

Your submission to Proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land



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What are the values and benefits associated with existing food growing hubs and how can these be maximised?

Notes

The location of such highly productive land (HPL) close to urban centres reduces food carbon miles in a climate challenged world. People can see where their food is coming from. Under no circumstances should we be forced to purchase vegetables and other key produce from overseas because we have lost our most productive soils.

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What are the values and benefits associated with highly productive land?

Notes

This is about protecting our food for future generations when we may be limited about where we can import food from (due to reduced rapid transport or whatever reason). We are avid and experienced non-commercial gardeners and have tried to create a garden on poor hill-country soils. This did not work very well and it was only when we imported soil that we got good production across many types of veges.

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Does the RMA framework provide sufficient clarity and direction on how highly productive land should be managed? Why/why not?

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Currently it is not working as Councils continue to develop low-density housing across our best soils.

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How should highly productive land be considered when planning for future urban expansion?

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Zoned as protected and only develop for urban use if there is no alternative and off-set mitigation is paid. The type of urban development must be dense multi-storey buildings to ensure the expansion is as minimal as possible.

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Do you think there are potential areas of tension or confusion between this proposed National Policy Statement and other national direction (either proposed or existing)?

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I think they can work very well together

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How can the proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land and the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development best work alongside each other to achieve housing objectives and better management of the highly productive land resource?

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Denser housing maybe slightly more expensive to build, but it is the price we should pay for ensuring we save our HPL for growing food. Denser housing means more efficient public transport, more efficient water, sewage, electricity and other services and many other benefits. We need to look after mother earth.

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How should highly productive land be considered when identifying areas for urban expansion?

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Ensure developers avoid or off-set. Celebrate HPL through education of the masses.

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Should these policies be directly inserted into plans without going through the Schedule 1 process (i.e. as a transitional policy until each council gives effect to the National Policy Statement)? What are the potential benefits and risks?

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Yes

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What is an appropriate and workable timeframe to allow councils to identify highly productive land and amend their policy statements and plans to identify that land?

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Within 5 years.

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