

# Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland

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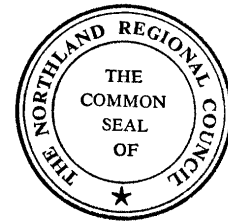
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991


ADOPTION OF THE  
REGIONAL WATER AND SOIL PLAN

The Northland Regional Council hereby certified that it adopted the Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland by Resolution, dated 18 August 2004, pursuant to the powers and authority vested in it by Clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The adoption of the Plan was publicly notified on the 21 August 2004 and became operative on the 28 August 2004.

The Common seal of the  
Northland Regional Council was  
hereto affixed in the presence of:



  
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Chief Executive Officer



Resource Management Act 1991

# APPROVAL OF PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE REGIONAL WATER AND SOIL PLAN

The Northland Regional Council by resolution dated 20 June 2007, approved and made operative Plan Change 1 to the Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland contained herein, pursuant to the powers and authorities vested in it by the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This approval will be publicly notified on 18 August 2007 and becomes operative on 30 August 2007.

The Common seal of the Northland Regional Council was hereto affixed in the presence of:

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Chief Executive Officer



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# APPROVAL OF PLAN CHANGE 2 TO THE REGIONAL WATER AND SOIL PLAN

The Northland Regional Council by resolution dated 29 September 2010, approved and made operative Plan Change 2 to the Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland contained herein, pursuant to the powers and authorities vested in it by the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This approval will be publicly notified on the 4 October 2010 and becomes operative on 18 October 2010.

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## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

# APPROVAL OF INSERTION OF TRANSITIONAL POLICIES

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011 came into effect on the 1 July 2011, and required two new transitional policies (A4 and B7) to be inserted into the Water and Soil Plan to guide resource consent decision-making in relation to freshwater resources.

These amendments to the Regional Water and Soil Plan were made under section 55 of the Resource Management Act 1991 as directed by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011. Section 55 of the Resource Management Act 1991 states that the amendments are to be made without using the public submission process provided in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

The amendments were publically notified on the 5 October 2011 and inserted into the plan at pages 58a, 80, 100a, and 112 in accordance with the council resolutions of 20 September 2011.



General Manager - Planning and Policy

## “WHATUNGARONGARO TE TANGATA TOITU TE WHENUA”

**Ko te wehi ki a Ihowa te timatatanga o ngaa whakaaro nui  
He maungaarongo ki te mata o te whenua.  
He whakaaro pai ki ngaa taangata katoa.  
Kia noho ai te aroha a Ihowa  
ki runga ia taatou katoa.  
Tihewa Mauri Ora!**

**E ngaa iwi, e ngaa tini karangaranga taangata,  
Teena anoo taatou katoa.**

**E mihi tonu ana ki te tini o a taatou maatua tuupuna  
kua wehe atu ki te poo.  
Nгаа mate no teena iwi, no teena iwi;  
"He raarangi maunga tuu te ao tuu te poo;  
He raarangi taangata ka ngaaro, ka ngaaro, na e ngaaro tonu nei."  
Haere koutou, haere, haere, haere.**

**E ngaa huihuinga taangata  
E noho mai raa i roto i te Tai Tokerau,  
Teena koutou, teena koutou, teena anoo tatou katoa.**

**Ko eenei Ngaa Tikanga Mo Te Wai Me Te Whenua a  
Te Kaunihera Whaanui o te Taitokerau.  
Kahore anoo i whakatuuturu eenei kaupapa,  
heoi anoo maa te iwi whaanui e whakatutuki.  
Kia tiaki ai tatou i eenei taaonga tuku iho;  
Nгаа taaonga o Te Tai Ao, o Te Ao Tuuroa**

**Ko te tumanako, kia tau mai ngaa manaakitanga o te  
Runga Rawa ki teena ki teena o taatou.**

**Teena koutou, teena koutou  
Kia ora mai anoo tatou katoa.**

**"MAN WILL PASS, BUT THE EARTH  
REMAINS"**

**Greetings to all people of the Northland Region.**

**Firstly, we acknowledge those who have gone before us,  
From whom we derive our heritage,  
Farewell.**

**To us who remain,  
Greetings.**

**We present here the Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland  
In setting it down we look to you, the people of Northland,  
For the mandate to carry it out,  
So that together we may achieve the wise management of the environment.**

**May we be blessed in doing so,  
Greetings to you all.**

## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

***“Kia rongo taku korokoro i nga wai reka o Kokohuia”  
May I taste the sweet waters of Kokohuia.***

A dying wish by Waikona, sister of Waimirangi, queen of Ngapuhi  
circa 1700 A.D.

Completion of this Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland marks another significant milestone for the Northland Regional Council.

Not only is the finalisation of this Plan a significant achievement in itself, it is also the third – and last - major Plan of its type to be made operative by the Council since March, 2003; the others being the Regional Air Quality Plan and Regional Coastal Plan.

All three Plans represent many years of detailed work by successive staff and Council members, with this Regional Water and Soil Plan alone requiring thousands of hours work over more than a decade.

However, this Plan is also a testament to the extensive involvement of the wider Northland public including iwi and District Council representatives, farming, forestry, business and environmental interests.

Such was the willingness of the public to work with the Regional Council on this Plan, that despite 36 appeals on more than 230 points, all of these issues were able to be successfully mediated with none needing an Environment Court hearing.

Northland's water and soil resources are an often underappreciated, yet incredibly valuable, resource in a region that shares both a significant rural economy and large areas of bush, forest and other environmental treasures.

As the region continues to grow, providing an effective framework for managing resource use, development and protection is critical. This Plan incorporates an integrated approach to making decisions on our water and soil resources and conveys a wide range of information on the region's environment.

The result is a comprehensive balance between acknowledging human activity and maintaining our environment for future generations. It also affords Northlanders some certainty as to how water and soil matters will be dealt with.

However, this Plan is also designed to be a living document and when the need is determined, changes will be made.

My sincerest thanks to everyone who has played a role in the development of this Plan.



Mark Farnsworth  
Chairman



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