

# Sustainability Rating Scheme Policy

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The approved Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Sustainability Rating Scheme Policy requires the following:

- All capital projects and programmes over \$15 million capital value shall consider the merits of ISC certification.
- All projects over \$100 million are required to complete ISC certification unless:
  - alignment with the objectives, non-monetised and monetised benefits and a strong value for money case demonstrates that it is not practical, and
  - the sustainability objectives of Waka Kotahi such as: reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, reducing environmental harm and improving public health can be implemented in an agreed alternative way.
- The assessment of the merits of ISC certification for all capital projects will be evaluated during the early business case stage and at subsequent project stages. This evaluation shall be in the context of broader sustainability outcomes outlined in our relevant policy and strategy documents, including *Toitū Te Taiao – Our Sustainability Action Plan*, the Environmental and Social Responsibility Policy and the Resource Efficiency Policy for Infrastructure Delivery and Maintenance.

[Toitū te Taiao – Our Sustainability Action Plan](#)  
[Environmental and Social Responsibility Policy](#)  
[Resource Efficiency Policy for Infrastructure Delivery and Maintenance](#)

- The assessment of the merits for completing ISC certification shall be completed in accordance with requirements and processes outlined in *Z/19 Taumata Taiao – Environmental and Sustainability Standard* and the *Waka Kotahi Project management manual (SM011)*.

[Z/19 Taumata Taiao – Environmental and Sustainability Standard](#)  
[Project management manual \(SM011\)](#)

- Requirements and processes for contractors completing the ISC certification during tender, design and construction phase are outlined in the *P49 Sustainability rating scheme specification*.

[P49 Sustainability rating scheme application during tender and delivery of capital works projects](#)

- Any project not required to complete ISC certification shall be required to implement and demonstrate achievement of the broader sustainability outcomes outlined in our relevant policies and strategic documents, including *Toitū Te Taiao – Our Sustainability Action Plan*, the Environmental and Social Responsibility Policy and the Resource Efficiency Policy for Infrastructure Delivery and Maintenance.
- Projects that are part-funded by Waka Kotahi and meet the policy thresholds of \$15 million shall also consider the merits of using the ISC-IS rating scheme. At a minimum these projects shall apply the principles outlined in *Toitū Te Taiao – Our Sustainability Action Plan*, the Resource Efficiency Policy for Infrastructure Delivery and Maintenance and other relevant government policies driving broader sustainability outcomes.