



**REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT (RPS)**  
*The RPS sets the environmental, cultural and economic priorities for Southland's future.*  
 City, district and regional plans must “give effect to”, or implement, the vision in the RPS.  
 As Councils, working together in an integrated manner is essential to strengthen the region's communities, economy and environment for now and for the future.



# HERITAGE

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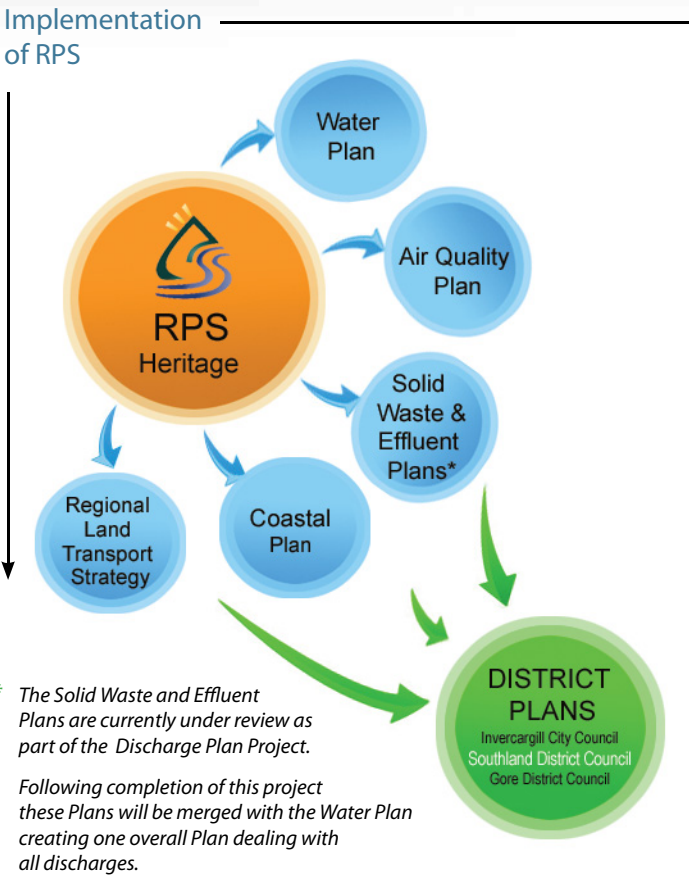
Southland has a diverse and interesting history which has been incorporated into both natural and structural elements.

This heritage needs to be recognised and managed for the future.

## Issues

*Some of the critical issues facing Southland's heritage are:*

- Insufficient protection from “inappropriate” subdivision, development and use.
- Insufficient protection of culturally significant landscapes.
- Requires more regional policy attention.
- Inconsistent heritage protection between regional and district plans.
- Ad hoc procedure for managing heritage.



## Options

*The following are possible approaches to address Southland's heritage issues:*

- Develop clear heritage/landscape protection policy.
- Direct regional and district plans to address heritage issues.
- Provide a listing of significant heritage sites, to be kept in a central heritage register or Develop a regional heritage register of significant heritage sites.
- Develop criteria determining “inappropriate” subdivision, development and use.

## What do you think?

*In what ways should the Regional Policy Statement protect regional heritage?*

*What significant heritage sites and values need to be protected?*

*How should “inappropriate” subdivision, development and use be determined?*

*Should Environment Southland and territorial authorities work together to manage heritage issues? How?*





## DISTRICT PLAN

The Southland District Plan is the primary document that manages land use and development within the Southland District. The Plan is required to give effect to the Regional Policy Statement (RPS).

*Heritage buildings and sites give many Southland towns and settlements a distinct character. The historic character of towns and settlements particularly in commercial centres can have economic, social and cultural benefits for communities.*



## HERITAGE

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### Issues

*Heritage issues that need to be considered in the District Plan review are:*

- Sites of importance to Maori may lack appropriate protection.
- Loss of significant heritage buildings and sites through dilapidation, redevelopment, and demolition.
- Some towns have a distinct heritage character worth maintaining and enhancing.
- Accuracy of mapping data of known archaeological sites is questionable.
- Lack of identification, listing and formal protection of significant trees located on public land.



### Comments & Feedback

*Please send your comments and feedback via email by 31 July 2009 to [service@es.govt.nz](mailto:service@es.govt.nz) or in hard copy to:*

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and [www.southlanddc.govt.nz](http://www.southlanddc.govt.nz) or by  
phoning either council.*

### Options

*Some options to identify, recognise and protect Southland's heritage are:*

- Further research and identification of the District's built and cultural heritage.
- Formal protection of newly identified heritage buildings and sites.
- Updated heritage listings within the District Plan.
- Recognition and facilitation of appropriate building reuse.
- Engaging and supporting, where appropriate, community groups interested in heritage.
- Heritage education and non-regulatory heritage design guidelines.

### What do you think?

*Are there any heritage buildings, features or sites not listed in the current District Plan that you think should be protected?*

*Should historically significant trees on public land be formally protected? Should Southland towns or areas with unique character or with significant heritage value be recognised and protected, as has occurred recently in Winton with the creation of the Winton Heritage Precinct?*

