

PART V: WATER

INTRODUCTION

Part V applies to all uses of water including taking, diverting and damming water. Activities in beds of rivers, streams or lakes will be addressed in Part IV of the Plan. Part VI of the Plan addresses the discharge of contaminants into water and the management of water quality.

This Part of the Plan addresses freshwater and inshore coastal water. It does not address open coastal water. The Act allows open coastal water to be taken and used without restriction. (Discharge after use is separately regulated.)

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Chapter 30 deals with the water issues concerning the availability of water in water bodies and inshore coastal water for abstractions, diversions and use, and contains the objectives and policies for managing the quantity of water in water bodies and inshore coastal water throughout the District.

Chapter 31 states the rules applying to the taking, using, diverting and damming of water in water bodies and inshore coastal water.

Chapter 32 states the information requirements for water permit applications and coastal permit applications.

Part V constitutes regional plan provisions controlling the taking, using, diverting and damming of water and the management of water quantity. There are no rules in relation to the taking or using of heat or of energy from water including from coastal water. These activities continue to be addressed through Section 14 of the Resource Management Act. The effect of regional rules on water taking, using, damming and diverting activities is described in section 1.8.2 of the Plan.

Elements of Part V, along with Part III (Coastal Marine Area) and parts of Part VI (Discharges) constitute the Regional Coastal Plan. The Regional Coastal Plan, while incorporated into the Tasman Resource Management Plan, is approved by the Minister of Conservation and not the Council.

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Note: Other parts of this introduction are applicable to the coastal marine area but are not part of the Regional Coastal Plan.

