

*Policy X: Point Source Discharges*

Recognise and provide for point source discharges associated with the on-going operation, development and expansion of regionally significant industry and community wastewater systems and their associated economic and social benefits, provided that the best practicable option for managing the adverse environmental effects of the discharge is implemented at the time of renewal of a resource consent.

*Policy Y: Managing Consent Conditions*

In setting resource consent conditions for discharges in the Waikato and Waipa River catchments;

- provide for the ability to offset load by allowing reductions to be undertaken elsewhere (subject to any specified limitations applicable to offsets);
- recognise and take account of past, current and proposed contaminant concentration and/or load reductions that resource users have committed to;
- recognise the relative contribution of point and diffuse sources to overall loadings; and
- Recognise the relative cost effectiveness of potential future reductions for point and diffuse sources.

*Policy Z: Relativity and Economic Efficiency of Point Source and Diffuse (Non-point source) Discharge Reductions*

In setting targets for reductions in point source contaminant loads in discharges in the Waikato and Waipa River catchments recognise (i) the relative contribution of point and non-point sources to overall loadings; and (ii) verifiable past reductions in loadings from point source discharges.