



District Wide Earthworks Chapter 25

Most types of land use or development require earthworks. The Earthworks chapter sets out the rules proposed to manage and minimise negative effects on our landscapes and amenity values.

Earthworks are a necessary component of installing and maintaining infrastructure.

Within urban areas, it is sometimes necessary to modify land to ensure the land being developed is functional, safe and stable and accesses and roads are built to appropriate gradients.

Undertaking any kind of earthworks has the potential to cause disruption or have a negative effect on amenity values. Earthworks can create dust and noise and if not carefully managed can cause soil erosion and result in sediment entering stormwater networks, lakes and rivers.

THE EXISTING SITUATION:

Our current rules limit the volume of earthworks based on the zone a property is located within. They also limit earthworks in the vicinity of water bodies and require erosion and sediment management.

Research undertaken by the Council has identified that erosion and sediment management is not being undertaken as well as it should be, particularly for medium and large scale urban subdivision and development activities.

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED:

The proposed earthworks chapter will replace the existing operative earthworks rules in most locations throughout the District.

The proposed rules generally maintain the same volume rules as the operative District Plan.

New rules are proposed that will require a resource consent for earthworks over 2,500m² area on sloping sites where the gradient is over 10 degrees, and 10,000m² area on flat sites. This reflects when it is likely that an erosion and sediment management plan might be required to mitigate any temporary effects of earthworks.

All activities involving earthworks must ensure that soil erosion is minimised and that sediment doesn't enter other properties or bodies of water.



Want to get into more detail?

Full details and other resources are available at www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan