

## SCHEDULE 6.8. FUNCTIONS OF REGIONAL COUNCIL

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AS SET OUT BY SECTION 30 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

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*Note: Reference should be made to the Act itself before this section is relied upon as the Act may have undergone amendment.*

### 30. FUNCTIONS OF REGIONAL COUNCILS UNDER THIS ACT -

- 1) Every regional council shall have the following functions for the purpose of giving effect to this Act in its region:
  - (a) The establishment, implementation, and review of objectives, policies, and methods to achieve integrated management of the natural and physical resources of the region:
  - (b) The preparation of objectives and policies in relation to any actual or potential effects of the use, development, or protection of land which are of regional significance:
  - (c) The control of the use of land for the purpose of –
    - (i) Soil conservation:
    - (ii) The maintenance and enhancement of the quality of water in water bodies and coastal water:
    - (iii) The maintenance of the quantity of water in water bodies and coastal water:
    - (iv) The avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards:
    - (v) The prevention or mitigation of any adverse effects of the storage, use, disposal, or transportation of hazardous substances:
  - (d) In respect of any coastal marine area in the region, the control (in conjunction with the Minister of Conservation) of –
    - (i) Land and associated natural and physical resources:
    - (ii) The occupation of space on land of the Crown or land vested in the regional council, that is foreshore or seabed, and the extraction of sand, shingle, shell, or other natural material from that land:
    - (iii) The taking, use, damming, and diversion of water:
    - (iv) Discharges of contaminants into or onto land, air, or water and discharges of water into water:
    - (v) The dumping and incineration of waste or other matter and the dumping of ships, aircraft and off-shore installations.
    - (vi) Any actual or potential effects of the use, development, or protection of land, including the avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards and the prevention or mitigation of any adverse effects of the storage, use, disposal, or transportation of hazardous substances:
    - (vii) The emission of noise and the mitigation of the effects of noise:
    - (viii) Activities in relation to the surface of water:
  - (e) The control of the taking, use, damming, and diversion of water, and the control of the quantity, level, and flow of water in any water body, including –
    - (i) The setting of any maximum or minimum levels or flows of water:
    - (ii) The control of the range, or rate of change, of levels or flows of water:
    - (iii) The control of the taking or use of geothermal energy:
  - (f) The control of discharges of contaminants into or onto land, air, or water and discharges of water into water:

- (g) In relation to any bed of a water body, the control of the introduction or planting of any plant in, on, or under that land, for the purpose of –
    - (i) Soil conservation:
    - (ii) The maintenance and enhancement of the quality of water in that water body:
    - (iii) The maintenance of the quantity of water in that water body:
    - (iv) The avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards:
  - (h) Any other functions specified in this Act.
- 2) The functions of the regional council and the Minister of Conservation under subparagraph (i) or subparagraph (ii) or subparagraph (ii) or subparagraph (vii) of subsection (1)(d) do not apply to the control of the harvesting or enhancement of populations of aquatic organisms, where the purpose of that control is to use, conserve, enhance, or develop any fisheries resource controlled under the Fisheries Act 1996.