



3.4. UTILITIES AND DESIGNATIONS

The city is served by a complex network of utilities, including for communications, energy, water, drainage and waste management. The District Plan enables utility providers to operate efficiently, while managing the potential environmental effects. To achieve this, some of the functions of utility networks are permitted activities (for example, underground pipes or cables), while others require resource consents – especially where structures and activities with a significant impact are proposed. There are conditions relating to the size, scale, location and design of such proposals that must be met for resource consent to be granted.

The plan also allows for designations (see section 1.4), which are listed in the plan along with any conditions which must be complied with.

3.5. RENEWABLE ENERGY

The District Plan contains specific chapters for renewable energy activities. The objective is to encourage efficiency in energy use, and the development and use of energy from renewable sources. This goal is influenced by international and national obligations relating to climate change and renewable energy. However, the plan also ensures that the potential for adverse effects arising from renewable energy proposals are also given consideration.