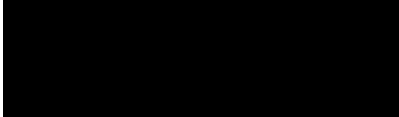


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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 04 August 2022 in which you asked for:

“a list of those councils who have not yet implemented the NZCPS 2010.”


Our records (refer to Appendix 1) indicate that the following regional councils and unitary authorities have not yet implemented the NZCPS 2010 through their regional coastal plans:

- Waikato
- Gisborne
- Hawke’s Bay
- Tasman
- Nelson
- West Coast
- Canterbury
- Otago
- Southland.


The best means of assessing the status of council plans is from the councils themselves.

DOC completed a [review of the effect of the NZCPS 2010](#) on RMA decision-making in 2017, which is available on the DOC website. This review highlighted that although implementation was well advanced in some places, that the issues were complex and that implementation of the NZCPS 2010 would occur gradually over a period of years. Resourcing issues have been identified as a factor impeding timely coastal planning processes by councils.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department’s website.



Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix 1 – Regional Coastal Plan status

(updated July 2022)

Region	Operative date	Generation 1 or 2?	Gives effect to NZCPS (2010)? ¹	Comments
Northland	2004	1	soon	Currently in appeals on G2 combined plan. May be operative 2023 or 2024.
Auckland	2018	2	yes	Unitary Plan. Carrying out multiple small plan changes.
Waikato	2005	1	no	2022: Consultative draft released; expect to notify in early 2023(?)
Bay of Plenty	2019	2	yes	Most of Plan operative in 2019. Motiti provisions became operative in 2021.
Gisborne	2006?	1	no	Merged into a combined plan; review commenced but coastal provisions will be last
Hawkes Bay	2014	2	no	No update on intentions for review.
Taranaki	1997	1	soon	Currently in appeals on a coastal environment plan. Expected to be operative 2023.
Manawatu-Whanganui	2014	2	no	No update on intentions for review
Wellington	2000	1	soon	Recently completed appeals on combined plan. Expected to be operative in 2023.
Tasman	2008	1	no	Consulting on a second generation combined plan.
Nelson	2006	1	no	Combined RPS/plan on hold for reforms.
Marlborough	2011	1	soon	Currently in appeals on a combined plan. Expected to be operative 2023 or 2024.
West Coast	2001	1	no	Withdrew a notified plan to wait for the reforms.
Canterbury	2005	1	no	2022: Consulting on RPS, then RCP?
Otago	2001	1	no	2022: Consulting on RPS, then RCP?
Southland	2013	2	no	2022: Drafting a new coastal plan
Chatham Islands	2020	2	yes	Some confusion over status of lagoon being in the coastal marine area.
Kermadecs and Sub-Antarctics	2017	1	yes	Consulting on a plan change

¹ Based on timing of notification – plans notified prior to December 2010 will not give effect to the NZCPS (2010)