



### Specialist Area: Local Government – s. 32 Resource Management Act

Section 32 of the Resource Management Act (RMA) requires Councils to rigorously evaluate the environmental, social, and economic benefits and costs related to specific matters being considered under the RMA.

This analysis is a mandatory requirement when preparing regional and district plans, plan changes, variations, policy statements, reviews and private plan changes.

An effective s. 32 analysis will not only provide good environmental outcomes with the most appropriate methods but will also ensure a smooth and cost efficient process.

The process of documenting s. 32 considerations can also help satisfy obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).

APR Consultants can offer assistance to Councils with undertaking economic, social and environmental analysis to meet the requirements of s. 32.

In addition APR can assist in all aspects of a s. 32 analysis by:

- Working with Council to identify key stakeholders and consultation processes and requirements.
- Assisting in determining work plan areas such as recording and managing information, carrying out the analysis and assessment of methods and producing the s32 report.
- Ensuring that s32 requirements have been met

APR Consultants would be pleased to discuss your council's requirements around s. 32 assessments or any other form of social, economic or environmental analysis.

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