

INDICATIVE RURAL PRODUCTION AREAS

This colour and pattern identifies the Indicative Rural Production Areas on the Planning Maps



The Rural Production Zone provides for 17 long-established industrial, mineral extraction and power generation sites. Often these activities have a functional need to locate near the natural resource they rely on. The Waikato Regional Policy Statement requires Council to provide for the continued operation and development of these sites, particularly where they are regionally significant activities. To do this, these sites have been allocated their own zone. Click [here](#) to read the fact sheet for the Rural Production Zone.

Some sites that qualify as a regionally significant mineral resource have indicated that they wish to expand their operations over the lifetime of the new district plan. These potential areas of expansion are mapped as Indicative Rural Production Areas. These areas are adjacent to the proposed Rural Production Zone where the current operations occur.

Because the Waikato Regional Policy Statement requires us to provide for the continued operation and development of regionally significant mineral resources, mapping these areas is a good way of achieving this.

What are the draft rules for these areas?

- The indicative areas are in the General Rural Zone so the normal zone rules apply
- There is one rule which applies only if you wish to subdivide in close proximity to one of these areas. All subdivision needs a resource consent in both the current and new district plans. The new district plan makes sure that the location of the new allotment is considered in respect of the current and proposed activities in the Rural Production Zone and adjacent indicative area
- Just because these indicative areas have been identified it does not mean they will be granted a resource consent or plan change to expand

Please note this factsheet is a summary and does not include the full set of rules. You can read the full set of rules [here](#)