



25.0 RESERVE ZONE

25.1 Zone Statement

The intended outcome of the Reserve Zone is to provide for the sustainable management of parks, reserves and the surface of lakes and rivers in the South Waikato District.

Most parks and reserves in the South Waikato District, including private and state reserves, are included within the Reserve Zone. The Zone also includes the surface of lakes and most navigable rivers, existing and proposed esplanade reserves and riparian strips.

Resources of importance in the Reserve Zone include natural habitats, aesthetic and environmental quality, natural, historic and culturally significant features, recreational opportunities and visual amenity.

The South Waikato District has an adequate amount of land set aside for reserves overall, however, these reserves are disproportionately spread throughout the District. There are also a number of recreation reserves that are not presently used to their full potential, and a number of areas which have been identified by the community as being required for esplanade reserves or esplanade strips. Therefore, in some areas there is a need to provide more reserve areas in addition to managing existing reserves, so that they can meet the current and future needs of the community and/or aid in the management of conservation values.

In addition to the Planning Objectives in Section 3 of the District Plan and the objectives and policies stated in Part B of the District Plan, all activities in the Reserve Zone are subject to the following provisions.

25.2 Objectives

- 25.2.1 A sufficient area of publicly owned reserve land to ensure that the present and future needs of the District are met.
- 25.2.2 Provision of a wide range of recreational opportunities.
- 25.2.3 A high standard of visual, cultural, historical and ecological amenity and protection.
- 25.2.4 Provision of a network of esplanade reserves, esplanade strips and access strips along those streams, rivers and lakes which have significant natural, recreational, cultural, landscape, and/or amenity values.
- 25.2.5 Linkages between existing and new esplanade reserves.



- 25.2.6 Provision for recreational and other activities on lake and navigable rivers in a manner that is compatible with other uses and values of water.

25.3 Policies

- 25.3.1 To provide an adequate number, range and distribution of recreation reserves.
- 25.3.2 To encourage the establishment of reserves on the periphery of urban areas to maintain open space linkages between urban and rural areas.
- 25.3.3 To enable the reasonable availability of appropriate facilities for organised sport.
- 25.3.4 To encourage the use of recreation reserves and facilities to best advantage through multi-use management arrangements.
- 25.3.5 To provide for appropriately located and designed club houses associated with on-site sporting or recreational activities.
- 25.3.6 To ensure that reserve areas are developed and maintained in a manner which enables the public to enjoy them safely and pleasantly.
- 25.3.7 To ensure adequate public control over amenity areas where required or reasonable.
- 25.3.8 To establish and develop reserves in such a way as to enhance the amenity and visual character of the District whilst ensuring a minimum of conflict between recreational uses and adjoining land uses.
- 25.3.9 To ensure that where appropriate there is adequate public access to reserves adjacent to water bodies.
- 25.3.10 To encourage and/or require appropriate forms of riparian margin protection adjacent to water bodies which have significant natural, recreational, cultural, landscape, and/or amenity values.
- 25.3.11 To acquire esplanade reserves in all urban areas along streams or rivers to link with existing esplanade reserve systems as a condition of subdivision consents.
- 25.3.12 To enable a wide range of recreational activities within the Zone in a manner that does not have adverse effects on the environment.



- 25.3.13 To establish and maintain reserves for the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.

25.4 Methods to Achieve Objectives and Policies

Activities have been classified as Permitted, Controlled, or Discretionary based on the actual or potential adverse effects on the environment that could result from each activity.

In addition to the classification of activities and the development of Performance Standards for all activities in the Reserve Zone, a range of other methods have been adopted to help achieve the objectives and policies of this Zone.

- (i) Negotiation with landowners regarding esplanade and access strips.
- (ii) Funding to acquire land where necessary
- (iii) Management Plans under the Reserves Act 1977.
- (iv) Marginal Strips under the Conservation Act 1987.
- (v) QEII National Trust Covenants.

Refer to Section 15 (Heritage and Ecological Protection)

25.5 Permitted Activities

The following activities are Permitted in the Reserve Zone provided they conform to the Performance Standards specified in Section 25.9.

- (i) Any passive recreational activity.
- (ii) Active recreational activities excluding land based motor sports.
- (iii) Any sports or playground equipment.
- (iv) Fishing for sporting or traditional food gathering purposes.
- (v) The use of motorised vessels on the surface of the Waikato River (including the various hydro lakes).

25.6 Controlled Activities

There are no Controlled Activities in the Reserve Zone.



25.7 Discretionary Activities

The following Activities are Discretionary in the Reserve Zone.

- (i) Any activity listed as a Permitted Activity in Section 25.5 Rule B that does not conform to the Performance Standards in Section 25.9 for the Reserve Zone.
- (ii) Club Houses.
- (iii) Any building or structure accessory to any Permitted Activity.
- (iv) Licensed premises associated with a sports or recreation club or organisation.
- (v) Gun Clubs.
- (vi) The use of motorised vessels on the surface of all water bodies within the District other than the Waikato River (including the various hydro lakes) over 5 knots (5 km/h) within 5m of a river bank, stream bank or shore.

Note: This rule does not over-ride the requirements of any regulations under the Harbours Act 1950 or any other relevant legislation, but merely uses the speed of motorised vessels to determine the status of the activity for the purposes of this District Plan.

Resource consent applications for Discretionary Activities in the Reserve Zone will be assessed according to the Performance Standards in Section 25.9 and the criteria contained in Section 5 (Administration) of the District Plan.

25.8 Non-complying Activities

Activities that are not Permitted or Discretionary will be Non-complying and assessed according to the Performance Standards in Section 25.9 and the criteria contained in Section 5 (Administration) of the District Plan.

25.9 Performance Standards for all Activities

To avoid, remedy or mitigate any actual or potential adverse effect on the environment, the following Performance Standards are required to be met for Permitted Activities, and used as a guide for assessing Discretionary and Non-complying Activities.



25.9.1 **Landscape and Amenity Values**

All buildings shall conform to the following bulk and location requirements to minimise any adverse effects on the landscape or visual amenity of the Reserve Zone.

25.9.1.1 **Yard Requirements**

All Yards - 10 m.

25.9.1.2 **Height**

On Recreation Reserves:

Maximum height: 8m for buildings and structures except that there shall be no maximum height for goal posts associated with a sport of any code.

No part of any building shall protrude through a plane rising at an angle of 45 degrees commencing at the boundary.

On all other Reserves:

Maximum height: 1m.

25.9.2 **Part B: District Wide Planning Provisions**

Every activity undertaken in the Reserve Zone is required as a Performance Standard to comply with the rules detailed in Part B of the District Plan.

The following table provides a guide to the sections in Part B of the District Plan and reference should be made to the particular sections of Part B that are relevant to the activity.



Section	Resource Management Issue/Potential Effect
5	Administration
6	Tangata Whenua
7	Water
8	Air Quality
9	Transportation
10	Public Works and Network Utilities
11	Natural Hazards
12	Landscape and Amenity Values
13	Solid Waste Management
14	Noise
15	Heritage and Ecological Protection
16	Signs
17	Hazardous Substances
18	Subdivision and Development

25.10 Subdivision

All subdivisions within the Reserve Zone are deemed to be Non-complying Activities and will be assessed according to the performance standards and criteria contained in Section 25.9 of the Reserve Zone, Section 5 (Administration) and Section 18 (Subdivision and Development).

25.11 Principal Reasons

Parks and reserves need to be provided for and protected from conflict with inappropriate activities to ensure the aesthetic and environmental quality, natural historic and culturally significant features, recreational opportunities and visual amenity is protected throughout the District.

It is also important to control any actual or potential adverse effects of activities conducted on the surface of the District's lakes and navigable rivers to ensure the quality and amenity of the recreational resource is maintained.



25.12 Anticipated Environmental Results

It is anticipated that the objectives, policies and methods contained in this section of the District Plan will have the following environmental results.

- (i) There will be sufficient areas of publicly controlled reserve land to ensure the present and future needs of the District are met.
- (ii) A wide range of land and water based recreational opportunities will be provided for.
- (iii) A high standard of visual, cultural, historical and ecological amenity and protection will be achieved.
- (iv) A network of esplanade reserves, esplanade strips and access strips will be established in areas where a need for them has been identified by the community.
- (v) The tourist potential associated with the natural features of the District including bush walks and tramping is provided for and encouraged.