

Temporary Activities

Issues

Temporary activities that have a limited duration do not generate long-term effects and therefore there is benefit to enabling temporary activities in limited circumstances without a resource consent or with less restrictive requirements.

Operative District Plan Approach

The Operative District Plan manages temporary buildings and activities by permitting those that are limited in scale and duration.

Draft Plan Approach

The Operative District Plan provisions are retained but improved to meet the requirements of the National Planning Standards and to achieve best practice in policy drafting. The Temporary activities chapter addresses the management of temporary activities such as:

- Public and community events that are held from time to time to provide the community with recreational options
- Temporary buildings that are necessary for construction works
- Temporary military training that are required under the Defence Act 1990 to meet the Ministry of Defence's obligations.

Reasons

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) requested changes during the early stages of the District Plan Review process, which were accepted in part when drafting the new chapter. Improvements were needed to manage construction activity and community and recreational events.

What it Means in Practice

- Clear direction on what construction work temporary activities are permitted, so that people know what to do, and compliance can be monitored
- A more permissive but targeted approach to community and recreational events.
- A targeted approach to temporary training activities meaning that small scale events are permitted, while only large scale events attract the need for a resource consent application.