

8.0 CROSS-BOUNDARY ISSUES

There are seven territorial authorities (city and district councils) in the Auckland region, and two neighbouring regional councils where the boundaries are defined by property boundaries and do not follow water catchment boundaries.

The discharge of farm dairy washwater may require consideration by both the ARC and any of these councils. Processes to be used in dealing with such cross-boundary issues with other local authorities will be as follows:

1. Ongoing consultation and liaison will be undertaken with the local authority involved by both staff and Councillors.
2. The ARC will make its statutory and non-statutory documents available to other local authorities for comment in order to share up-to-date information.
3. The ARC will make comments and/or submissions on statutory and non statutory documents produced by other local authorities.
4. The ARC will monitor the state of the environment of the region and the effectiveness of this Plan. This information will be publicly available. Pollution abatement and enforcement will also be carried out.
5. The ARC will use education programmes, non-statutory guidelines and industry codes of practice, provide advice to applicants, and generally advocate for the benefit of the environment in respect of the issue of farm dairy discharges.
6. Surveys, research and modelling are carried out for the purposes of the *Proposed Auckland Regional Policy Statement* and other regional plans on a regular basis. Any information concerning this issue will be made available to the relevant local authorities.
7. The ARC will make use of the powers given under Section 102 of the Resource Management Act for joint resource consent hearings. If found to be appropriate, the transfer of powers under Section 33, or the creation of joint bodies and plans under Section 80 may also be used.
8. The ARC will liaise with other local authorities on legislative matters that could affect cross-boundary issues.

These processes, together with ongoing consultation and liaison, will be used to deal with issues between territorial authorities and between regions.