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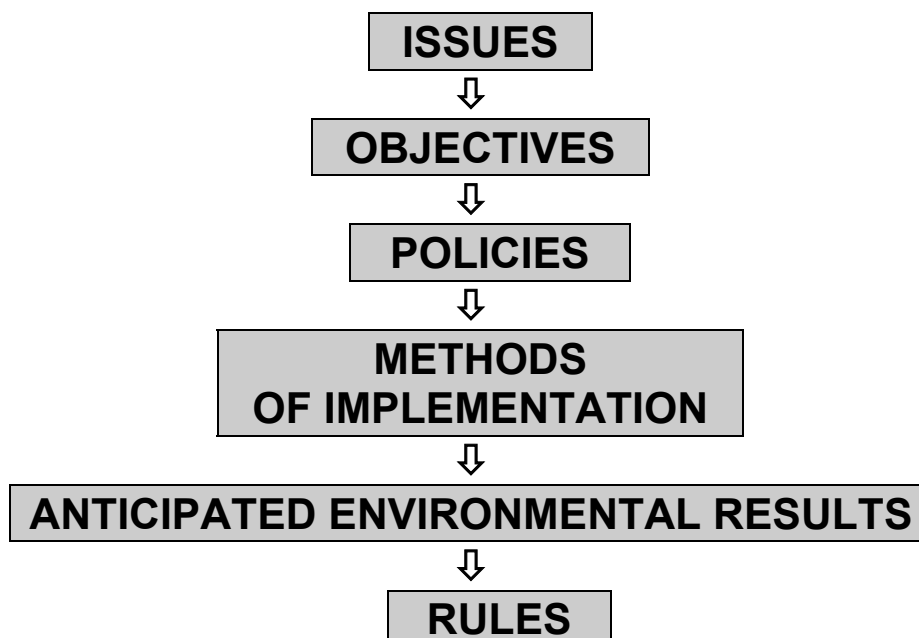
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GUIDE TO THE ROTORUA DISTRICT PLAN

The Rotorua District Plan was prepared under the *Resource Management Act 1991*. The Act establishes a framework within which plans, like this one, are prepared. This introductory statement has been included to help you find your way around the District Plan. **Part One** of the Plan sets out the basis of this framework and also highlights links to other relevant plans and strategies prepared by Council itself, Environment BOP, Environment Waikato and neighbouring districts. In **Parts Two** and **Three**, it is explained how Council intend to deal with specific legislative provisions relating to:

- Resource consents including a summary of the processes involved; and
- Monitoring. The monitoring strategy addresses consent monitoring, state of the environment monitoring, and how the effectiveness and suitability of the Plan will be assessed.

The remaining Parts of the Plan set out the ways in which the District's resources will be managed. The need to identify issues from which Objectives, Policies, Rules and other Methods are developed is a central requirement in the preparation of plans. The linking of the elements in this hierarchy is also important:



In **Part Four**, an overview of the significant resource management issues for the District is provided. These issues have been identified in developing the Plan, in consultation with people in the community. They are statements of problems or matters arising from managing the effects of the use, development and protection of the District's resources. These statements

are further developed in the issues statements at the beginning of the Parts that follow Part Four. To help you find those Parts of the Plan which further discuss particular issues, a table has been included at the end of **Part Four** showing these links.

Parts Five to Seventeen of the Plan deal with particular resource management matters for which Council has responsibility. After a brief discussion of relevant issues, the Objectives, Policies and Methods of Implementation set out how these issues will be addressed. Objectives focus on the outcomes being sought while Policies focus on ways of achieving these Objectives. Each Part also sets out the Anticipated Environmental Results from implementing the Objectives and Policies.

Most Parts contain Rules as a Method of Implementation. In the text the letter **R** preceding a number, for example **R6.2.2**, denotes a Rule. Performance Standards are widely used to assist in limiting the adverse effects of activities such as excessive noise, traffic and odour. Also included, are other methods to avoid remedy or mitigate adverse effects of activities such as the taking of bonds and financial contributions. Some Rules contained in the Appendices (**Part Eighteen**) provide information on matters such as historic sites and objects, and widths by which roads will be widened.

Part Nineteen of this Plan contains a set of definitions which explain the planning terms used.