



Part 3

Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE)

Resource Management Act 1991

Fourth Schedule

Section 88(6)(b)

1. **Matters that should be included in an assessment of effects on the environment** - Subject to the provisions of any policy statement or plan, an assessment of effects on the environment for the purposes of Section 88 (6) should include:
 - (a) A description of the proposal.
 - (b) Where it is likely that an activity will result in any significant adverse effect on the environment, a description of any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity.
 - (c) Repealed by Section 225 Resource Management Act Amendment 1993.
 - (d) An assessment of the actual or potential effects on the environment of the proposed activity.
 - (e) Where the activity includes the use of hazardous substances and installations, an assessment of any risks to the environment which are likely to arise from such use.
 - (f) Where the activity includes the discharge of any contaminant, a description of –
 - (i) The nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the proposed receiving environment to adverse effects; and
 - (ii) Any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other environment.
 - (g) A description of the mitigation measures (safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect.
 - (h) An identification of those persons interested in or affected to the views of those consulted.
 - (i) Where the scale or significance of the activity's effect are such that monitoring is required, a description of how, once the proposal is approved, effects will be monitored and by whom.

2. **Matters that should be considered when preparing an assessment of effects on the environment -**

Subject to the provisions of any policy statement or plan, any person preparing an assessment of the effects on the environment should consider the following matters:

- (a) Any effects on those in the neighbourhood and, where relevant, the wider community including any socio-economic and cultural effects.
- (b) Any physical effect on the locality, including any landscape and visual effects.
- (c) Any effects on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals and any physical disturbance of habitats in the vicinity.
- (d) Any effect on natural and physical resources having aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, or cultural or other special value for present or future generations.
- (e) Any discharge of contaminants into the environment, including any unreasonable emission of noise and options for the treatment and disposal of contaminants.
- (f) Any risk to the neighbourhood, the wider community, or the environment through natural hazards or the use of hazardous substances or hazardous installations.