



REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT (RPS)

The RPS sets the environmental, cultural and economic priorities for Southland's future.

City, district and regional plans must "give effect to", or implement, the vision in the RPS.

As Councils, working together in an integrated manner is essential to strengthen the region's communities, economy and environment for now and for the future.



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More than 62,000 tons of waste was sent to the Southland regional landfill in 2008 and a study has shown 74% could have been composted or recycled.

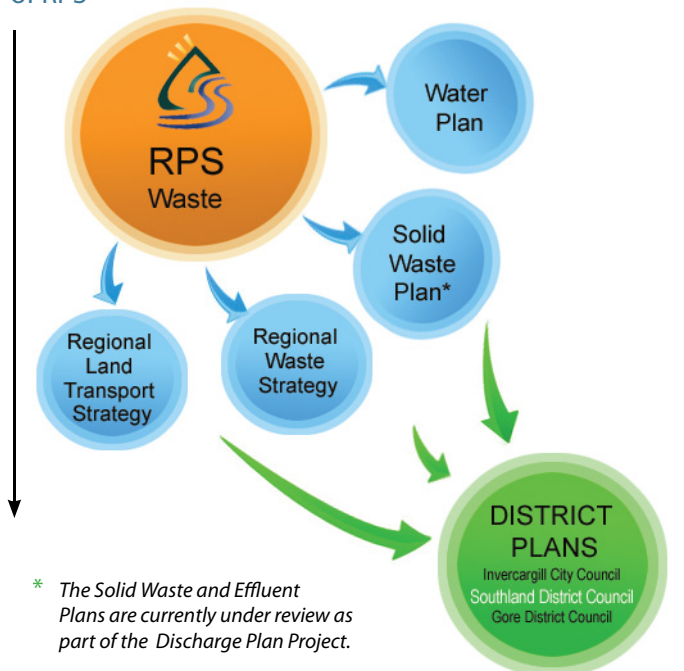
Management of waste is a growing concern and communities need to determine ways to reduce waste levels .

Issues

Some of the critical issues facing Southland's waste are:

- Solid/hazardous waste management.
- Improving recycling initiatives.
- Huge quantity of organic waste going to landfills.
- Concern about impacts of backyard or on-farm landfills.
- Risks associated with contaminated land.
- Need to align regional aims with national policies.

Implementation of RPS



* The Solid Waste and Effluent Plans are currently under review as part of the Discharge Plan Project.

Following completion of this project these Plans will be merged with the Water Plan creating one overall Plan dealing with all discharges.

Options

The following are possible approaches to address Southland's waste:

- Encourage the investigation and remediation of contaminated sites.
- Direct Environment Southland and WasteNet Councils to implement the New Zealand Waste Strategy.
- Direct Environment Southland and WasteNet Councils to track waste streams and report findings to the public.
- Support and fund new and existing waste minimisation initiatives.
- Monitor illegal tipping and the success of waste minimisation targets.
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of those managing hazardous substances.
- Adopt and implement Southland Regional Waste Strategy.

What do you think?

Is the use of economic incentives appropriate and/or effective for minimising waste in Southland?

What is the best way to divert organic and greenwaste from landfills?

What is the best way to identify/manage contaminated sites?

Should the Regional Policy Statement endorse the Southland Regional Waste Strategy?





DISTRICT PLAN

The Southland District Plan is the primary document that manages land use and development within the Southland District. The Plan is required to give effect to the Regional Policy Statement (RPS).

Waste management is an integral part of the sustainable management of the Southland District.



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Issues

Waste issues that need to be addressed as part of the District Plan review include:

- Management of historical waste disposal sites.
- Appropriate management and disposal of waste to minimise the number of contaminated sites.
- Minimising waste being taken to the regional landfill.
- Identifying issues associated with the disposal of waste in farm landfills.
- Management and use of hazardous substances.



Options

Options for addressing some of these issues include:

- Establishment of a regional organic/green waste facility.
- Continue to record and make available information on contaminated and potentially contaminated land.
- Continuing collaborative region wide approach to waste management.
- Continued monitoring of amounts and types of waste being deposited at the regional landfill.
- Waste minimisation initiatives.
- Research on farm landfills and development of Best Management Practice guidelines.
- Providing economic incentives to reduce waste.
- Development of objectives, policies and rules to control the use of land associated with hazardous substances.

Comments & Feedback

Please send your comments and feedback via email by 31 July 2009 to service@es.govt.nz or in hard copy to:

Environment Southland, Private Bag 90116, Invercargill 9840.

Further information: www.es.govt.nz and www.southlanddc.govt.nz or by phoning either council.

What do you think?

Should waste management be identified as a specific issue in the District Plan?

Are Council's existing recycling centres and refuse transfer stations providing adequate coverage?

Should farm landfills be surveyed and Best Management Practice guidelines developed?

