

Explanation

In implementing its Landscape Areas Policy the District Plan will target those landscapes which are considered to be pre-eminent in the District. The District Plan will schedule both Outstanding Natural Features and Significant Landscape Character Areas, identified as a result of the Outstanding Landscape Assessment carried out by the Council, as well as listing the key elements, patterns and character that contribute to their significance. These are listed in Appendix 12.2-1 and 12.2-2, and are shown on the Planning Maps.

- LSP2 **Protection of the present landscape qualities of Te Mata Peak will be afforded the highest priority through the District Plan.**

Explanation

Te Mata is the single most significant landscape icon in Hawke's Bay, and has district, regional and national significance. Buildings, new tracks and intensive tree planting will affect the visual integrity of the feature. These activities will not be allowed, although the maintenance of existing structures, tracks and plantations will be provided for.

- LSP3 **Buildings, Plantations, Earthworks and Network Utilities will be restricted on identified Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes throughout the District.**

Explanation

The impact of different activities on the Outstanding Landscapes and Natural Features identified in Appendix 12.2-1 will vary depending on the sensitivity of the landscape to the activity proposed. The Plan addresses each activity differently for each of the landscape features in the District.

- LSP4 **Subdivision on land within an Outstanding Natural Feature identified in Appendix 12.2-1 of the District Plan shall have regard to the impact of the subdivision or possible activities that may occur as a result of the subdivision undertaken.**

Explanation

Land subdivision is generally a precedes land development. Subdivision activities, while not a direct use of land will involve the identification of access, building platforms, and other land development works, which may have significant impact is key landscape areas. Subdivision resource consents on land identified as Outstanding Natural Features will be required to demonstrate how the specific values of the area will be protected as a following the subdivision of the land.

- LSP5 **Subdivision, use and development on Rural-Residentially Zoned land in the Significant Landscape Character Areas identified in Appendix 12.2-2 of the District Plan should be of a type, scale, design, and location that maintains the key landscape elements, patterns and character which contribute to the landscape character of these areas.**

Explanation

Significant Landscape Character Areas have been identified within each of the inland and coastal landscape units comprising the Hastings District. These special character areas best represent the types of landscape found in the different landscape units and are listed in Appendix 12.2-2 of the District Plan. Proposed subdivisions and buildings erected on existing sites in these areas will be required to have regard to the key elements, patterns and character that contribute to their significance.