

## **Background Information**

### **Proposed District Plan Change 35 – Hazardous Substances**

#### **Purpose of Proposed Plan Change 35**

The hazardous substances provisions in the District Plan need to be revised in accordance with changes to the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. The District Plan is not currently consistent with this legislation. Changes are made to almost every rule and policy in the Plan relating to hazardous substances as a result of this revision. Generally, these are minor changes.

The Ministry for the Environment have also reviewed the Hazardous Facilities Screening Procedure (HFSP). The HFSP is a procedure used in the Wellington City District Plan that helps to determine whether a resource consent is required for hazardous substances at a particular location. A plan change is required to replace the existing version of the HFSP in the District Plan with the revised version.

Other changes to the hazardous substances provisions have been suggested by the resource consents team. These have been investigated and have resulted in proposed changes to the Effects Ratio thresholds (which determine whether a consent is required and if so, the appropriate level of consent). Amendments are also required to references to documents that sit outside the plan, eg. codes of practice.

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