
### Height and height in relation to boundary

- Structures must not exceed 20 m in height as 1. measured from ground level; and
- 2. No structure or stored materials shall project beyond a building recession plane from points 3 m above site boundaries. See Figure - RPROZ 1.

## Matters over which discretion is restricted:

- (a) Visual effects including bulk, scale and location of the building or structure; and
- (b) The provision of daylight and sunlight into neighbouring buildings; and
- (c) Ability to soften the visual impact of the building from nearby residential properties and adjoining road boundaries, including retention of any existing mature trees and landscaping; and
- (d) Effects on the character and amenity values of the surrounding properties, public spaces, the adjacent zone or road; and
- (e) Effects on the visual privacy of adjoining properties.





	ndary: 45'		
OZ-R22. Maxi	mum building size and building	coverag	e
Construction, alte	eration or extension of buildings	Matter	s over which discretion is restricted:
or structures - the maximum size of a building or structure must be no greater than 1000 m <sup>2</sup> ; and		, ,	sual effects including bulk, scale and cation of the building or structure; and
	and structure coverage on a site	, ,	e provision of daylight and sunlight into ighbouring buildings; and
must not exceed	30% of the net site area.		e adverse effects on adjacent sites; and
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(d) Ability to soften the visual impact of the building from nearby residential properties and adjoining road boundaries,

RPROZ-R22.

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<ul> <li>trees and landscaping; and</li> <li>(e) Effects on stormwater management and overland flow paths; and</li> <li>(f) The extent of the activity and the ability to internalise adverse effects; and</li> <li>(g) The extent to which off-site effects including noise will inhibit the use of surrounding land and</li> <li>(h) Provision of on-site parking, manoeuvring and access; safety and efficiency and the effects of traffic generation, particularly</li> <li>(i) Effects on riparian margins or areas or indigenous vegetation; and</li> <li>(j) The effects associated with layout, design and location of the activity, including operating hours.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Matters over which discretion is restricted:</li> <li>(a) The extent to which the propose landscaping is able to soften the visual impact of the proposed activity, building or structure; and</li> <li>(b) Whether alternatives are proposed to preserve the amenity, character and value of the surrounding environment; and</li> <li>(c) The extent of the activity and the ability to internalise adverse effects; and</li> <li>(d) The extent to which off-site effects including noise will inhibit the use of surrounding lance and</li> <li>(e) The extent to which the non-compliance and any subsequent building, structure or activities on the site adversely affects the character and amenity values of an adjacent zone; and</li> <li>(f) The extent to which the reduction in the landscaping is due to the shape or natural</li> </ul>
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Matters over which discretion is restricted:
<ul> <li>(a) The extent to which the proposed landscaping is able to soften the visual impact of the proposed activity, building or structure; and</li> <li>(b) Whether alternatives are proposed to preserve the amenity, character and values of the surrounding environment and adjacent road; and</li> <li>(c) The extent of the activity and the ability to internalise adverse effects; and</li> <li>(d) The extent to which off-site effects including noise will inhibit the use of surrounding land; and</li> <li>(e) The extent to which the siting and external appearance of buildings, structures or activities sit within the receiving environment; and</li> <li>(f) The extent to which the reduction in the landscaping is due to the shape or natural and physical features of the site.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Matters over which discretion is restricted:</li> <li>(a) The extent to which the proposed landscaping is able to soften the visual impact of the outdoor storage; and</li> <li>(b) Whether alternatives are proposed to preserve the amenity, character and values of the surrounding environment; and</li> <li>(c) The extent to which the siting and external appearance of the outdoor storage, sits within the receiving environment; and</li> <li>(d) The extent to which the non-compliance adversely affects the character and amenity values of any adjacent zone; and</li> </ul>

(e) The extent to which the reduction in the landscaping is due to the shape or natural and physical features of the site.

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Landscaping - road boundaries

## **RPROZ-SCHED1 – Scheduled rural production sites**

Unique	Мар	Site Name	Location	Legal description*	Site Type
Identifier	Ref				
Primary Pu	Irpose ·	- Quarrying Activitie	es		
RPROZ-1		Taharoa Ironsands Limited	Taharoa Road	Taharoa A7J3B Block, Taharoa A7J4B Block, Taharoa C Block	Significant mineral resource
RPROZ-2		Ravensdown Supreme Lime Quarry	Mangarino Road	Pukeroa Hangatiki A56 & A58 Blocks, Lot 3 DPS 91155	Significant mineral resource
RPROZ-3		Graymont Oparure Quarry	Oparure Road	Lot 2 DPS 77130	Significant mineral resource
RPROZ-4		Rorisons Riverside Wairere Lime Quarry	Kaitaringa road	Lot 2 DPS 17671, Aorangi 3D1 Block	Significant mineral resource
RPROZ-5		Tuckers Quarry	Aria road	Part Section 1 & 16 Block X Totoro SD, Section 14 Block X Totoro SD, Section 31 Block IX Totoro SD, Part Lot 1 DP 4271, Lot 1 DP 14708	Significant mineral resource
RPROZ-6		Piopio Quarry	State Highway 3	Lot 1 DPS 14880, Lot 1 DPS 39347	Significant mineral resource
RPROZ-7		Symonds Quarry Omya New Zealand Limited	Somerville Road	Lot 2 DPS 56871, Lot 1 DPS 41887, Lot 1 DPS 50483, Lot 14 DP 20464, Section 1 SO 532312	Significant mineral resource
RPROZ-8		Greywacke Quarry	State Highway 30 – Bodley Road	Part Section 13 Block VIII Otanake SD	-
RPROZ-9		Awakino Quarry	Manganui Road	Sections 16, 17 & 41 Block VII Awakino North SD	Significant mineral resource
Primary Pu	irpose ·	- Mineral Processin	g		
RPROZ-10		Omya New Zealand Limited Mineral Processing Plant	Hangatiki East Road	Part Te Kumi A10B Block, Lot 1 DPS 10455, Lot 1 Sec 24 Block XV Orahiri SD	Regionally significant industry
RPROZ-11		Rorisons Serpentine Quarry	Kohua Road	Aorangi B2B2B2 Block	Significant mineral resource
Primary Pu	irpose ·	- Meat Processing		•	•
RPROZ-12		Te Kuiti Meat Processors Limited	Rangitoto Road	Part Lot 1 DP 19124	Regionally significant industry
RPROZ-13		Crusader Meats Limited	State Highway 30	Part Tiroa E Block	-

RPROZ-14	Wairere Hydro Power Station King Country	Aria Road	Crown Land Block VI (under action) Totoro Survey District, Part Section 1 Block VI Totoro SD	Regionally significant infrastructure
RPROZ-15	Energy Mokauiti Hydro	Totoro Road	Lot 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8 DP	Regionally
	Power Station King Country Energy		9235, Section 28, 29 & 33 Block IX Totoro SD	significant
				infrastructure
RPROZ-16	Speedies Road Hydro Power Station		Section 2 SO 426054, Lot 2 DP 410761	Regionally significant infrastructure
	The Lines Company			
RPROZ-17	Boulder Creek Road Hydro Power Station Crusader Meats Limited	Waipa Valley Road	Lot 1 DP 367689	Regionally significant infrastructure

\*Note: The rural production zone may only apply to part of the land parcels identified in this schedule. See the Planning Maps for the extent of the zone.

## Advice notes

#### Accidental discovery protocol

In the event that an unidentified archaeological site or a wāhi tapu site is located during works, the following applies:

- Work must cease immediately at that place and within 20m around the site;
- Heritage New Zealand Regional Archaeologist must be notified and apply for the appropriate authority if required;
- Notify the appropriate iwi groups or kaitiaki representative of the discovery and ensure site access to enable appropriate cultural procedures and tikanga to be undertaken, as long as all statutory requirements under legislation are met (New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014);
- If human remains (koiwi) are uncovered then the Heritage New Zealand Regional Archaeologist, NZ Police and the appropriate iwi groups or kaitiaki representative must be notified. Remains are not to be moved until such time as iwi and Heritage New Zealand have responded;
- Works affecting the archaeological site and any human remains (koiwi) must not resume until appropriate authority and protocols are completed.

If the protocol is not adhered to then Heritage New Zealand can take out prosecution proceedings under the New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

#### Contaminated land

If the site is contaminated or potentially contaminated refer to the contaminated land chapter and the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (NESCS) 2012.

#### **Regional Council consents**

A resource consent for some earthworks may also be required from the Waikato Regional Council or Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council.

#### Works in close proximity to any electricity line

Works in close proximity to any electricity line can be dangerous. Compliance with the New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances 34:2001 is mandatory for all buildings, earthworks and mobile plant within close proximity to all electric lines. Compliance with the Plan does not ensure compliance with the Code.

#### Landscaping

Where the site is adjacent to a State Highway, consultation with the New Zealand Transport Agency on appropriate tree species and the location of planting is advisable.