

Māori Purpose Zone

Issues

The purpose of the zone is to specifically provide for Māori needs and activities, including residential, social, cultural, environmental and economic use and development, through a kāiika nohoaka approach which achieves a thriving, sustainable and self-sufficient Māori community. It has been developed to reflect the outcomes identified by Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited on behalf of Kāti Huirapa in a research report which identifies the aspirations for settlement to meet the needs of Kāti Huirapa whanau including:

- Flexibility to configure development to suit a communal lifestyle.
- An approach that enables community and business activities.
- Consistent rules irrespective of land tenure.
- A practical response to flood hazard that enables development while keeping people safe.
- Future proofing for water supply and wastewater services.
- Recognition of rangatiratanga over ancestral land.

Operative District Plan Approach

There is no Māori Purpose zone or any other provisions that specifically address and provide for the establishment of papakāinga housing or Māori communities on Māori or ancestral land in the Operative District Plan.

Draft Plan Approach

The approach to the Māori Purpose zone is to recognise the two key areas of Māori reserve land granted to Kāti Huirapa and to tailor the zone provisions for this land to enable future settlement growth by Kāti Huirapa. The rules for this zone are similar to the Rural Settlement zone with a tailored approach to provide for cultural uses and activities.

Changes

Key changes include:

Enable integration of whānaungatanga, mātauranga and tikanga in the use, design and layout of development within the zone

Enable appropriate and compatible activities within the zone that meet the needs of the Kāti Huirapa community and avoiding incompatible activities

Provide for consideration of other locations for the zone to meet Kāti Huirapa needs in the future.

Summary of key rules

Permitted activities

- Residential and Home stays
- Home occupations
- Marae complexes
- Whare taonga
- Urupā
- Pou
- Mahinga kai
- Community facilities
- Kōhanga reo and kura kaupapa
- Whare Hauora
- Māori cultural activities
- Hākinakina
- Ahuwhenua
- Conservation activities
- Public amenities

Restricted discretionary activities

- Commercial Services, Offices and Retail activities

Discretionary activities

- Industrial and Rural Industrial activities

Non-complying activities

- Mining and Quarrying, Plantation Forestry and Intensively Farmed Stock
- Wastewater and effluent ponds and effluent spraying

Reasons

To ensure that there is explicit provision within Timaru District to support Kāti Huirapa aspirations for a form of settlement that enables:

- Whanau to exercise rangatiratanga.
- A tikanga-based community on ancestral land.
- Cultural, economic and social activities that are needed to sustain the community.
- Flexibility to configure development to suit a communal lifestyle.
- Consistent rules irrespective of land tenure.

What it Means in Practice

Descendants of those granted the land for settlement purposes will be able to work towards the enhancement of whanau based settlement. Private landowners within the land identified as Māori Purpose zone may require resource consent to undertake some activities that are currently permitted.

