

About Designations

Land, water, subsoil or airspace required for infrastructure or public works can be identified and provided for using an enabling method expressly prescribed in the Resource Management Act 1991 called designation. The purpose of the Designations chapter is to identify and provide for designations which have been requested by requiring authorities in the Whangarei District.

A designation:

- Enables the identification and use of land required for a public work or for network utility infrastructure
- Can only be sought by an approved requiring authority
- Restricts the use of land, water, subsoil, or airspace where this is necessary for the safe or efficient functioning or operation of a specified public works or network utility infrastructure.
- Requires written approval of the requiring authority responsible for the designation before a third party can undertake an activity within the land designated
- Enables activities to be undertaken without resource consent that may have otherwise required a resource consent in the underlying zone provided the activities are in accordance with the designation.

Requiring authorities include ministers of the Crown, local authorities and approved network operators. A public work or project could include a school, police station, road, park, or a network utility (such as electricity transmission lines, airports and associated airspace, public water supply dams and treatment facilities, sewage reticulation and treatment facilities).

Requiring authorities with designations in the Whangarei District are:

Requiring Authority Unique Identifiers	
CNZ	Chorus Limited
FGL	First Gas Limited
KRH	Kiwi Rail Holdings Limited
KL	Kordia Limited
MSNZ	Meteorological Service of New Zealand
MCOR	Minister of Corrections
MCOU	Minister of Courts
MEDU	Minister of Education
MPOL	Minister of Police
NZTA	New Zealand Transport Agency

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NRC	Northland Regional Council
NPL	Northpower Limited
RNL	Radio New Zealand Limited
RNZ	Refining New Zealand
SPK	Spark New Zealand Limited
TPR	Transpower New Zealand Limited
WDC	Whangarei District Council

Designations in the Whangarei District Plan include designations within Whangarei District held by different requiring authorities. Each requiring authority has a dedicated chapter containing confirmed designations. The designations are shown in the Whangarei District Plan using maps and tables.

Maps

Designations are identified on the planning maps and in Council GIS viewer using a unique designation identifier and “Polygon Fill: None RGB 20, 177, 231; Outline width: 1.5 pts”, which shows the extent of the designation boundaries.

The PDF planning maps should be relied on for the extent of the designation boundaries. Designations depicted in Council’s GIS viewer should be treated as indicative.

Tables

Relevant information is included about each designation in a separate table for each designation in the format outlined in the example below. The tables are listed alpha numerically using the designation’s unique identifier.

[Name of Designation]	
Designation unique identifier	[insert requiring authority unique identifier – sequential number]
Designation purpose	[insert designation purpose]
Site identifier	Site name [insert facility name or n/a]
	Legal description [insert legal description or n/a]
	Physical address [insert address or area or n/a]
	Site description [insert site description or n/a]

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Lapse date	[insert the lapse date or identify that the designation has been given effect]
Designation hierarchy under section 177 of the Resource Management Act 1991	[insert 'Primary', 'Secondary' or 'Varies']
Conditions	[insert 'Yes' and a link to schedule or external document if not included below table or 'No']
Additional information	Environment map [insert relevant planning map number]
	Legacy reference [insert the designation's identifier from previous planning documents or n/a]
	Other [insert any other relevant information or n/a]

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