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TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS FOR PLANNERS REVIEWED BY HAMISH RENNIE, LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Land Use Capability Survey Handbook - 3rd Edition



Land use capability has been a keystone for rural planning in New Zealand since 1952, but the last edition of the Land Use Capability Survey Handbook was published in 1971 (reprinted in 1974)! Subsequently, the New Zealand Land Resource

Inventory, a nation covering database developed from 1975 to 1998, helped further develop the LUC standards. The Third Edition has just been published by AgResearch,

Landcare Research and GNS. This edition tells you how to prepare an LRI (Land Resource Inventory) and how to apply the LUC Classification. It includes great colour photographs and is updated to the present by experts who have worked extensively in the field. If your library hasn't got a copy of this edition, chase it up! It is very portable, easy to use and will be a valuable tool for planners working in rural areas. For the theoreticians, there are a number of potentially interesting ways this publication can be deconstructed, but this does not alter its practical value enjoy!

Full reference: Lynn I.H., Manderson A.K., Page M.J., Harmsworth G.R., Eyles G.O., Douglas G.B., Mackay A.D., Newsome P.J.F., (2009). Land Use Capability Survey Handbook – a New Zealand handbook for the classification of land 3rd Edition. Hamilton: AgResearch. Lincoln: Landcare Research. Lower Hutt: GNS Science. 163p. http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/soil/luc/luc_handbook.pdf