

D3. High-use Stream Management Areas Overlay

D3.1. Background

A number of streams in Auckland are under pressure from demands to take water or use water. The high use of these streams creates conflicts between the amount of water being abstracted, the amount of water needed for assimilating the adverse effects of discharges, and the amount of water required to maintain ecological values and base flows. Management of high-use streams can be particularly difficult during summer months when stream flows are generally at their lowest.

The rules relating to the High-use Stream Management Areas Overlay are located in E7 Taking, using, damming and diversion of water and drilling.

D3.2. Objectives [rp]

- (1) Water continues to be available from high-use streams within limits while safeguarding the life-supporting capacity and amenity values of the stream.
- (2) The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River in Schedule 2 of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 is recognised in the management of streams in the lower catchment of the Waikato River in Auckland, where applicable.

D3.3. Policies [rp]

- (1) Manage streams within the following catchments and sub-catchments as part of the High-use Stream Management Areas Overlay:
 - (a) Whangaripo Stream, a sub-catchment of the Hōteu River catchment;
 - (b) Mahurangi River;
 - (c) Waitoki, Waikahikatea and Waipapakura streams, sub-catchments of the Kaukapakapa River catchment;
 - (d) Waimauku Stream and Kumeū River, sub-catchments of the Kaipara River catchment;
 - (e) Puhinui Stream in the Manukau area;
 - (f) Taitaia Stream, a sub-catchment of the Wairoa River catchment;
 - (g) Hays Creek in the Papakura area; and
 - (h) Ngakoroa, Mauku and Waitangi streams in the Franklin area.
- (2) Require the take or use water from an area in the High-use Stream Management Areas Overlay to:
 - (a) ensure that other water takes can continue to operate;
 - (b) maintain in-stream ecological values;

- (c) maintain Mana Whenua values; and
 - (d) maintain the stream's amenity values.
- (3) Avoid as far as practicable and otherwise remedy or mitigate adverse effects on other uses of the stream and, in particular, avoid reducing the stream's assimilative capacity as far as practicable from proposals to discharge contaminants into high-use streams (or into or onto land where the contaminants may percolate into high-use streams).