

# Regulation & Control

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## **Sub Activities:**

**Building Control**

**Statutory Planning**

**Traffic Control**

**Dog & Stock Control**

**Liquor Licensing**

**Other Regulatory**

## **Goals**

To ensure the natural and physical environment of the district is sustainably managed, by providing a friendly helpful service and ensuring that standards and guidelines set down in legislation and regulations are met.

## **Nature and Scope of Activity**

This activity is the statutory monitoring and compliance arm of Council's function. Council has a number of statutory obligations under a vast range of legislation. The planning and regulatory activity of Council has an important influence on the community's health and wellbeing, and it is Council's commitment to adequately resource these services.

## **Building Control**

This function is responsible for ensuring that all new buildings are safe and sanitary, by the day-to-day administration of the Building Act requirements. This includes the requirement to issue Land Information Memoranda, Project Information Memoranda, Building Consents, and Code Compliance Certificates. The Building Act 2002 now requires that Council is accredited as a Building Consent Authority by June 2008 and this, coupled with far stricter building regulations nationally, has had a significant impact on the building control function. Council has achieved accreditation as a Building Consent Authority, and new staff have been employed to deal with the increased administrative workload, however the timeframes for building consents to be processed are still anticipated to lengthen as a direct result of this new legislation.

## **Statutory Planning**

This is a regulatory function that ensures the statutory planning provisions of the Kaikoura District Plan, Resource Management Act 1991, Local Government Act 2002 and other legislation are met. This includes processing of resource consents, compliance monitoring, plan approvals, easements, caveats, road closures, right of way approvals, planning enforcement and education, etc. It is the goal of the statutory planning function to undertake its obligations in a friendly, helpful manner, which assists the community to achieve its aims while promoting that the natural and physical resources of the district are sustainably managed.

## **Traffic Control**

It is the aim of this function to ensure that there is provision of sufficient car parking to meet reasonable public expectations at all times of the year, and to reduce instances of incorrect or inconsiderate parking, through education where possible and issuing infringement notices where necessary.

## Dog and Stock Control

The physical work relating to the dog and stock control services, of responding to complaints, patrolling the roads, and impounding dogs, is completed under contract, and the administration services relating to registration of dogs are provided by Council. There are currently less than 1,000 dogs registered in the district.

## Liquor Licensing





The Council acts as the District Licensing Agency, to ensure that the sale and supply of liquor is managed, and that host responsibility is advocated.

## Other Regulatory

Other regulatory functions include noise and litter control.

## Effects on the Community

It is the goal of the Regulation and Control activity to essentially *protect* the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the community. This is achieved by ensuring that the activities of certain persons, groups, or organisations have a minimal negative impact on the community, through enforcement and education. This may include development controls such as conditions placed on a land use consent, height restrictions placed on a building consent, or other controls such as speed limits, and control of wandering dogs.

<b>Economic</b>		Enforcement of statutory obligations may place restrictions on certain aspects of economic development, but it also ensures that the development that does take place has minimal negative impact
<b>Environmental</b>		The environment is protected by enforcing the provisions in legislation, Council's bylaws and the Kaikoura District Plan
<b>Social</b>		Regulation and Control protects the health and safety of the whole community
<b>Cultural</b>		Cultural wellbeing is protected by this activity.

## Community Outcomes

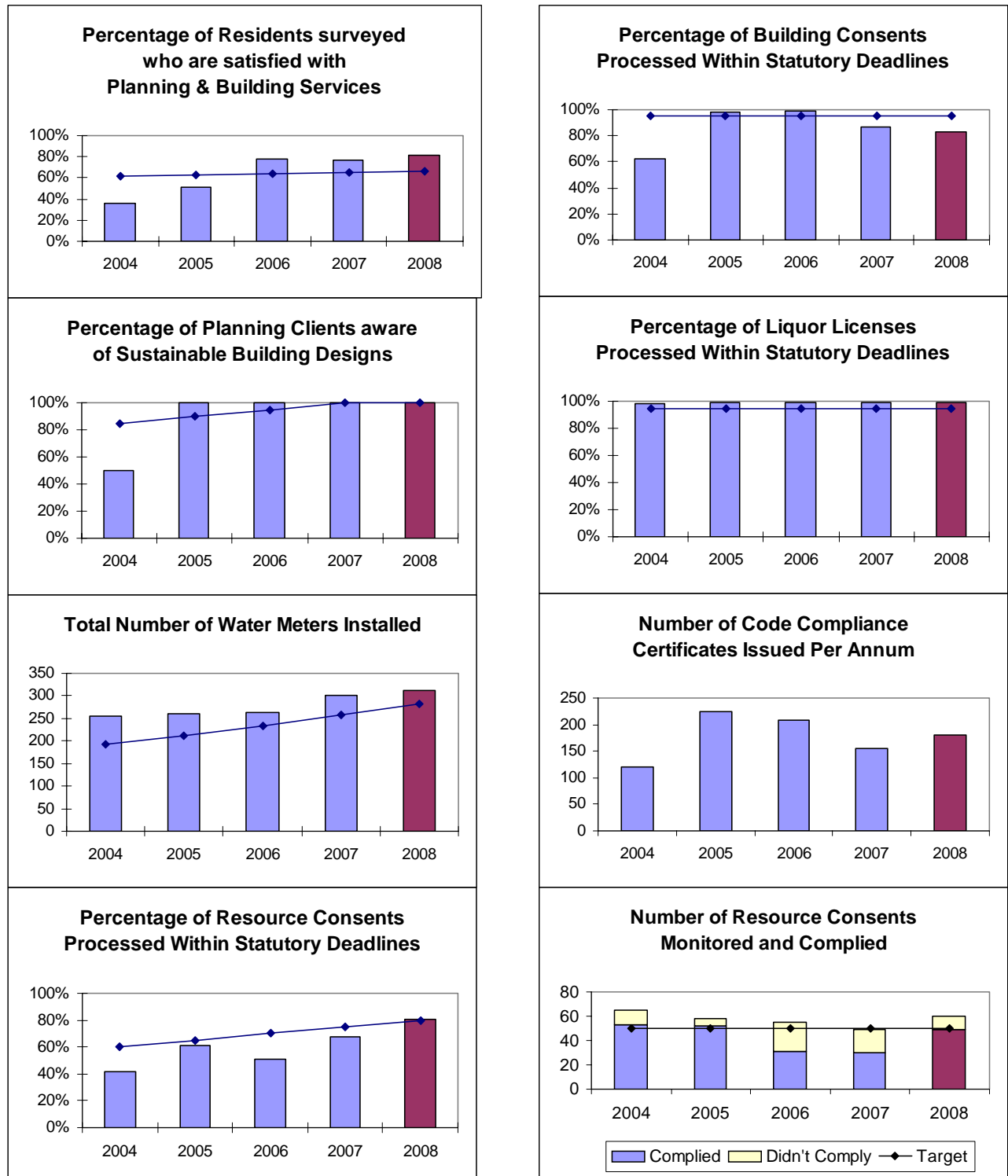
Community Outcome	How the Regulation & Control Activity Contributes	Performance Measure
<b>Sustainable Development</b>	By encouraging the design and construction of sustainable developments and buildings to increase energy efficiency, reduce waste and increase efficient use of potable water, through appropriate planning policies and removing unnecessary barriers where they exist	Distribution of information packs on sustainable construction matters
	Support economic development by removing unnecessary planning barriers to investment	Processing resource consents, building consents and liquor licence applications within statutory deadlines
<b>Quality Water and Wastewater Services</b>	Plan for equitable water consumption, and reduction in water use per capita, by requiring the installation of water meters per Council's Water Bylaw	Resource consent applications that are considered high volume users are issued with water metering as a condition of consent. The total number of water meters installed should reflect this.
<b>Safe, Efficient Transport Network</b>	Provide for efficient traffic flows, particularly in the West End, by reducing the instances of inappropriate or inconsiderate parking	Parking infringements are issued where considered appropriate
<b>A Quality Standard of Affordable Housing</b>	By ensuring that all housing is of a quality standard by fulfilling Council's obligations to the Building Act, including completion of code compliance certificates for all new construction.	Percentage of building consents issued that have code compliance certificates – note that this measure proved too difficult to obtain and the number of code compliance certificates issued has been used instead
<b>Environmental Protection and Enhancement</b>	By progressively improving land use, water and air quality, through effective planning and monitoring, and protecting sites that are significant to the Tangata Whenua	Number of resource consents that were monitored, and that complied with all consent conditions

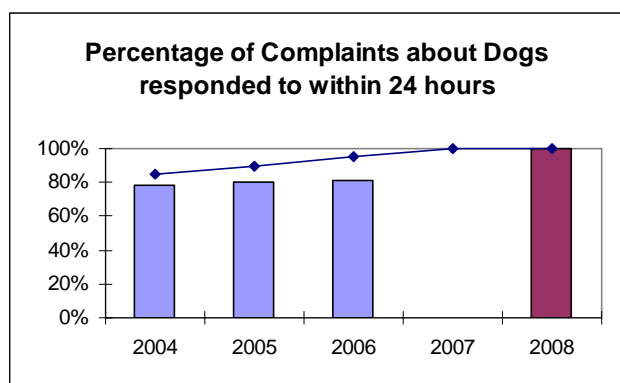
Community Outcome	How the Regulation & Control Activity Contributes	Performance Measure
<b>Environmental Protection and Enhancement</b>	By providing a planning framework that is responsive to needs of residents, developers and landowners through application of planning rules within a flexible planning framework based on desired outcomes	Percentage of residents surveyed who are satisfied with Statutory Planning and Building Control services
	By preserving the scenic and amenity values that ensure a natural and tranquil Kaikoura, and actively promoting sustainable strategic goals for the environment	Reduce the nuisance of barking or wandering dogs by responding to complaints within 24 hours
Reduce the nuisance of disorderly behaviour and vandalism by adopting and implementing a Control of Liquor and Liquor Ban Bylaw		
<b>Affordable Access to Quality Community Facilities</b>	By progressively ensuring that all public buildings and community facilities have wheelchair access, adequate car parking spaces, and appropriate foot access	Identify those properties that require improved access and carparking, and give evidence of corrective action taken where access is inadequate

## Report on Performance

The results of each performance measure on the previous page are shown here.

**KEY:** The line in each graph indicates the Councils desired trend, and for 2008 the Actual Target.





Performance Measure	Last Year	Target 2007/2008	Actual Result 2008
Parking infringements are issued where considered appropriate	23 tickets issued, the majority were for parking in excess of a time limit in the West End	Ongoing as appropriate	26 tickets issued, the majority were for parking in excess of a time limit in the West End
Reduce the nuisance of disorderly behaviour and vandalism by adopting and implementing a Control of Liquor and Liquor Ban Bylaw	Control of Liquor and Liquor Ban Bylaw adopted	Bylaw is fully implemented and reviewed each five years	Liquor Ban signage is in place
Identify those properties that require improved access and carparking, and give evidence of corrective action taken where access is inadequate	No properties have yet been formally identified	80% of buildings and facilities identified have the required standard of access	No properties have yet been formally identified

## Level of Achievement

In terms of processing within statutory timeframes for resource consents, the result of 81% is a substantial improvement from last year's 68%, and improvement is still sought in this area. It should be noted that Council does not apply Section 37 of the RM Act which can be used to "double the statutory timeframes". In addition if additional information is sought the clock is stopped and not reset to zero. The processing timeframes reported therefore closely reflect actual working days to process the consent.

The timeframe for building consent processing has decreased to 83% from 87%, this is entirely due to the increased pressure placed on staff to complete the tasks required to meet accreditation as a building consent authority by June 2008. Additional building control and administration staff have been employed, as the accreditation requirements will be ongoing. Pleasingly, close to 100% liquor licenses are processed within statutory time frames.

Most notably, Council achieved BCA Accreditation in 2008, with the IANZ assessors noting that Council's building control team 'punched well above its weight' in terms of its performance.

## Cost of Service Statement: Regulation & Control

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	2008 BUDGET \$	2008 ACTUAL \$	2007 ACTUAL \$
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Building Control	301,243	342,453	253,234
Statutory Planning	243,145	278,768	266,680
Traffic Control	35,272	35,513	30,082
Dog & Stock Control	43,082	48,004	46,363
Liquor Licensing & Other	53,658	47,764	40,316
Loan Interest	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	233	233
	676,400	752,735	636,908
<b>Funded by:</b>			
User Fees & Charges	472,470	396,935	413,175
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(203,930)</b>	<b>(355,800)</b>	<b>(223,733)</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>			
New or Replacement Assets	-	-	-
<b>Funded by:</b>			
General Rates	203,930	205,391	179,211
Transfer from/(to) Reserves	-	150,176	44,289
Depreciation	-	233	233
Loans	-	-	-
	<b>203,930</b>	<b>355,800</b>	<b>223,733</b>

### Capital Expenditure: Acquisition of Assets

This activity did not purchase, replace or sell any assets during the 2007/2008 year, in accordance with the provisions of the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.