

# Regional Policy Statement Plan Change 6 (NPS-UD)

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## What is Plan Change 6?

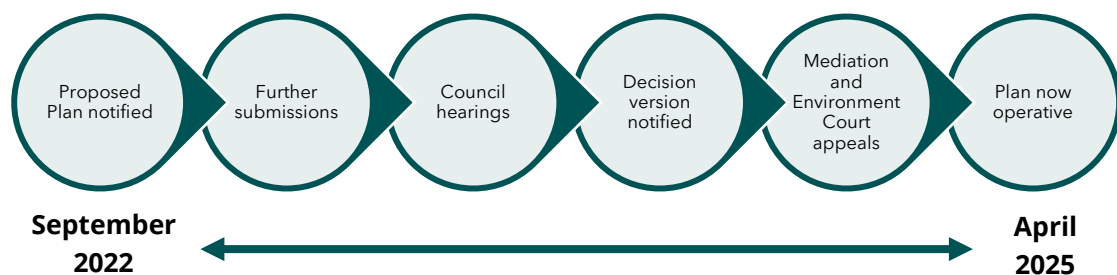
Under Plan Change 6, Bay of Plenty Regional Council sought to bring the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) in line with national direction for urban development. The National Policy Statement for Urban Development (NPS-UD) requires regional councils to amend their RPS to support the intensification of urban areas and enable more well-functioning urban development.

The RPS sets the policy direction that will guide how decisions are made about resource allocation and other planning matters. Plan Change 6 became operative on 17 April 2025, meaning that it is now fully in effect.

## HortNZ involvement

HortNZ submitted on Plan Change 6 in September 2022, seeking consideration of the need to protect highly productive land from inappropriate development, particularly due to the importance of quality soils for low emissions food production like horticulture.

HortNZ also sought explicit consideration of reverse sensitivity effects, meaning the times when neighbours complain about the sounds/smells/traffic movements/sprays of normal horticultural operations on horticultural land. HortNZ participated in hearings and presented industry evidence to support our submission. HortNZ did not file an appeal.



## WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [Bay of Plenty Regional Council website](#)
- [HortNZ's website](#)