

# *National planning standards*

*–The rubber hits the road*

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# *Thank you for your support*

- **Pilot council programme has been especially useful**
- **Great attendance at regional roadshows**
- **Detailed submissions on the draft standards**
- **Input from professional & stakeholder organisations**



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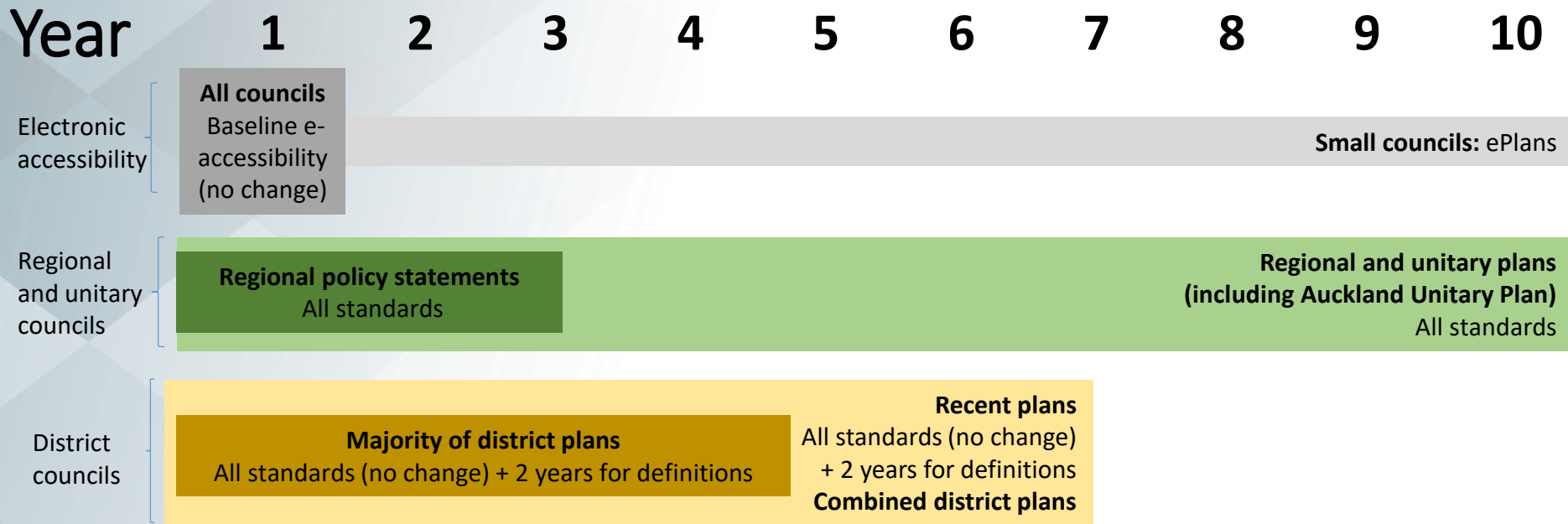
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# *What are we covering today?*

- **Implementation timeframes and support**
- **What we heard from submissions**
- **Key changes to the final set**
- **How we are going to work from now**
- **Questions**



# Implementation timeframes



# *What we heard from submissions*

- **General support**
- **Differing viewpoints & philosophies**
- **Implementation will be challenging**
- **ePlans are costly, particularly for smaller councils**
- **Structure standards need to better enable integrated management**
- **Tweaks needed to zone framework**
- **Definitions are a new approach**
- **Practice is varied at the moment – we had to make some calls**



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# *Summary of key changes*

- **17 planning standards, including ‘Foundation’ & ‘Implementation’**
- **Directions revised to be more clear and concise**
- **Some definitions removed, others revised, a few added**
- **New Combined plan structure**
- **More zones added to the zone framework**
- **Rule tables have been removed**
- **Centralisation of coastal provisions**



# *Structure standards*

- Each type of plan has its own structure standard
- ‘Levels’ better recognised. Contains parts, headings, chapters & sections
- Flexibility for regional policy statements and regional plans retained
- More certainty for district plans
- Combined plan enables a more integrated approach
- Coastal provisions have a clearer home



# Chapter standards

## Introduction & General provisions

- How the plan works
- Interpretation
- National direction instruments
- Tangata whenua/mana whenua

## District wide matters chapters

- Strategic direction
- Energy, infrastructure and transport
- Hazards and risks
- Historical and cultural values
- Natural environment values
- Subdivision
- General district-wide matters

- Tangata whenua/mana whenua provisions should be integrated
- Additional chapter can often be included
- Additional sections can be included





# *Definitions standard*

## **Used broad drafting with an approach that enables:**

- Subcategory terms, or those with a narrower application to be defined
- Additional terms without the same or equivalent meaning to be defined
- **Exclusions & standards managed through rules, not definitions**
- **Need to be workable in both regional and district contexts**
- **Consequential amendments can be made to avoid duplication or conflict**
- **Te reo Māori terms used in rules must be defined or translated**



# *Zone framework & spatial layers*

- **31 zones in the final framework**
- **Zone ‘descriptions’ now ‘purpose statements’**
- **Some zones are the same, but have different names**
- **Flexibility to choose mixed use type zone or segregate activities**
- **Separate regional and district spatial layers standards**
- **Area specific responses achieved through additional spatial layers ie, precincts, development areas & overlays**



# *Format standard*

- **Rule tables not included**
- **Objectives, policies and rules grouped with like provisions**
- **Making provision type and status clearer to users**
- **More defined and consistent schedules**
- **Alpha-numbering retained but revised**



# *Electronic accessibility & functionality*

## **Basic requirements to be met within one year**

- Plans no more than three clicks from council home page
- Word searchable
- Digital datasets uploaded to data.govt.nz
- Datums and projections must meet Datum NZGD2000 and NZTM2000
- New policy statement or plan information must meet Datum NZVD2016



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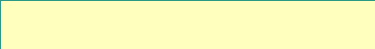
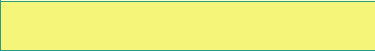


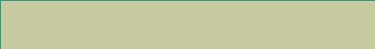
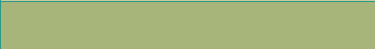
## **Requires plans and policy statements to transition to ePlan system**

- Sets functionality requirements systems must meet, such as property search
- Must be able to print and view plan as a whole
- Submissions function
- View at any date



# Mapping standard

- Colours for zones revised to be more clearly differentiated
- Some overlay symbols removed, others revised
- Can include own symbols for other mapped features

Zone name	Colour	Description
Large lot residential zone		RGB: 242, 235, 204
Low density residential zone		RGB: 255, 255, 190
General residential zone		RGB: 245, 245, 122
Medium density residential zone		RGB: 254, 219, 125
High density residential zone		RGB: 255, 181, 97
General rural zone		RGB: 181, 187, 125
Rural production zone		RGB: 168, 181, 122

# *Designations & noise metrics standards*

## **Requiring authority table revised for clarity**

- Separated from zone framework standard
- One chapter for each requiring authority & one table for each designation
- Conditions can be an appendix, free text or linked
- Acronyms for most common requiring authorities

## **Some New Zealand noise and vibration Standards have been incorporated by reference**

- Plan rules to manage noise must be in accordance with the standard mandatory noise measurement methods & symbols, or metrics for peak particle velocity

# *Planning standards into the future*

- They are now in the national direction toolbox
- Some ideas for future planning standards have been shared by industry groups and stakeholders



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# *We're focusing on 1:1 support*

- **Focusing 1:1 support to drafting drafting full reviews now**
- **Providing initial guidance with gazettal**
- **Further guidance and/or case studies later**
- **Collaboration between councils will be important**
- **We're working with the following councils who are going through reviews:**
  - **New Plymouth District Council**
  - **Timaru District Council**
  - **Porirua City Council**
  - **Whanganui District Council**
  - **Waimakariri District Council**
  - **Nelson City Council**
  - **Wellington City Council**
  - **Napier City Council**
  - **Waikato District Council**



# *If you need more information*

- Recommendations reports
- s32AAs
- If you can't find answers in the reports get in contact

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# *Question time*



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