**WELL BEING THE EVIDENCE**

The RMA states

**Purpose and principles**

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**Purpose**

* (1) The purpose of this Act is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.  (2) In this Act, **sustainable management** means managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while—
  + (a) sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and
  + (b) safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and

(c) avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.

*District plans*

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**Purpose of district plans**

* The purpose of the preparation, implementation, and administration of district plans is to assist territorial authorities to carry out their functions in order to achieve the purpose of this Act.

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**Consideration of alternatives, benefits, and costs**

* (3) An evaluation must examine—
  + (a) the extent to which each objective is the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of this Act; and
  + (b) whether, having regard to their efficiency and effectiveness, the policies, rules, or other methods are the most appropriate for achieving the objectives.
* (3A) This subsection applies to a rule that imposes a greater prohibition or restriction on an activity to which a national environmental standard applies than any prohibition or restriction in the standard. The evaluation of such a rule must examine whether the prohibition or restriction it imposes is justified in the circumstances of the region or district.  (4) For the purposes of the examinations referred to in subsections (3) and (3A), an evaluation must take into account—
  + (a) the benefits and costs of policies, rules, or other methods; and
  + (b) the risk of acting or not acting if there is uncertain or insufficient information about the subject matter of the policies, rules, or other methods.
* **NO EVALUATION OF WELL BEING**
* Well being must include the mental and psychological heath of community members. Though not explicitly stated as such, this is one of the driving principles behind the RMA and District plans.
* The need for certainty- it is not only an economic imperative but a fundamental need of every human being. That is why we have laws. Guiding principles. The human mind recoils from chaos- the opposite of law and certainty.
* That is why there is a preoccupation with safety and ‘law and order’. Intrusions are feared. The Courts punish those who breach our sense of security.
* We need to believe that living in our homes are safe, secure.
* We have building codes so our houses do not leak, are not blown away, are not on liquefying land.

DESIGN

Planning laws and regulations, District Plans are there to provide degrees of certainty. Not only for the investor but for those living in the district and locality. We know where the shops are, light industry is, our places of recreation.

Design in good architecture is centered on providing buildings and spaces that harmonise with the psychological need for harmony balance inclusiveness. Concrete canyons bleak cheap buildings fail because they psychologically are perceived as dissonant, cold rebuffing. To be avoided. Do we go to the slums and ghettos as tourists, or do we concentrate on what we perceive as beautifying? The slums of Calcutta or the Taj Mahal, The London Council Tower blocks or Hyde Park and Trafalgar Square?

Paris because of its human scale,300 parks and Notre Dame?