

Hazardous Substances Issues and Options

What do you think?

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Or comment online at
www.qldc.govt.nz/district_plan_review

Comments should be received by 31 January 2013 although feedback on these issues will be welcome at anytime during the review process.

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What are we doing?

We're currently reviewing the District Plan and looking at what works well and what needs to be changed.


We are looking at the chapter that manages hazardous substances because the current provisions are:

- not up to date
- not consistent with the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act hazard classifications
- not consistent with best practice
- not specific to the District

The HSNO Act

The Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO) governs the management of hazardous substances. It sets minimum performance standards for hazardous substances, regardless of where they are used, stored, transported or disposed of. While there is no need to duplicate HSNO requirements in the District Plan, additional controls may be appropriate for substances not controlled by HSNO or for issues which are not within scope of HSNO.


Q Do you think that the District Plan should include hazardous substance controls additional to the HSNO requirements?
☐ Yes ☐ No

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We think that the review should address the following issues:

- potential effects on human health and safety
- potential effects on natural environments/eco-systems
- hazardous facilities potentially subject to natural hazards (earthquake, flood, etc)

Q Do you think these are the correct issues?
☐ Yes ☐ No

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Questions we need to answer

What is a hazardous facility?

Our draft definition is “Activities involving hazardous substances and premises at which these substances are used, stored or disposed of. Storage includes vehicles for their transport located at a facility for more than short periods of time.”

The Resource Management Act defines a hazardous substance as “any substance with hazardous properties, including, but not limited to, those substances defined as hazardous for the purpose of the HSNO Act 1996 (RMA).”

Q Do you agree with these definitions?
☐ Yes ☐ No

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What approach will the plan use?

One way to control hazardous facilities in the District Plan is an [Activity Status Table](#). This is a table that shows the activity status (permitted, controlled or discretionary) for a particular quantity and HSNO class of hazardous substance. This approach could clearly and relatively simply show the activity status for the hazardous facility.

Q Is the [activity status table](#) easy to understand?
☐ Yes ☐ No


Q Do you agree with the limits we've proposed?
☐ Yes ☐ No

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How many gas bottles will be permitted in the residential and rural areas?

Currently up to and equal to 250 litres is a permitted activity. This is the equivalent of two large (45kg) gas bottles. As LPG is used widely for cooking and heating in the district we are looking at amending this to less than 200kg (equivalent of four large (45kg) gas bottles provided certain standards are met).

Q Do you agree that four large gas bottles should be permitted in the residential area (if standards are met)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

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