About Designations

Introduction

Land, water, subsoil or airspace required for infrastructure or public works can be identified and provided for using an enabling method expressly prescribed in the Resource Management Act 1991 called a designation.

The purpose of the Designations chapter is to identify and provide for designations which have been requested by requiring authorities in the Whangārei District.

A designation:

- Enables the identification and use of land required for a public work or for network utility infrastructure.
- Can only be sought by an approved requiring authority.
- Restricts the use of land, water, subsoil, or airspace where this is necessary for the safe or efficient functioning or operation of a specified public works or network utility infrastructure.
- Requires written approval of the requiring authority responsible for the designation before a third party can undertake an activity within the land designated.
- Enables activities to be undertaken without resource consent that may have otherwise required a resource consent in the underlying zone provided the activities are in accordance with the designation.

Requiring authorities include ministers of the Crown, local authorities and approved network operators.

A public work or project could include a school, police station, road, park, or a network utility (such as electricity transmission lines, airports and associated airspace, public water supply damns and treatment facilities, sewage reticulation and treatment facilities).

Requiring Authorities

Requiring authorities with designations in the Whangarei District are those set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Requiring Authority

Identifier	Name
CNZ	Chorus Limited
CTS	Channel Terminal Services Limited
FGL	First Gas Limited
KRH	Kiwi Rail Holdings Limited
KL	Kordia Limited
MSNZ	Meteorological Service of New Zealand
MCOU	Minister of Courts
MEDU	Minister of Education
MPOL	Minister of Police
NZTA	New Zealand Transport Agency
NRC	Northland Regional Council
NPL	Northpower Limited
RNL	Radio New Zealand Limited
SPK	Spark New Zealand Limited
TPR	Transpower New Zealand Limited
WDC	Whangarei District Council

Designations

Designations in the Whangarei District Plan include those within Whangārei District held by each requiring authority identified in Table 1. Each requiring authority has a dedicated chapter in the Whangarei District Plan containing confirmed designations. The designations are shown in the Whangarei District Plan using maps and tables.

Maps

Designations are identified on the Planning Maps using a unique designation identifier and “Polygon Fill: None RGB 20, 177, 231; Outline width: 1.5 pts”, which shows the extent of the designation boundaries.

Tables

Relevant information is included about each designation in a separate table for each designation in the format outlined in the example below. The tables are listed alpha numerically using the designation’s unique identifier.

Table 2: Designation Format in Whangarei District Plan

Name of Designation	
Designation unique identifier	[insert requiring authority unique identifier – sequential number]
Designation purpose	[insert designation purpose]
Site Identifier	Site name: [insert facility name or n/a] Legal description: [insert legal description or n/a] Physical address: [insert address or area or n/a] Site description: [insert site description or n/a]
Lapse date	[insert the lapse date or identify that the designation has been given effect]
Designation hierarchy under section 177 of the Resource Management Act 1991	[insert 'Primary', 'Secondary' or 'Varies']
Conditions	[insert 'Yes' and a link to schedule or external document if not included below table or 'No']
Additional information	Environment map: [insert relevant planning map number] Legacy reference: [insert the designation's identified from previous planning documents or n/a]] Other: [insert any other relevant information or n/a]