

18.14 WATER AUGMENTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AREA (WAIMEA COMMUNITY DAM)

Refer to Policy set 15.1.3

18.14.1 Scope of Section

This section deals with land uses other than the Waimea Community Dam and its associated land uses and subdivisions in the Water Augmentation Infrastructure Area (Waimea Community Dam) as shown on the planning maps. Information required with resource consent applications is detailed in Chapter 19. The applicable rules for Rural 2 and Open Space Zones also continue to apply.

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Advice Note: The Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 may apply to some activities, including farming activities and activities in or near wetlands and rivers. The National Environmental Standard may alter the activity status of an activity and impose additional standards, information requirements, matters for assessment and criteria. Please ensure you have met any requirements in the regulations in addition to those in this plan.

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18.14.2 Land Use

18.14.2.1 Permitted Activities (Land Use or Subdivision)

Any land use is a permitted activity that may be undertaken without a resource consent, if it complies with the following conditions:

- (a) The land use is not construction of a dwelling or a non-relocatable structure.
- (b) The activity is not subdivision.

18.14.3 Dwellings, Non Relocatable Structures, and Subdivision

18.14.3.1 Non-Complying Activities (Construction of a Dwelling or Non-Relocatable Structure, and Subdivision)

Construction of a dwelling or a non-relocatable structure (other than the Waimea Community Dam and associated structures) or any subdivision (other than associated with the Waimea Community Dam) is a non-complying activity.

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A resource consent is required and may include conditions.

18.14.20 Principal Reasons for Rules

The Water Augmentation Infrastructure Area (Waimea Community Dam) provides a significant opportunity for augmentation of water supplies to the Waimea Plains. Existing water supplies in the Waimea Plains do not meet existing or potential future demand for water, and there is insufficient water to meet the needs of in-stream uses and values. Locations for the construction of water augmentation dams are a finite resource as location, topography, geology, river flows and existing land uses may all limit the suitability of sites for augmentation dams. The Lee River provides a suitable site for a dam to augment water supplies and it is important that it should be available for the construction of a dam without adverse effects to or from other land uses, especially residential land use or through the capitalisation of the land. The rules aim to protect the long-term potential of the site for water augmentation by reducing the incompatible land uses in the vicinity and preventing increasing capitalisation that would increase barriers to dam construction.

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