

USERS GUIDE TO THE REGIONAL COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

This Plan consists of four Chapters and a number of appendices. Chapter 1 sets out introductory material and provides a brief physical description of the Gisborne Region's Coastal Environment.

Chapter 2 sets out Objectives, Policies and Methods concerning matters of national importance and issues related to Maori as set out in Part II, Sections 5,6,7 and 8 of the Resource Management Act (1991).

Chapter 3 sets out Objectives, Policies and Methods (excluding rules) for specific activity classes broadly outlined in Sections 12, 14, and 15 of the Resource Management Act (1991).

Chapter 4 deals with management processes and should be referred to in the first instance when any subdivision, use and development is being considered in the Coastal Environment. It defines the three management areas established in the Plan. These are:

The Protection Management Area

The General Management Area

The Port Management Area

These areas are further identified in map form in Appendix (1). Anyone wishing to undertake an activity in the Coastal Environment should first determine which management area the activity will occur in.

Each Management Area contains the Objectives, and Policies and all the rules relating to the type of activity proposed for that area. For instance, if the activity proposed to be undertaken is the construction of a boat ramp, first determine where the activity is proposed for and refer to the map in appendix (1) to determine which management area it is in. Turn to Chapter 4 and, under the heading of the Management Area you have determined (the Management Areas are colour coded in the chapter as they are on the map showing them) find the section on RULES for STRUCTURES. These rules will describe whether the activity is permitted, prohibited, controlled, discretionary or non-complying. If the activity is not permitted or prohibited a resource consent will be required and you should discuss your proposal with the Planning section of the Gisborne District Council.

Each rule has a number of cross-references alongside it, referring to other chapters of this plan and the Policies within those chapters that are relevant to that rule. The Policies are used by the consent authority to assist them in deciding whether to grant or decline a resource consent application and to establish appropriate conditions on any consent granted. They should be considered by applicants prior to applying for a resource consent in order to gain an appreciation of whether the resource consent is likely to be granted or not and, if so, the types of conditions likely to be imposed on the consent. They will also guide the applicant as to what information should be supplied with the application for a resource consent.

In another section of Chapter 4, the information requirements of Council for resource consent applications are set out as well as the circumstances in which the Council or Consent Authority will require financial contributions. These provisions should be read if the activity to be undertaken requires a resource consent.

