

2024/34 Long-Term Plan adopted

Protecting the environment is front and centre in Taranaki Regional Council's Long-Term Plan (LTP) with new investment to safeguard the region's biodiversity, deliver freshwater improvements and address climate change.

"We're looking to the future with this Plan and how we can address the many challenges our amazing region is facing," says Council Chair Charlotte Littlewood.

"There's funding for our key environmental work programmes to ensure we build on the Council's freshwater and biodiversity mahi and we've responded to our community's feedback on responding to the threat from climate change."

The 10-year plan for the region includes an overall rates increase of 16.3% for 2024/2025. While in percentage terms this is higher than previous years, for most Taranaki ratepayers the financial impact will be measured in tens of dollars over the course of a year. The overall rates rise for year two of the Plan is 13.23% and is 10.19% in the third year.

The Council sought feedback on six key issues in March and April with some submitters also sharing their thoughts at hearings on 6 May before deliberations by the Councillors. The LTP was adopted at the Ordinary Council meeting on 14 May and becomes active on 1 July.

\$540k

Improving resource management

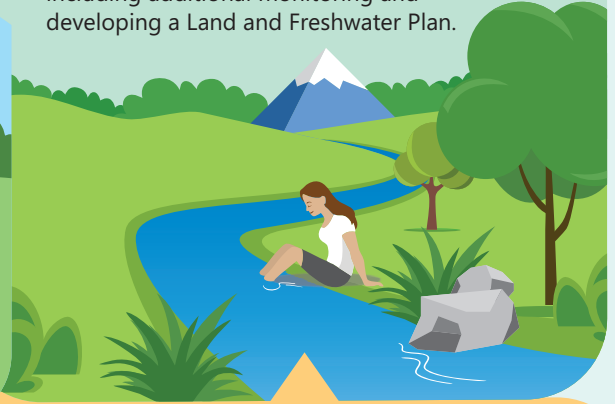
We will create a regional spatial plan to guide development across Taranaki and drive better alignment with the region's four councils.



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Delivering on freshwater

We will implement a new regime with a focus on core activities to improve freshwater management, including additional monitoring and developing a Land and Freshwater Plan.



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Protecting indigenous biodiversity

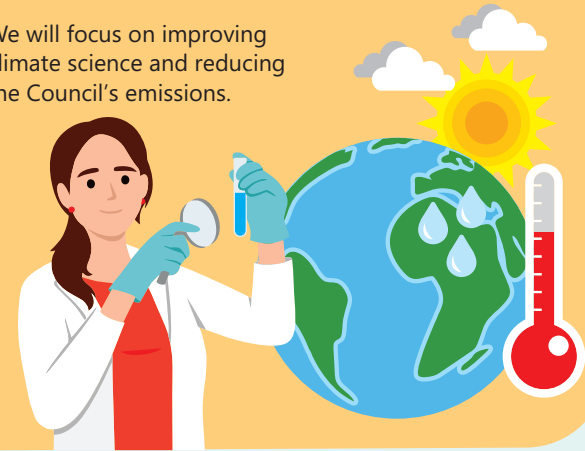
We will take a strong role coordinating biodiversity work across the region, including a review of the Taranaki Biodiversity Strategy.



\$915k

Addressing climate change

We will focus on improving climate science and reducing the Council's emissions.



Freshwater: You help us shape the rules

Come along and talk to us

Big changes are coming to how farmers, businesses and our community use freshwater and we want your help to shape the new rules.

We have a series of drop-in sessions coming up in June and July that are open to everyone who cares about our rivers or streams or whose work or business relies on water such as farmers, businesses and industry.

We'll have experts on hand to answer your questions about what can be done to improve water quality and protect Taranaki's rivers and streams in the short, medium and long term as we work towards creating a new Land and Freshwater Plan.

We're looking to set targets for the levels of E. coli, sediment and nutrients and targets and limits on how much water can be safely and sustainably taken from waterways.

These targets will directly impact on many business activities such as how much water can be taken by farmers and industry so it's vital we hear from those impacted so we can shape the new rules together.

The changes will also affect hill country farmers, farmers who have an effluent consent or those planning earthworks.

As well as popping-in anytime at the drop-in sessions, you can find out more online and take part in a survey from 10 June to 2 August by going to trc.govt.nz/helpshapetherules.

25 JUNE

Inglewood

TET Stadium
1 Elliot Street
10am-1pm

Tarata

Tarata Community Hall
1831 Tarata Road
3pm-6.30pm

27 JUNE

Stratford

Centennial Rooms
Fenton Street
10am-1pm

Te Wera

Te Wera Lodge
3560 Ohura Road
3pm-6.30pm



3 JULY



Online

6pm-8pm

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