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Schedule of Amendments

	Date	Details
1.	2004	Removal of Designation – ‘School and Residence’, Ministry of Education. D6 & 8 (Designation No. & Planning Map) Owenga Road, Owenga, Part Te Awapatiki, No. 18 DP 6114
2.	2005	Designation – ‘Sewage Treatment Plant and Treated Waste Water Disposal System’, Chatham Islands Council. D13 & 7 (Designation No. & Planning Map) Waitangi – Hospital Road, Kekerione 60 Block, including accessway.

Foreword

The Chatham Islands are a unique community, isolated by 850 kilometres from New Zealand. The islands, situated in the South Pacific Ocean, are a territory whose continued welfare and viability is interconnected with the sustainable management of its natural and physical resource base, which perhaps provides to a greater extent than anywhere else in New Zealand, the livelihood of the vast majority of the islanders.

Depletion of these resources and a lack of control of them by islanders, has, and is continuing to lead to threats to the viability of the community, exacerbated by the remoteness and sparse population of the Islands.

The resource management document reflects the environmental outcomes desired by the community in terms of its resources base. While the document cannot directly address political, social, or economic issues such as those alluded to above the environmental outcomes should be seen in the context of an overall framework for the islands. This framework can be expressed in terms of a "vision".

The vision for the future is how the community wants the islands to be in 10-20 years time, to ensure its viability. The important elements of such a vision for the Chathams are considered to be the following:

- people promoted as a valuable resource
- moderate increase in population
- maintain as a safe/secure, friendly and relaxed place to live and bring up children
- community feeling/pride and closeness
- promote as clean, green place to live and visit, hold on to remaining indigenous bush and avoid water pollution
- benefits from use of resources channelled back into the Island economy
- diversification in economy - aquaculture, forestry and organic produce processed on the Islands
- promote eco-tourism, and beauty of islands, retaining character and not overwhelming residents' lifestyles
- recognise distinctive cultures on the islands

Summarising this, the vision for the Chatham Islands in the next millennium is:

- Largely in control of its own destiny
- Marketing high quality, uncontaminated goods (fish, farm produce and wood) and services (eco-tourism and knowledge that rare species are protected) to the world
- Meeting the needs of an increasing population in a way which minimises the difficulties of isolation, values its heritage and retains a sustainable clean environment and distinctive lifestyle.

P F Smith
Mayor

How to Use the Chatham Islands Resource Management Document

The Chatham Islands Resource Management Document is made up of a single volume which contains all the information that you will require, including the planning maps.

1. To find out how the document affects a property.

- Steps:**
- (i) Turn to Part 8 and find the area you are interested in on the map index.
 - (ii) Find the property on the appropriate map - the legend explains the symbols on the map and will indicate the management area the property is in. The property may also be affected by notations such as a heritage site, natural hazard site etc.
 - (iii) Go to Part 5 - Management Areas, and check through the rules in each area to find the permitted activities and relevant conditions. It is important to note that in every management area, except the coastal marine area, that if an activity is not limited by a rule then it is allowed without resource consent. Within the coastal marine area, you generally may not carry out activities unless a rule states that you may.
 - (iv) If after reading the rules your activity is permitted and complies with all relevant conditions then you can proceed without resource consent (other consents may still however be required - such as a building consent, Ministry of Fisheries licences etc).
 - (v) If the activity is not permitted, a resource consent is required from Council. The objectives and policies set out in Parts 4 and 5 are relevant to a decision on a resource consent. Part 2 sets out the background information on how to apply for a resource consent.

2. To find out if you can carry out a particular activity, say building a house or opening a business.

- Steps:**
- (i) If you have a site in mind, refer to steps (i) - (v) above.
 - (ii) If you do not then refer to Part 5 in particular, to give you some idea if the activity is an appropriate one.
 - (iii) Once the general area or site is identified, read through the rules in Part 5 to identify if the activity is permitted.
 - (iv) If the activity is permitted, resource consent is not required (See 1(iv) above).
 - (v) If the activity is not permitted, then a resource consent is required (See 1(v) above).


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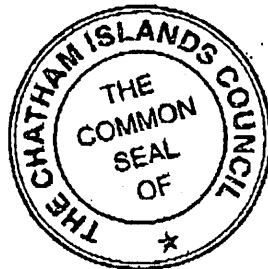
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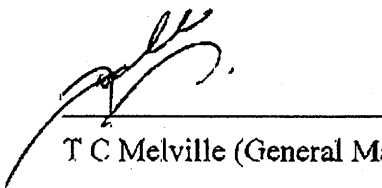
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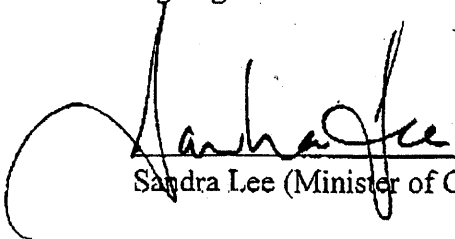
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Sandra Lee (Minister of Conservation)

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