

Our vision for the future

The role of the Council and other local authorities in Taranaki is to fulfil the purpose of local government as set out in the *Local Government Act 2002*. An important part of this purpose is to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

In achieving this purpose, local authorities identify 'community outcomes' or the things that the local authority aims to achieve in meeting the purposes of local government.

Following extensive consultation with the people of Taranaki, the four local authorities in the region—the New Plymouth, Stratford and South Taranaki district councils and the Taranaki Regional Council—have identified the 'outcomes' that the people of Taranaki want for the present and future well-being of the region.

The state of our environment, reported on in this document, has an important influence on the achievement of a number of these community outcomes.

