



# Northland Regional Council What we do

## Your Regional Councillors

The Council has eight members elected every three years from the Far North, Kaipara and Whangarei Districts to represent the community.

Councillors (and staff) are freely available to discuss Council issues. The public is also welcome to attend Council meetings. These are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month, but all upcoming Council and Committee meeting dates and times are advertised in the Northern Advocate newspaper and on Council's website. [www.nrc.govt.nz/councillors](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/councillors) [www.nrc.govt.nz/events](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/events)



## Regional and District Councils – who does what?

Northland's three District Councils - Kaipara, Whangarei and Far North - are responsible for essential community services within their own areas. These include road maintenance, land-use and subdivisions, community health and community services like libraries, swimming pools and recreation areas.

But because natural resources (and their use) often cross these District boundaries, the Regional Council manages these resources for the benefit of the whole region.

[www.nrc.govt.nz/districtcouncils](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/districtcouncils)



## Northland Regional Council Offices

### Opua Office

Unit 10, Opua Marine Park, Opua 0200.  
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### Kaitaia Office

192 Commerce Street, Kaitaia 0410.  
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### Dargaville Office

61B Victoria Street, Dargaville 0310.  
Telephone: 09 439 3300 Facsimile: 09 439 3301

### Main Office

36 Water Street, Whangarei.  
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Whangarei 0148, New Zealand.  
Telephone: 09 438 4639 Facsimile: 09 438 0012

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Freephone: 0800 002 004

24/7 Environmental Hotline: 0800 504 639

Website: [www.nrc.govt.nz](http://www.nrc.govt.nz)



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The Northland Regional Council is one of Northland's main environmental guardians, aiming to protect Northland's land, water, coast and air while still allowing for sustainable development.

We are also responsible for promoting the region's economic, social and cultural wellbeing; this is reflected in our motto 'Putting Northland first'.

Our 1.25 million hectare region takes in everything north of a line stretching from south-east of Mangawhai to the Kaipara Harbour and has more than 3000km of coastline.

## What we do – and how we pay for it

Our responsibilities include environment management, flood and land management, biosecurity, emergency management, pollution control, public transport planning and funding, coastal navigation and safety. Councillors decide our overall policies and staff implement them. We employ about 140 people. Our main office is in Whangarei and we have regional offices in Dargaville, Opuia and Kaitaia. Our income comes from rates and charges, investments and government grants. [www.nrc.govt.nz/whatwedo](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/whatwedo)

## Awards and funding

The Northland Regional Council has funding available to assist with variety of eligible environmental, educational and cultural initiatives undertaken by the Northland community. Individuals, landowners, community groups, schools and iwi are among those able to take advantage of Regional Council funding and advice. [www.nrc.govt.nz/funding](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/funding)



## Biosecurity

Biosecurity is about protecting our environment, economy and way of life from the harmful impacts of pest animals, pest plants and diseases. The Northland Regional Council works with landowners to target regional pest plants and animals and helps the rural economy by controlling possums to stop the spread of bovine Tb. [www.nrc.govt.nz/nasties](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/nasties)

## Education and public information

Specialist Council staff host seminars and field days designed to educate Northlanders about a variety of topics linked to the environment, while others visit schools to deliver environmental education initiatives. We also produce a wide range of publications and self-help guides covering most aspects of Council's work. [www.nrc.govt.nz/schools](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/schools)  
[www.nrc.govt.nz/publications](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/publications)

## Emergency management

We co-ordinate the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group for the region. We work together to minimise the potential effects of emergencies, prepare ourselves and the community, respond to emergencies and help the community to recover. [www.nrc.govt.nz/civildefence](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/civildefence)

## Environmental planning and monitoring

The region's natural resources sustain our lives. We help people to use these resources appropriately and sustainably. Through regional plans, resource consents and monitoring, we work with the community to care for our environment – air, land, water and coast. [www.nrc.govt.nz/environmentalmonitoring](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/environmentalmonitoring)  
[www.nrc.govt.nz/consents](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/consents)

## Flood management

The region's rivers can put homes, farmland, jobs, livelihoods and property at risk from flooding. We help communities protect themselves from the effects of flooding. [www.nrc.govt.nz/priorityrivers](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/priorityrivers) [www.nrc.govt.nz/floodplans](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/floodplans)

## Harbours

We look after the navigational safety of all vessels in our region's harbours – from Kaipara in the south to Parengarenga in the north - and around the regional coastline. We encourage safe boating behaviour and are ready to respond in case of a marine oil spill. [www.nrc.govt.nz/onthewater](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/onthewater)

## Infrastructure

We work with regional and national agencies to help ensure the provision and security of core regional infrastructure like transport, energy and telecommunications. We have plans to establish an Infrastructure Development Authority as a way to fund future infrastructure projects. [www.nrc.govt.nz/projects](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/projects)

## Land management

We encourage landowners to recognise the economic and social value of managing land in a way that will protect the resource and meet the needs of current and future generations. The Regional Council works with landowners to develop sustainability and property conservation plans and with rural community groups to promote soil conservation. [www.nrc.govt.nz/land](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/land)

## Pollution control

We maintain a 24-hour incident response service, conduct environmental assessments of industrial and commercial sites, and maintain a register of sites with hazardous industries or activities. To report a pollution incident call our 24/7 freephone 0800 504 639. [www.nrc.govt.nz/waste](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/waste)

## Tourism and economic development

We support economic development and tourism promotion through the NRC Community Trust and its subsidiaries, Enterprise Northland and Destination Northland Ltd. [www.enterprisenorthland.co.nz](http://www.enterprisenorthland.co.nz) [www.northlandnz.com](http://www.northlandnz.com)



## Transport

We help plan the region's roading network and we administer Whangarei's urban bus service. [www.nrc.govt.nz/transport](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/transport) [www.nrc.govt.nz/bus](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/bus)

## Water management

We ensure there is enough water for everyone - a difficult task with so many competing needs. Water allocation, use and monitoring help control the situation. [www.nrc.govt.nz/water](http://www.nrc.govt.nz/water)