

Regulatory Review Framework

This framework outlines how the Ministry for Regulation reviews how regulation is designed and delivered in New Zealand, to influence and/or lead change to regulation that is not fit for purpose.



Ministry for Regulation
Te Manatū Waeture

PRE-REVIEW

Prioritising what matters

We identify sectors, industries, and regulated activities for review using a transparent, risk-based approach that considers potential economic impact and the government's strategic priorities. The Ministry identifies issues to review in three ways; environmental scanning, public submissions, and highlighted by the Minister for Regulation.

PUBLIC
SUBMISSIONS

HIGHLIGHTED BY THE
MINISTER FOR
REGULATION

ENVIRONMENTAL
SCANNING

SELECTION METHODOLOGY

*Considers risk, economic
impact, and strategic
priorities*

REVIEW DELIVERY

Evidence-led and consultative

We anticipate objectives, scope, and desired outcomes for each review that are set out in the review's Terms of Reference. We apply an analytical framework to guide our reviews, which are grounded in data, evidence, and consultation with affected parties, and we ensure quality and objectivity using governance and advisory forums/committees.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

GOVERNANCE

ANALYTICAL AND
EVIDENCE-BASED TOOLS

DELIVERY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

*e.g., retain, amend, repeal, or
replace elements of the
regulatory system, or consider
non-regulatory approaches*

IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

Planning and monitoring

We support the relevant agencies to develop an implementation plan and implement decisions made by Ministers on our recommendations, to the extent agreed in the Terms of Reference.

IMPLEMENTATION BY THE
RELEVANT AGENCIES

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SUPPORT

POST-IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

*A structured methodology
to assess effectiveness after
implementation*

POST-REVIEW

Evaluating impact

We track implementation, report on progress, and conduct a post-implementation review to ensure that effective change is delivered.

BENEFITS FOR
NEW
ZEALANDERS