

## 14 CONSERVATION AND RESERVE ZONE

### 14.1 ZONE DESCRIPTION AND ISSUES

- 14.1.1 Under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Department of Conservation has decided not to designate the land it administers. The zoning of this land has been left to the District Council.
- 14.1.2 Te Urewera National Park is a recognised conservation area, with significant ecological, landscape and cultural values. The Park has been set aside and is managed under the National Parks Act 1980. A large part of the Park is in the Wairoa District. It comprises Lake Waikaremoana and other small lakes, and an extensive area of indigenous vegetation. The National Park is a popular recreational facility; there is a settlement near Lake Waikaremoana and the waters of the lake are a source of energy production. The lake and surrounding area has significance for tangata whenua.
- 14.1.3 Department of Conservation is responsible for administering the Park through the provisions of an operative Management Plan.
- 14.1.4 The District Council has a function to control the actual and potential effect of the use, development or protection of land governed by the National Parks Act, for activities not carried out by the Crown. Section 4 of the Resource Management Act 1991 provides an exemption for any activity or work of the Crown, provided it is consistent with a conservation management strategy, conservation management plan, or management plan, and does not have significant adverse effects beyond the boundary of the area of land. Relevant documents for Wairoa include the 'East Coast Conservation Management Strategy' (CMS) and the 'Te Urewera National Park Management Plan' established under the Conservation Act 1987.
- 14.1.5 Land in this zone is set aside for a range of values associated with conservation and or recreation. This zone comprises:
- land set aside as Te Urewera National Park pursuant to the National Parks Act 1980. This land is identified on the planning maps and listed in [Schedule 3](#).
  - reserves of the Crown and or the District Council which have operative Management Plans prepared under the Reserves Act 1977, or one covered by the East Coast Conservation Management Strategy.
  - reserves of the District Council, which have no operative Management Plan. These include parks and reserves that are set-aside primarily for recreation. This land is identified on the planning maps and listed in [Schedule 3](#).

### 14.2 OBJECTIVES

- 14.2.1 To recognise, maintain and enhance the nationally important natural/ecological values of Te Urewera National Park and other areas within the zone, as well as their significance to tangata whenua.
- 14.2.2 To seek to provide public access to and along rivers and lakes identified as significant in [Schedule 5](#) where this is compatible with the protection of conservation values.
- 14.2.3 To promote the sustainable management of existing activities, while protecting conservation values.

### 14.3 POLICIES

- 14.3.1 Ensure that activities and development in Te Urewera National Park are consistent with the requirements of Te Urewera National Park Management Plan prepared under the National Parks Act 1980, and the East Coast Conservation Management Strategy for other areas administered by the Department of Conservation.
- 14.3.2 To ensure that activities and development undertaken in Te Urewera National Park or other areas administered by the Department of Conservation do not cause adverse effects beyond their boundaries, by using regulation as appropriate.
- 14.3.3 Ensure existing activities can continue to operate within the zone while recognising the sensitive nature and significant values associated with the surrounding environment.
- 14.3.4 When processing subdivision applications, to consider the need or appropriateness of esplanade reserves or strips along rivers listed in [Schedule 5](#) consistent with enhancement of recreational values whilst protecting conservation values.

### 14.4 METHODS

- 14.4.1 Land Management Zone Rules and Assessment Criteria.

### 14.5 EXPLANATION & REASONS

- 14.5.1 The objectives and policies for the Conservation & Reserves Zone centre around identifying and protecting specific conservation reserves and other reserves (particularly Te Urewera National Park), and ensuring activities in this zone are complementary to the use of these areas.

### 14.6 ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL RESULT

- 14.6.1 Maintenance and enhancement of the conservation and amenity values associated with Te Urewera National Park and other areas with nationally, regionally and locally important conservation and/or recreational values.

### 14.7 RULES

#### Permitted Activities

- 14.7.1 Any activity that complies with all the standards and conditions for permitted activities.

#### Controlled Activities

- 14.7.2 Any activity that is unable to comply with all the standards and conditions for permitted activities, but is provided for in any relevant approved Management Plan.

#### Discretionary Activities

- 14.7.3 Any activity that is unable to comply with all the standards and conditions for permitted activities and is not provided for in any relevant approved Management Plan.

**14.8 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS/CONDITIONS FOR PERMITTED ACTIVITIES****NOISE**

14.8.1 All activities shall be designed and conducted to ensure that the following noise limits are not exceeded:

A. At or within the notional boundary of any dwelling or place of assembly:

7am to 10pm	50 dBA L10
10pm to 7am	40 dBA L10
On any day between 10pm – 7am	65 dBA Lmax

And/or

B. At or within the boundary of any site in the Conservation & Reserves Zone other than the site from which the noise is being emitted:

At all times	45 dBA L10
At all times	65 dBA Lmax

14.8.2 Impulse noise resulting from use of small arms, explosives, explosives simulators or gas gun bird scarers shall not exceed 122dBC (peak).

**ODOUR**

14.8.3 Note: The discharge of odour to air is controlled by rules in the Hawke's Bay Regional Air Plan and Proposed Regional Resource Management Plan. Land use zoning and separation distances are the methods employed within the District Plan to deal with odour issues.

**GLARE**

14.8.4 Light emissions measured from any site shall not exceed a measurement of 10 lux (lumens per square metre) measured at 1.5 metres above ground level at the site boundary.

14.8.5 No building or structure shall be finished with materials that create a glare nuisance to neighbouring properties or road users.

**PRIVACY, SHADING AND VISUAL AMENITY**

14.8.6 All buildings shall meet the following bulk and location requirements:

Minimum Front yard	15.0m
Minimum Side yards	15.0m
Minimum Rear yard	15.0m
Maximum Building height	10.0m

## SIGNS

- 14.8.7 Signs shall be for the following purposes only:
- Traffic control and advisory signs
  - “Welcome To” signs
  - Signs required to be erected by statute
  - Signs identifying a site of special scenic, historic or cultural interest
  - Warning signs related to aspects of public safety
  - Signs and interpretation panels providing angling and hunting information.

## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

- 14.8.8 The use, storage, disposal or transportation of hazardous substances shall not exceed the Low Threshold hazard Factor (refer definitions and [Appendix III](#) for examples).
- 14.8.9 Any activity involving the use, storage, disposal or transportation of hazardous substances on-site, shall ensure that any area or container used, is designed, constructed and managed to prevent any leakages or spills.

## NATURAL HAZARDS

- 14.8.10 Any structures or buildings in flood prone areas shall be constructed with a freeboard of not less than 300mm above the 50-year flood level (2 percent probability of occurring annually). Flood prone areas are as identified on the planning maps.

## EARTHWORKS

- 14.8.11 Earthworks activities shall meet the following standards:

Max Vol (m <sup>3</sup> ) over 12 months per site	50
Max face height (m)	1.5
Max area of work per site (m <sup>2</sup> )	300
Proximity to water body measured from the bank edge at bank full height, or MHWS	No closer than 20m.

Note: The volume of earthworks is to be measured prior to excavation.

## OTHER DISTRICT WIDE RULES

- 14.8.12 All activities must also comply with the rules contained in the following chapters of this Plan (where relevant):
- Cultural Heritage ([Chapter 22](#))
  - Indigenous Vegetation and Habitats of Indigenous Fauna ([Chapter 23](#))
  - Access and Parking ([Chapter 24](#))
  - Surface of Water ([Chapter 25](#))
  - Subdivision ([Chapter 27](#))
  - Information Requirements ([Chapter 28](#)).

Note: activities associated with the construction and maintenance of utilities are provided for in [Chapter 26](#).