



3.0 PLANNING OBJECTIVES

This section of the District Plan details the Planning Objectives for the South Waikato District. In other words, it identifies the outcomes that the District Plan is intended to help achieve for the South Waikato District.

3.1 Overall Planning Objective for the District

The sustainable management of natural and physical resources in the South Waikato District.

3.2 Planning Objectives

- (i) The maintenance and enhancement of the landscape and amenity values of the District.
- (ii) Safe and efficient transport systems.
- (iii) The recognition and protection within the District of significant cultural historic and natural sites including ecosystems, indigenous vegetation and wildlife habitats.
- (iv) The sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the District in a manner that will enable people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing and for their health and safety.
- (v) Adverse effects on the environment avoided, remedied, or mitigated.
- (vi) The sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the District to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations.
- (vii) The presentation of the natural character of significant wetlands, lakes and rivers and their margins from inappropriate subdivision, use and development within the District.

3.3 Explanation of Planning Objectives

The Planning Objectives sought to be achieved by the District Plan are intended to help achieve the purpose and principles of the Resource Management Act 1991 along with the desires and aspirations of the community.



The Planning Objectives have been developed based on the following sources of information and views:

- (i) the Resource Management Act 1991;
- (ii) submissions and comments received from the community on the *South Waikato District Council: Review of District Plan - Discussion Document*;
- (iii) workshops held with Councillors as elected representatives of the community and with senior Council staff; and
- (iv) consultation with *tangata whenua*, resource users, and key interested parties.

The Planning Objectives should reflect the overall desires of the community regarding the management of natural and physical resources within the District while fulfilling Council's functions and legislative responsibilities under the Resource Management Act 1991.