

RURAL PRODUCTION ZONE

This colour identifies the Rural Production Zone 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.

● Quarries

- Taharoa Ironsands
- Ravensdown Supreme Lime Quarry
- Graymont Oparure Quarry
- Rorisons Lime Quarry
- Tuckers Quarry
- Piopio Quarry
- Symonds Quarry
- Greywacke Quarry
- Awakino Quarry

● Mineral Processing

- Omya Mineral Processing Plant
- Rorisons Serpentine Quarry

● Meat processing

- Te Kuiti Meat Processors
- Crusader Meats

● Hydroelectric power generation

- Wairere Hydro Power Station
- Mokauiti Hydro Power Station
- Speedies Road Hydro Power Station
- Boulder Creek Road Hydro Power Station



What are the differences between the current and the draft district plans?

- The current district plan provides for many of these sites as special industrial activities. The new district plan has updated the list of sites to include new activities and remove sites no longer operating. The new plan also rezones several sites from industrial zoning into the rural production zone.
- The current district plan allows these activities to operate and expand within limits and this approach has been adopted in the new district plan.
- Many of these activities are large and create effects such as noise, dust, trucks and vibration. Council needs to balance the ongoing operation of these sites while ensuring that any adverse effects they generate are properly managed.
- The new district plan also tries to pre-empt sensitive activities such

as houses and schools, from locating too close to these sites. Where they cannot be moved to another location, design controls can help mitigate the impact of the rural production operation on the new sensitive activity. Click here to read the fact sheet for the indicative rural production areas

- The new district plan anticipates that expansion of these sites may occur in the future. However there are rules including limits on the size of new buildings, restrictions on much of the site can be covered by buildings and setback requirements from site boundaries.
- The new plan also introduces some amenity controls to help mitigate effects on neighbouring properties such as landscaping and screening requirements. These can only apply when new buildings or activities establish.

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](#)