



## Proposed National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil

### Submission on behalf of the

### Resource Management Law Association of New Zealand Inc

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#### Introduction

- 1 This Submission is made by the Resource Management Law Association of New Zealand Inc (**RMLA**).
- 2 The RMLA is concerned to promote within New Zealand:
  - a An understanding of Resource Management Law and its interpretation in a multi-disciplinary framework
  - b Excellence in resource management policy and practice
  - c Resource management processes which are legally sound, effective and efficient and which produce high quality environmental outcomes
- 3 The RMLA has a mixed membership. Members include lawyers, planners, judges, environmental consultants, environmental engineers, local authority officers and councillors, central government policy analysts, industry representatives and others. Currently the Association has some 1,100 plus members. Within such an organisation there are inevitably a divergent range of interests in views of members.
- 4 While the membership has been consulted in preparing this submission, it is not possible for the RMLA to form a single universally accepted view on the proposed regulations. It should also be noted that a number of members may be providing their own individual feedback and those may represent quite different approaches to the views expressed here.

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- 5 For these reasons, this submission does not seek to advance any particular policy position in relation to the proposed regulations, but rather is kept at a reasonably high level and is made with a view to ensure that the proposed regulations:
- a are consistent with the general framework of existing laws and policies of relevance, and the Resource Management Act 1991 ("RMA");
  - b are practicable and workable; and
  - c will assist in promoting best practice.

#### SUBMISSION

- 6 The RMLA support the development of the proposed National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil as the development of such standards will assist with providing for consistency in decision making with regard to contaminated sites across the country.

The standard aims for this to be achieved by providing consistent district planning controls both when subsurface investigations for contamination are carried out, and when development, use and subdivision of land with soil contaminants is proposed.

- 7 If there is any further opportunity to do so, the RMLA wishes to be heard in support of this submission.



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