

Water Quality – Report Back

First agreement is “Partnership Relationship” Objectives: Single voice, simplicity, and successful both ways. Specified roles and responsibilities. Include all stakeholders. Start negotiating.

“Determining Government funding on projects with national benefit” Establishing the principles of national benefit/legacy issues
Establishing processes.

“General national direction on Water Quality” e.g. NPS or guideline or NES

Management of land use practices with respect to water quality.

- science & coordination of science
- support
- framework for developing ICM plans
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- internalisation of costs
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Integration of Government in climate change policy, forestry, water quality and water quantity policy, flood management policy

Coordinate national and regional policy statements

Regional council involvement in process discussions around co-management

Promote best practice in diffuse source management

More collaborative public education/raising public awareness

- “Seek from Central Government support for recognition that use, development and protection are equal drivers and that there are numerous instances of policy, plans and consents where an enunciation of Government’s view would assist to lower litigation and transaction costs. We are not seeking changes to the RMA or other legislation rather than a continuing, collaborative partnership.”
- NES - Reaffirm need for involvement. But no support for blanket approach. Need for certainty & clarity. Difficulty with this issue.

NPS – Might be value to set principles at a high level