APPENDIX 2: Section 32AA assessment of amendments to Policy 3

Effectiveness and efficiency	•	The proposed amendments to the explanation clarify and highlight the policy hierarchy for the management of effects on coastal natural character within the RPS.
Costs/Benefits	•	It is not expected that there will be any significant costs associated with this amendment as it is not introducing any change to the actual policy. The benefit is that it brings to the attention of plan users the range of instruments available in the RPS for the management of effects on coastal natural character.
Risk of acting or not acting	•	The risk of not including this amendment is that plan users may miss some of the instrument available in the RPS for the management of effects on coastal natural character. As a result, this may reduce successful implementation of the policy and its requirement under the NZCPS.
Recommendation about more appropriate action	•	I consider the revised wording is the most appropriate response as it improves understanding of the of the policy which will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its implementation, and which better achieves the purpose of the RMA and NZCPS.