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The Council can make provision in the document for a range of matters as set out in the Resource Management Act 1991, including the control of:

- The effects of any use of land
- Subdivision
- Natural hazards

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- Hazardous substances
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