

The next steps for our freshwater

Taranaki Regional Council manages the region's freshwater on behalf of our community. Our work is guided by national policies and what we hear from you about how we should be caring for the precious resource.

We heard from you last year on your vision and values for freshwater and creating six Freshwater Management Units (FMUs) for the region. We're now seeking feedback on environmental goals in those FMUs as we plan how to look after freshwater now and for the future.

The six proposed FMUs are the Volcanic Ring Plain, Waitara Catchment, Northern Hill Country, Pātea Catchment, Coastal Terraces and Southern Hill Country.

We want your views on the long-term vision and environmental outcomes for each FMU as well as establishing principles for how we set targets for things like bacteria levels and how we can give effect to Te Mana o Te Wai (the mana of the water) for the region.

We know how important freshwater is to our community so we've been talking with you about how to manage it for a number of years and the current Next Steps for Our Freshwater community conversation is another opportunity to have a say as we work towards creating a new Natural Resources Plan for the region next year.

There'll be a chance to provide feedback on specific targets and limits in a new community conversation in February 2024.



To provide feedback, head to trc.govt.nz/freshwater where there are surveys on all the FMUs. There is a \$200 Prezzy Card on offer to one participant who takes part from 25 September to 23 October.

Head to trc.govt.nz/freshwater today to join the conversation about managing our freshwater.

HAVE YOUR **SAY** ON

Better Travel Choices

We're looking at how we can make it easier to switch from cars to the bus, bike or walking and to do that we need views from people across the region.

The Council is developing a brand new strategy called Better Travel Choices with the aim of making public transport or active travel (things like cycling, scootering) everyone's first travel option.

By getting people to switch their commute or change how they pop out to the shops or beach, we can make our roads safer, cut carbon emissions, boost low-cost travel options and help improve people's physical and mental health well-being.

We heard from you earlier this year on the Road Ahead for transport in Taranaki. Now we're seeking feedback on the Better Travel Choices strategy as we develop what specific changes can be made to make it easier for people to change how they travel in our rural and urban areas.

This includes seeking views on specific bus routes and whether you want to see a link service from the airport to New Plymouth or more public transport to Taranaki Base Hospital.



Head to trc.govt.nz/transport before 29 October. There's a chance to win a \$100 Prezzy Card by filling out the survey.



Ready for Festival

Pukeiti gardener Stephan Reijmer, his workmates and our teams at Hollard Gardens and Tūpare work all-year round to keep our regional gardens in top-notch shape. They've been especially busy in the last few weeks as they prepare for the Centuria Taranaki Garden Festival. The free gardens are three of 42 regional attractions taking part from Friday 27 October to Sunday 5 November. For more details check out trc.govt.nz/gardens

\$3.6m secured

We've secured \$3.6m in MPI funding until June 2027 for our South Taranaki and Regional Erosion Support Scheme (STRESS) which helps to prevent erosion in the hill country.

Since 2019 the scheme has:

- ✓ Planted **20,000** poplar poles
- ✓ Established **919**ha of forestry
- ✓ Erected **62**km of fencing
- ✓ Reverted **315**ha of marginal land
- ✓ Protected and enhanced **14** wetlands.



Get in touch via hillcountry@trc.govt.nz to find out more about the scheme.

Coastal Plan



Taranaki's iconic surf breaks are now legally protected with the signing off of the Council's Coastal Plan. The signing of the Plan by Minister of Conservation Willow-Jean Prime means it is now operative and brings an end to a four-year review process where public feedback has helped shape the rules around using and protecting the region's coastal marine area. For more, see trc.govt.nz/coastalplan

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