

## Port Zone

### Issues

The purpose of the zone is to:

- recognise and provide for a range of port and port-related activities that are dependent on a location within or adjacent to the coastal environment; and
- the important contribution the port makes to the Timaru District economy, as regionally significant infrastructure.

The issue is, while the Operative District Plan's Industrial H zoning provides for port activities, it does not recognize the district and regional significance of the Port.

### Operative District Plan Approach

The Port area is located in the Operative District Plan's Industrial H zone. The Industrial H zone is not specific to the Port area. It provides for heavy industrial activities that have more adverse effects and which should be separated from residential and other sensitive activities. All industry, good storage, port, rail and trucking related facilities are permitted in the Industrial H zone.

### Proposed Plan Approach

The Port Zone provides for the establishment and operation of the Port of Timaru and the establishment, operation and growth of a range of industrial activities and other compatible activities that:

1. contribute to the economic wellbeing of the District;
2. do not compromise the strategic role and function of any of the Commercial and Mixed Use Zones; and
3. maintain the amenity values of adjacent Residential Zones and Open Space and Recreation zones.

The provisions of the Port Zone deal with the Port zone collectively and the Port Operational area specifically. The objective of the Port Operational area is the efficient and effective operation of the Port of Timaru is enabled to support its role as regionally significant infrastructure, recognising:

1. its significance to the economic well-being of Timaru District; and
2. its reliance on its location within and adjacent to the coastal environment; and
3. that adverse effects on sensitive environments are mitigated as far as practicable.

## Changes

### Key changes include:

New special purpose Port Zone created for the area east of the railway line at Timaru port.

The Port zone recognises the district and regional significance of the Port and its need for a coastal location.

Port and industrial activities are generally enabled in the Port zone.

### Reasons

The Port is regionally significant infrastructure and therefore it is important to enable Port and related industrial activities.

### What it Means in Practice

Port and related industrial activities are enabled subject to standards that seek to mitigate adverse effects on sensitive environments as much as possible.