

Acknowledgements

The Council gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the many businesses, organisations, community groups, iwi, trusts and other agencies that have provided valuable information in compiling the *State of the Environment Report 2015*. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the Stratford District Council, the South Taranaki District Council, the New Plymouth District Council and staff at the Taranaki Regional Council. The Council also acknowledges the other agencies, organisations, businesses, industries, individuals and community groups that have contributed to the report. Particular mention must be made of the Department of Conservation, the QEII National Trust, the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, the East Taranaki Environment Trust, Fish and Game New Zealand, Venture Taranaki, Landcare Research, Business and Economic Research Limited and GNS Science. We also acknowledge those individuals and businesses who have contributed information and material for use in case studies in the report.

Additional photographs were contributed by a number of individuals and organisations including Rob Tucker, Rob Suisted Photography, Alex Wilson, Conor Lee, Barry Hartley, the University of Waikato, Landcare Research, Lisa Dennis, Callum Lilley (Department of Conservation), Puke Ariki, Puketapu Kindergarten, Jason Darbyshire, Philip S Melgren and Fairfax Media/Taranaki.

We also acknowledge the services of Te Reo O Taranaki Charitable Trust in providing expert advice on the correct use and spelling of Te Reo Māori throughout the report, and Sugar Bag Communications for their assistance with the overall development of the report and final proofreading.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the highly-valued expertise and experience of those independent specialists who undertook scientific peer review of the *State of the Environment Report 2015* as follows:

- ▷ Chapter 2: Land
Reviewed by Bryan Stevenson, Landcare Research
- ▷ Chapter 3: Fresh water
Surface water quality reviewed by Graham McBride, NIWA
Groundwater reviewed by Gil Zemansky, PRIME Hydrogeology Limited
- ▷ Chapter 4: Coast
Reviewed by Lesley Bolton-Ritchie, Environment Canterbury
- ▷ Chapter 5: Air
Reviewed by Jeff Bluett, Golder Associates (NZ) Limited
- ▷ Chapter 6: Biodiversity
Biodiversity on land reviewed by Nicholas Singers, Nicholas Singers Ecological Solutions (NSES) Limited.

Photo credits

Jason Darbyshire	152
Lisa Dennis	108, 114, 123, 178 (Pāua), 183
FairFax	50
Barry Hartley	210
Conor Lee	7, 22, 138, 198, 206, 246, 252, 264, 265
Callum Lilley (DOC)	175, 180, 182
Landcare Research	169
Philip S Melgren	151
Puke Ariki	192 (top)
Puketapu Kindergarten	234
Che Rogers	34 (Womad)
Rob Suisted	175
Rob Tucker	21, 24, 29, 31, 32, 34, 37, 38, 51, 59, 60, 65, 75 (bottom), 82, 85, 94, 107, 110, 112, 127, 130, 134, 144, 187, 190, 194, 196, 199, 200, 204, 213, 216, 218 (top), 219, 222, 223, 224, 243, 247
Alex Wilson	152 (top)
University of Waikato	173 (Rudd)