ACHIEVEMENTS



Taranaki's GDP is the highest per capita in the country and is driven by the oil and gas, and agricultural industries.







81% of samples meet target ranges for soil health.

Dairying in Taranaki is well-established and stable, in contrast to widespread dairy conversions in other regions. This region's milking cow numbers have changed little over the past 15 years and at 493,361, account for 10% of the national herd down from nearly 15% in 1998/1999.

> Some results indicate an increase in soil compaction.

109,608

Council has facilitated supply of more than

378,000

plants to landowners in 2014/2015.



sustainably managed







What's the story?



of the most at-risk land of privately-owned tand has a ferm plan



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Good quality groundwater across all sites monitored

Best-ever long term trends in physicochemical and ecological health.

Over the past 19 years ecological health has improved at 44 sites monitored with no significant deterioration at any site.



Nitrate concentrations in Taranaki groundwater have remained stable. In the latest survey, 96% of samples were within Drinking-water Standards for NZ.

In summer 2014/2015 86%

of samples taken from freshwater swimming spots were within MfE guidelines

The majority of sites monitored in Taranaki meet NIWA guidelines for most water uses, most of the time.



Improving ecological trends at 14 sites have become highly significant since 2007.

Water allocated for use in the region is low-only

> 4% of the total

allocation.

The Council's riparian programme is the largest environmental enhancement planting scheme on privatelyowned land in NZ.

80%

of streambanks in

the programme are

fenced and 65%

are protected with vegetation.





The coast has a rich cultural history and quality of marine waters continues to improve.



In summer 2014/2015

100%

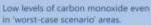
of bathing beaches were within MfE guidelines.



Natural sand accumulation impacts rocky shore ecology

Survey results from 2008 to 2014 showed concentrations shellfish were well below guidelines.

of metals and faecal coliform in



National air quality standards have never been exceeded in Taranaki.







100% of nitrogen oxide

results in 'Excellent' (66%) or 'Good' (33%) categories for air quality.







Taranaki's biological diversity and unique species are important taonga. 151,054 hectares

formally protected by the Department of Conservation (DOC) or under a QEII or DOC covenant—up from 145,000 bectares in 2008. 31 new QEII covenants were registered in Taranaki p. 2014.—The bases over the for any control

Taranaki community groups and agencies collaborate closely to protect and enhance the region's indigenous biodiversity. The recently established Taranaki Biodiversity Trust has 19 groups and agencies as founding members.

4.256

properties in the Self-help Possum Control Programme the largest participation in NZ.

small (1.3%) loss of wetland area between 2007 and 2012—but the annual rate of wetland area loss has reduced by 60%. The condition of remaining wetlands is improving under the Council's programmes. 72% of wetlands covered by Council-developed biodiversity plans showed improvement in overall condition between 2010 and 2015, compared with 31% of wetlands without a plan.

198

sites covering 119,103 hectares are classed as Key Native Ecosystems. The Council has increased its biodiversity budget to

\$1.33million



6,100

property inspections for pest plants.



Regional emergency management response implemented to 20 June flooding event. 100% dairy farm effluent systems inspected

100% 団

compliance with consent processing timelines for 15th year running.





upgrade to Waitara's flood protection to future-proof the town.

Taranaki is readying itself for future challenges from extreme climatic and geological events



749 environmental incidents investigated.

214 abatement notices and 102 infringement notices issued.

Potential hazards include volcanic eruption, earthquakes, finods, high winds, drought and landslips



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farm plastics recycling programmes operating in Taranaki. Waste disposal in Taranaki is not increasing as rapidly as it is nationally, despite the region leading New Zealand in economic growth.

2013/2014 650kg per person NZ

Only 1 well-regulated landfill for all of the region.

The region has a firm focus on minimising waste.

More being recycled through district council kerbside collections and facilities.



games in the FIFA U-20 World Cup, New Zealand 2015, including three involving the runners-up Brazil.







455

students took part in Council education sessions at Pulceiti.

138

Events held at the three Regional Gardens.



Environmental Awards presented in revamped programme.

5,522

students involved in Council education programme.

Significant progress on review of Regional Fresh Water and Regional Soil plans.



Taranaki

Regional Council



0.7% increase in adult patronage for New Plymouth Citylink



41,556 passenger trips in the Total Mobility scheme.

24,164 passenger trips in the first year of Hawera-New Plymouth

