

Appendix 1: Corrections Zone chapter – Tracked Changes

Red underline and ~~strikeout~~ show additions and deletions to the notified He Rohe o Ara Poutama Aotearoa Corrections Zone Chapter, as recommended in the Supplementary Planning Evidence dated 13 February 2024.

This entire chapter has been notified using the RMA Part One, Schedule 1 process ([P1 Sch1](#)).

He Rohe o Ara Poutama Aotearoa

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Introduction

Ara Poutama Aotearoa, the Department of Corrections operates a custodial prison facility for women located at 13 Main Road, Tawa, known as Arohata Prison. Ara Poutama Aotearoa, the Department of Corrections is responsible for the operational management of the prison. The site is designated by the Minister of Corrections for the purpose of “Arohata Prison”.

Arohata Prison is an important part of the corrections facility network which provides for the safety and security of all New Zealand communities and is of national significance. It is one of just three women’s prison facilities in the country and the only women’s prison in the Greater Wellington area, and therefore has significance in a regional and district context. The facility plays a vital role in the region in allowing Ara Poutama Aotearoa, the Department of Corrections to meet its responsibilities under the Corrections Act 2004 for enforcing sentences and orders of the criminal courts and the New Zealand parole board.

In accordance with Section 176 of the RMA, the provisions of the District Plan shall apply in relation to the land that is subject to the designation only to the extent that the land is used for a purpose other than the designated purpose.

While custodial corrections facilities and ancillary activities are enabled under the designation, additional non-custodial justice sector activities are enabled under the Corrections Zone provided that they are appropriate for the site and their effects on the surrounding environment are managed. This includes non-custodial reintegration activities, community corrections activities and **supported residential [activities care accommodation](#)**. The Corrections Zone also adopts some of the provisions of the adjacent General Rural Zone.

Other relevant District Plan provisions

There may be a number of provisions that apply to an activity, building, structure or site. Resource consent may therefore be required under rules in this chapter as well as other chapters. Unless specifically stated in a rule, resource consent is required under each relevant rule. The steps to determine the status of an activity are set out in the General Approach chapter.

Objectives	
CORZ-O1	<p>Corrections Zone</p> <p>The Corrections Zone provides for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The continued operation and development of Arohata Prison; 2. The ongoing maintenance, upgrading, and expansion of Arohata Prison; and 3. Activities with operational needs and functional needs to be located within the Corrections Zone without being constrained or compromised by incompatible activities.
CORZ-O2	Managing effects

	Adverse effects of activities and development in the Corrections Zone are managed effectively within the Zone and at interfaces with adjoining zones, scheduled sites, public spaces and key movement streets.
CORZ-O3	<p>National importance</p> <p>Arohata Prison is recognised as a nationally important facility which contributes to the economic and social well-being, and health and safety of the region and district.</p>
Policies	
CORZ-P1	<p>Operation and development</p> <p>Enable the ongoing operation and development of custodial corrections facilities and associated activities.</p>
CORZ-P2	<p>Compatible activities</p> <p>Provide for activities that are compatible with the purpose and function of the Corrections Zone, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following activities provided for as permitted activities in the General Rural Zone: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rural activities; b. Cleanfill areas; and c. Conservation activities. 2. Non-custodial rehabilitation activities; 3. Community corrections activities; and 4. Supported Limited residential <u>activities associated with the Arohata Prison care accommodation.</u>
CORZ-P3	<p>Other activities</p> <p>Manage the effects of other activities which are otherwise compatible with the function and predominant character of the General Rural Zone.</p>
CORZ-P4	<p>Amenity values</p> <p>Manage activities within the Corrections Zone so that they do not unduly detract from the rural and residential amenity values of properties beyond the Corrections Zone.</p>
Rules: Land use activities	
CORZ-R1	Custodial corrections facilities
	1. Activity status: Permitted
CORZ-R2	Non-custodial reintegration activities
	<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The loading and unloading of vehicles, or the receiving of deliveries, will only occur between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm on any day; and b. The operation of machinery only occurs between the hours of 7:30am and 7:00pm on any day.
	<p>2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Compliance with the requirements of CORZ-R2.1 cannot be achieved. <p>Matters of discretion are:</p>

<p>1. The extent to which the intensity and scale of the activity adversely impacts on the amenity values of nearby residential properties and the surrounding neighbourhood. Notification status: An application for resource consent made in respect of rule CORZ-R2.2.a is precluded from being publicly notified.</p>	
CORZ-R3	Community corrections activities
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. The hours of operation are between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm on any day.</p>	
<p>2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. Compliance with the requirements of CORZ-R3.1.a cannot be achieved.</p> <p>Matters of discretion are:</p> <p>1. The extent to which the intensity and scale of the activity adversely impacts on the amenity values of nearby residential properties and the surrounding neighbourhood. Notification status: An application for resource consent made in respect of rule CORZ-R3.2.a is precluded from being publicly notified.</p>	
CORZ-R4	Supported residential care accommodation Residential Activities (excluding custodial corrections facilities)
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. The maximum number of residents to be accommodated at any one time is 30; and b. No more than five supported residential care accommodation buildings are to be located within the Corrections Zone.</p>	
<p>2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. Compliance with the requirements of CORZ-R4.1 cannot be achieved.</p> <p>Matters of discretion are:</p> <p>1. The extent to which the intensity and scale of the activity adversely impacts on the amenity values of nearby residential properties and the surrounding neighbourhood. Notification status: An application for resource consent made in respect of rule GRZ-R4.2.a is precluded from being publicly notified.</p>	
CORZ-R5	Rural activities
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>a. The activity does not include the keeping of goats.</p>	
CORZ-R6	Cleanfill areas
<p>1. Activity status: Permitted</p> <p>Where:</p>	

	a. The volume of material is less than 100m ³ per title, per year.
	2. Activity status: Discretionary Where: a. Compliance with the requirements of GRZ-R6.1.a cannot be achieved. Notification status: An application for resource consent made in respect of rule GRZ-R6.2.a is precluded from being publicly notified.
CORZ-R7	Conservation activity
	1. Activity status: Permitted
CORZ-R8	Rural Industry
	1. Activity status: Discretionary
CORZ-R9	Intensive indoor primary production
	1. Activity status: Discretionary
CORZ-R10	Quarrying or mining activities
	1. Activity status: Discretionary
CORZ-R11	Any activity not otherwise listed in this table
	1. Activity status: Non-complying
Rules: Building and structure activities	
CORZ-R12	Maintenance and repair of buildings and structures
	1. Activity status: Permitted
CORZ-R13	Demolition or removal of buildings and structures
	1. Activity status: Permitted
CORZ-R14	Construction, addition or alteration of buildings and structures including accessory buildings, relating to non-custodial reintegration, community corrections or supported residential care accommodation supported residential activities
	1. Activity status: Permitted Where: a. Compliance is achieved with CORZ-S1 and CORZ-S2.
	2. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary Where: a. Compliance with the requirements of CORZ-R14.1.a cannot be achieved. Matters of discretion are: 1. The extent and effect of non-compliance with any relevant standard as specified in the associated assessment criteria for the infringed standard; and 2. The matters in CORZ-P4. Notification status: An application for resource consent made in respect of rule CORZ-R14.2.a is precluded from being publicly notified.
Standards	

CORZ-S1	Maximum height	
<p>1. Buildings and structures must not exceed a maximum height of 8m above ground level. This standard does not apply to buildings, accessory buildings and structures associated with custodial corrections facilities.</p>		<p>Assessment criteria where the standard is infringed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dominance, privacy and shading effects on adjoining properties; 2. The ability to mitigate adverse effects through screening, planting and landscaping; 3. Whether topographical or other site constraints make compliance with the standard impractical; and 4. Whether the form and scale of the building is compatible with other buildings in the immediate vicinity of the site.
CORZ-S2	Minimum boundary setbacks for buildings	
<p>1. No building or structure may be located within 6m of any boundary. This standard does not apply to fences or standalone walls.</p>		<p>Assessment criteria where the standard is infringed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dominance, privacy and shading effects on adjoining properties.