

Coastal Plan review:

Protecting a surf break

What does it mean?

The Taranaki Regional Council is reviewing the Coastal Plan for Taranaki, which is the rule book for activities in the 'wet part' of the coast.

Council undertook a 'wave survey' as part of the review. It allowed the community to tell us which surf breaks are valued, and why. This information was used to determine the appropriate level of protection for each break.

In the Proposed Coastal Plan, all surf breaks are protected through the resource consent process. But the level of protection will vary. Surf breaks have been classified as either Nationally Significant, Regionally Significant or Locally Significant.

Four surf breaks – Waiwhakaiho, Stent Road, Backdoor Stent and Farmhouse Stent – are protected through the national-level *New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement*. Any new activities or developments at these '**nationally significant**' breaks or within the **Significant Surf Area** will not be allowed to have any adverse effects.

Surf breaks classed as '**regionally significant**' in the Proposed Coastal Plan will also be protected to a high level – but to a slightly lesser degree. Almost all activities or developments will not be able to have any adverse effect. And where an activity or development is significant enough to be allowed to proceed, any adverse effects must be remedied or mitigated.

If a surf break is classed as '**locally significant**' in the revised Coastal Plan, the merits of any new activity or development will need to be weighed up against the merits of leaving the break undisturbed. Where a new activity or development is allowed, any adverse effects will need to be remedied or mitigated.

A list of surf breaks, along with their classification, is included in the Proposed Coastal Plan.

What are we protecting surf breaks from?

The following types of activities or developments have the potential to affect surf breaks.

- Seawall, pipeline, groyne, breakwater, jetty.
- Dredging and mining.
- Disruption of access.
- Wind farm.
- Offshore structures.
- Wastewater discharge.

Feedback and more information


Go to www.trc.govt.nz/coastal-plan-review/ to find:


- The Proposed Coastal Plan in full.
- The Section 32 Evaluation Report.
- Other technical and background papers.
- An online form for making a submission to the Council.

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