



# Environmental Hui

Improving the way we manage  
Northland's environment



# Purpose of the hui

- Getting feedback to help us review the way Northland's environment is managed
- Increase understanding of how Northland's environment is managed and the role of councils
- Councils listening and working together



# Outline of the day

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| <i>10:15 - 10:30</i> | Morning tea   |
| <i>10:30 - 11:15</i> | Session 1: Managing Northland's environment - who does what and how                   |
| <i>11:15 - 12:30</i> | Session 2: What are the environmental issues for tangata whenua?                      |
| <i>12:30 - 1:00</i>  | Lunch   |
| <i>1:00 - 1:30</i>   | Session 2 continued   |
| <i>1:30 - 2:30</i>   | Session 3: Prioritising the environmental issues - where should we focus our efforts? |
| <i>2:30 - 3:00</i>   | Future projects and wrap up   |



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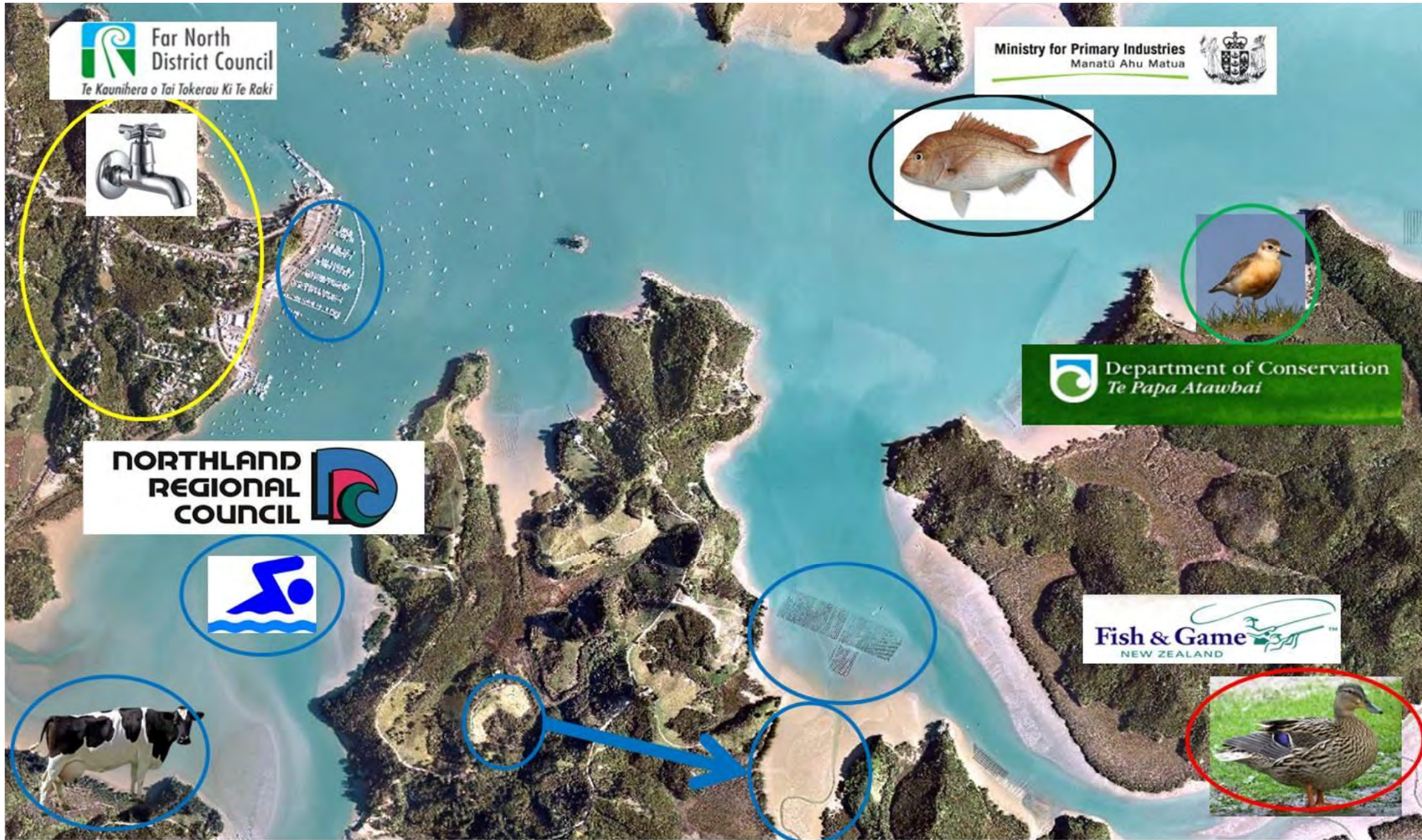


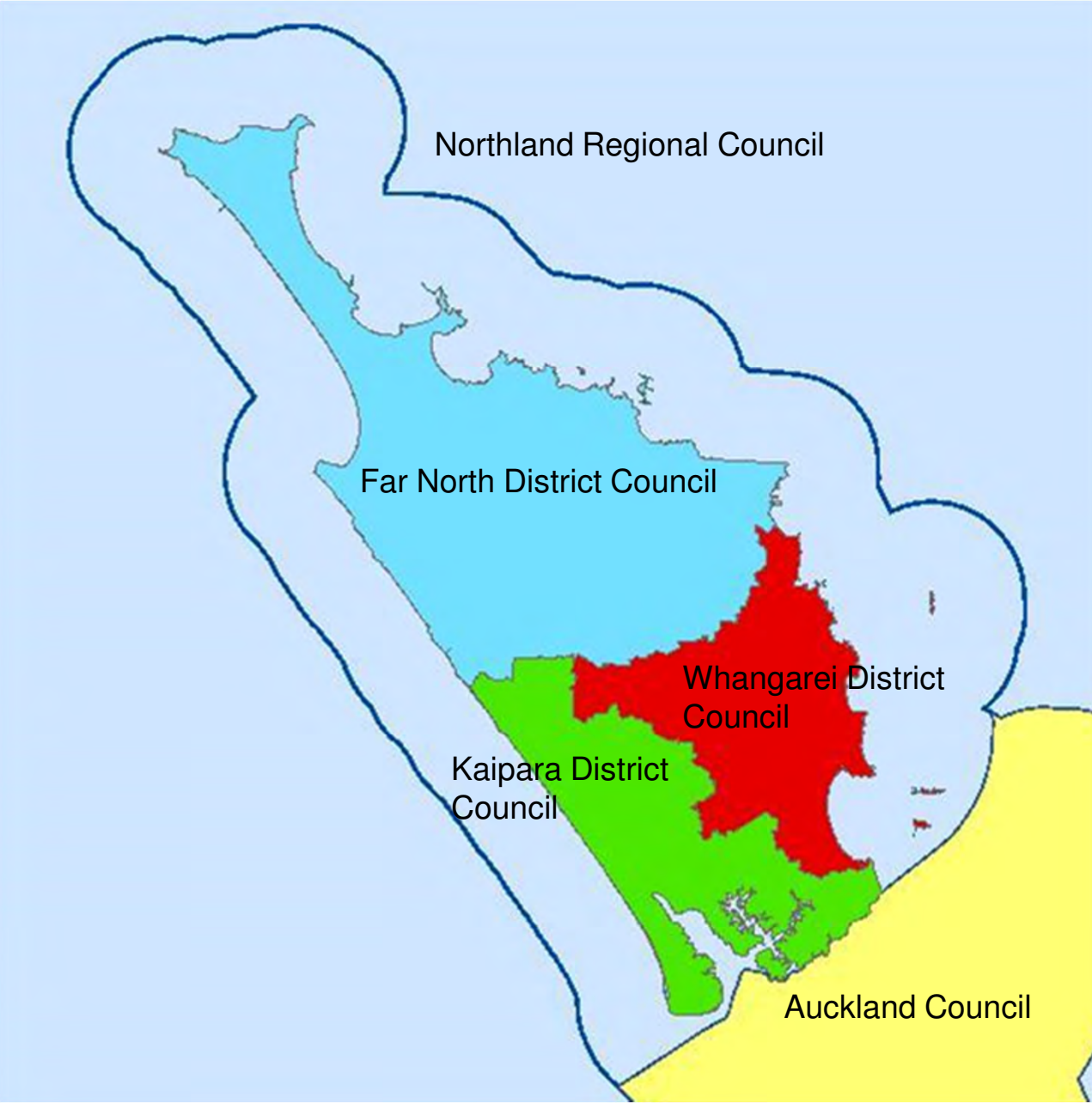
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# Northland Regional Council



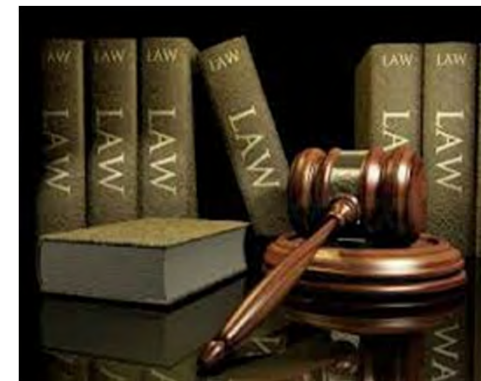
- Environmental planning and monitoring
- Biosecurity
- Emergency management
- Navigation safety
- Land management
- Flood protection
- Pollution control
- Economic development
- Transport
- Education and information

*"...aims to protect Northland's land, water, coast and air while still allowing for sustainable development...."*

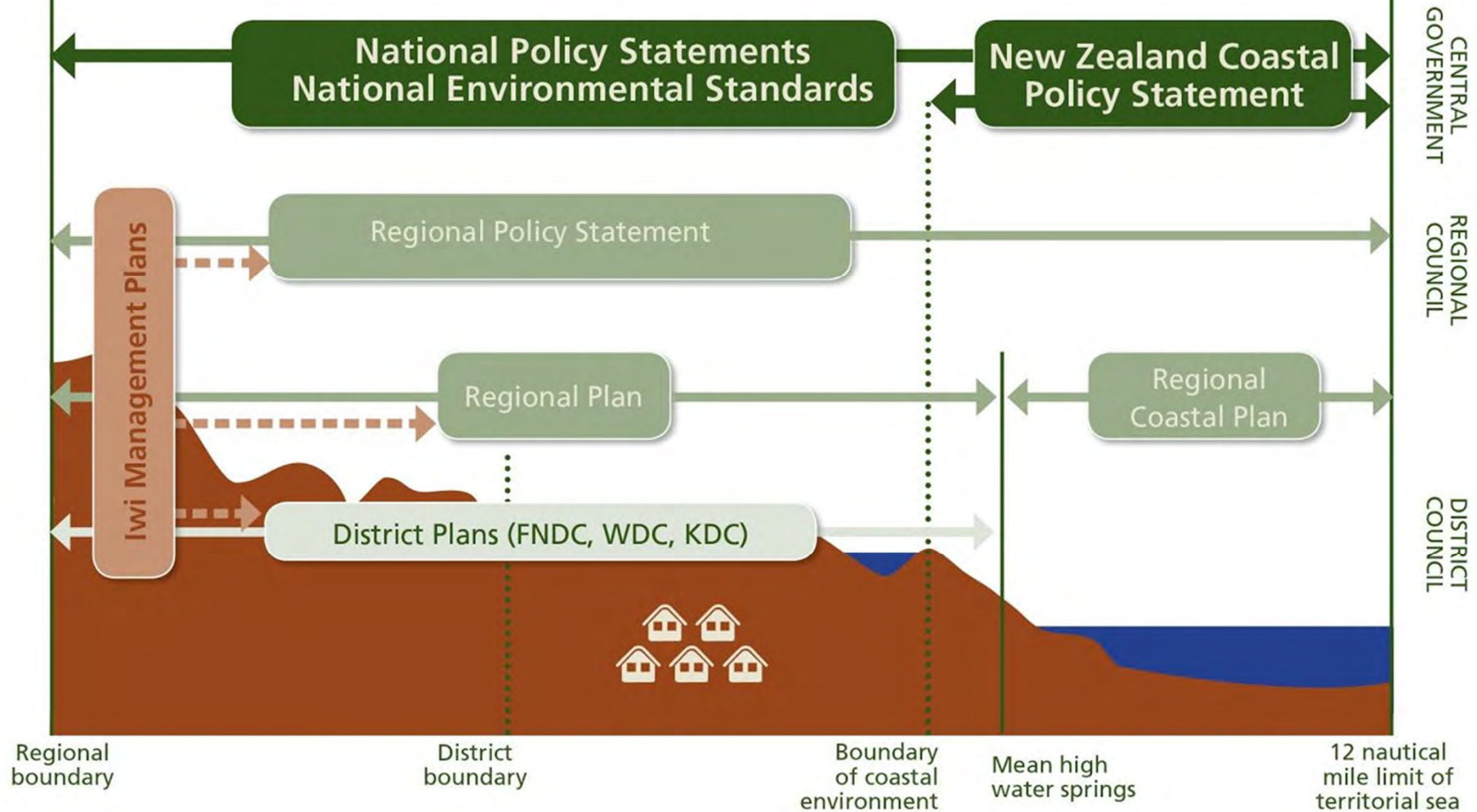


# District councils

- Infrastructure: water, sewerage, stormwater, roads
- Land use and subdivision
- Civil defence
- Building consents
- Environmental and public health

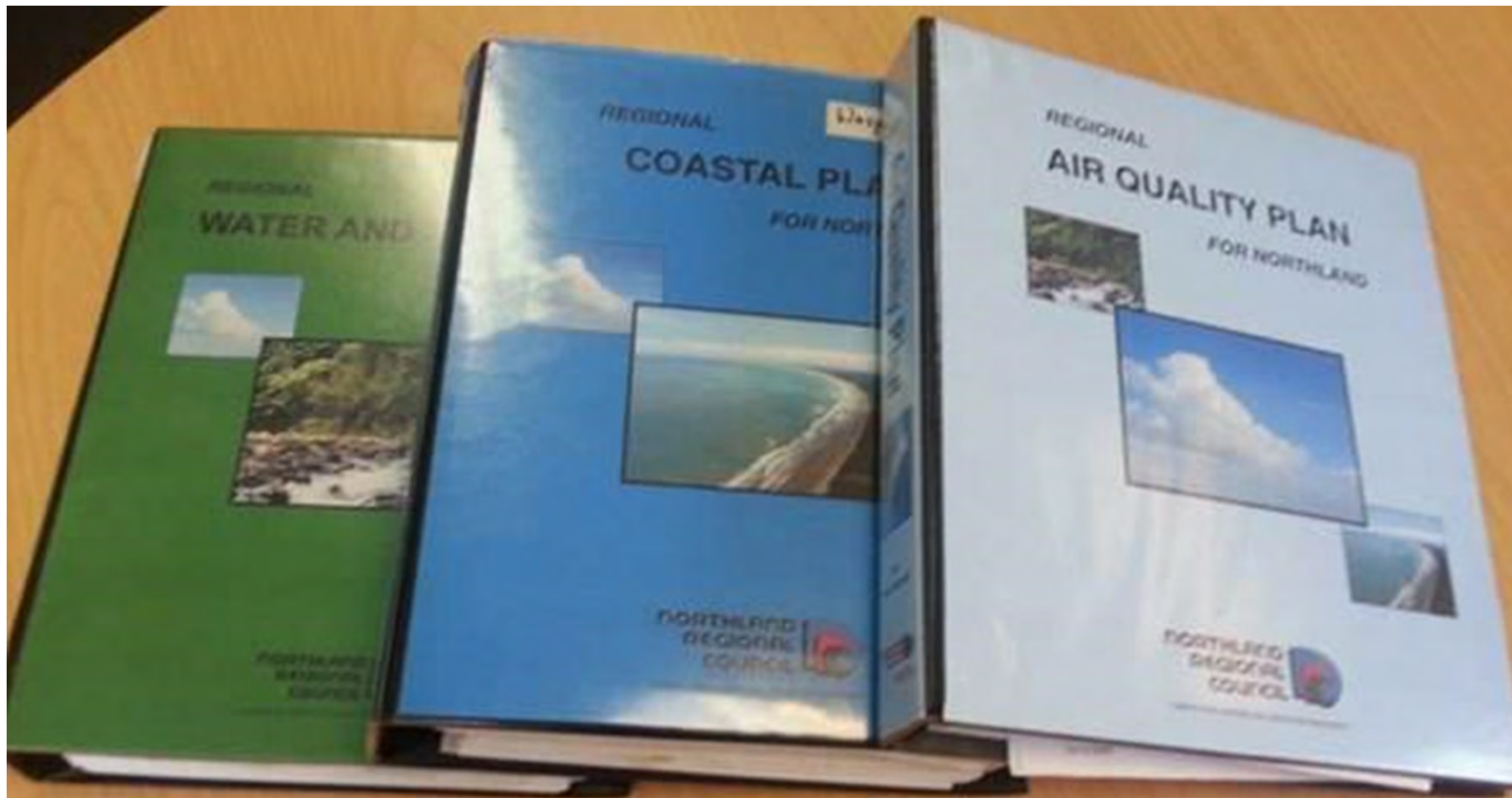


# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

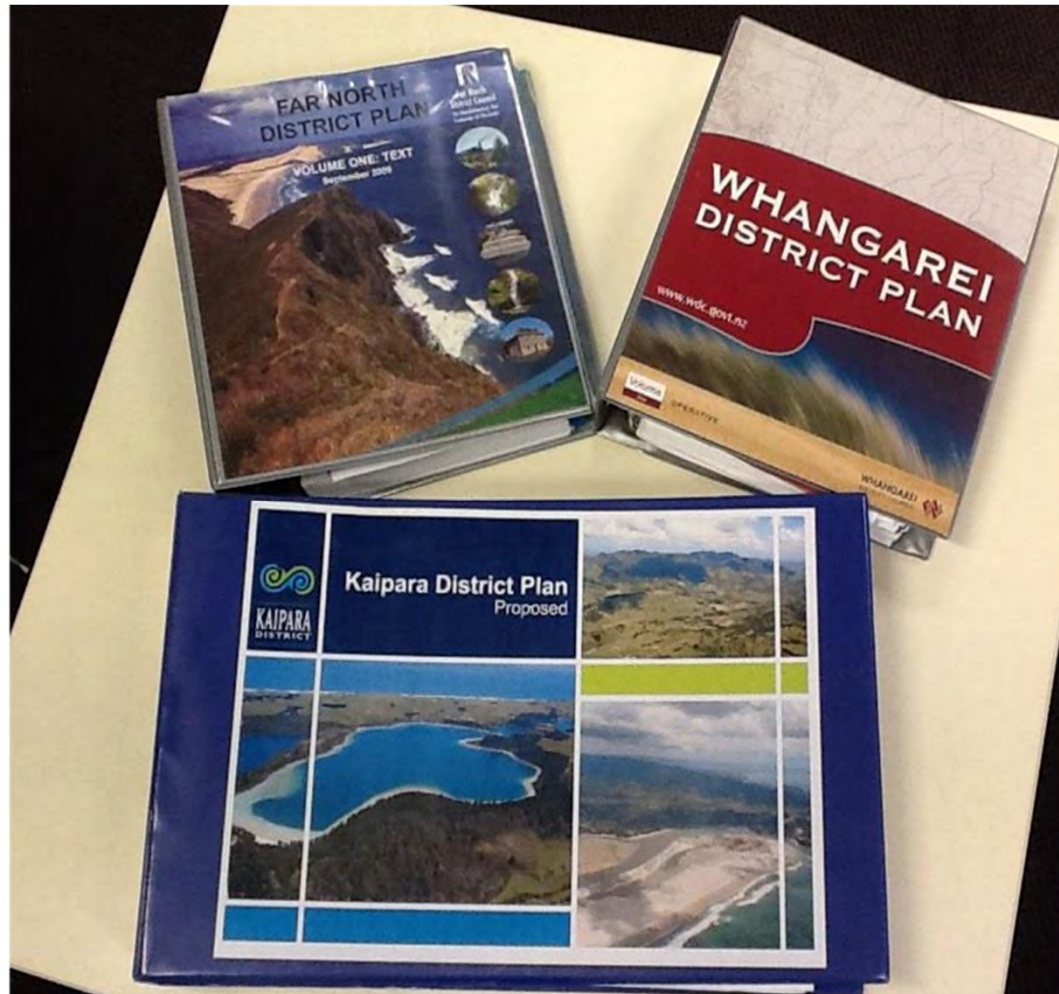




# Regional plans



# District Plans



# Tangata whenua participation in councils

- Electoral process
- Consultation
- Submissions on resource consents, plan changes, strategies
- Advisory committees
- Appointment as a Commissioner

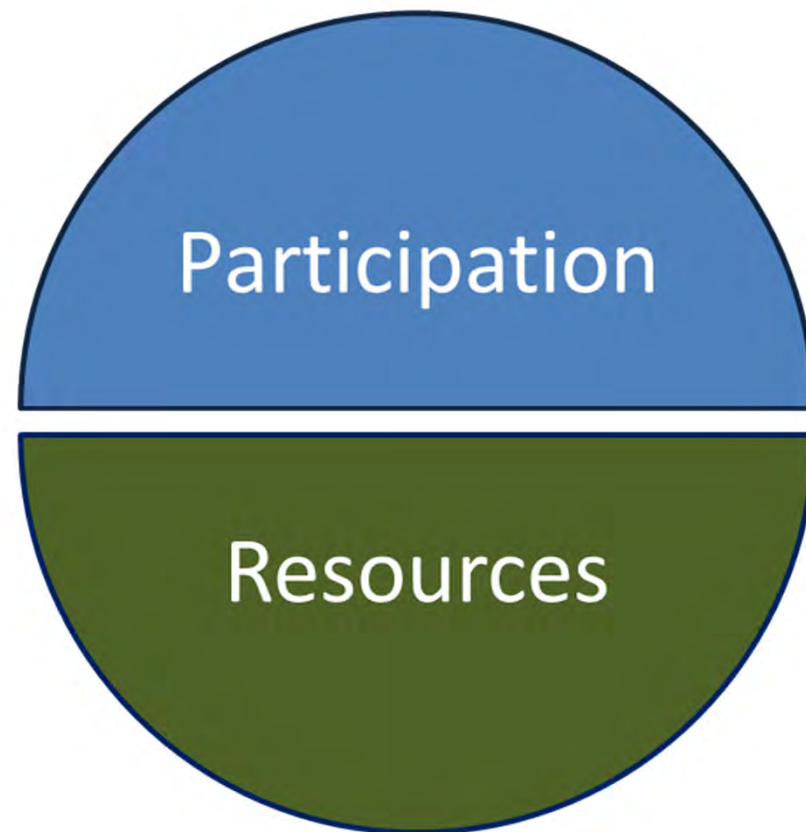




## Session 2: What are the environmental issues for tangata whenua?



# Big picture



# Participation

- Inadequate early and effective participation
- Lack of recognition of Māori land and assets
- Restrictions on development of use of Māori land marae and papakāinga
- Mātauranga Māori not sufficiently recognised and used
- Inclusion of Māori concepts, values and practices is limited and ineffective



# Resources

- The decline of the mauri of natural resources
- The decline of mahinga kai
- Drinking untreated water from streams and rivers.
- Damage, destruction and loss of access to wāhi tapu, sites of customary value and other ancestral sites and taonga
- The loss of indigenous biodiversity
- The impacts of climate change
- Genetic engineering

# Others...

Use of rahui

Monitoring by tangata  
whenua

Transfers and joint  
management

Biodiversity and cultural  
resources / practices

Identification and  
management of cultural  
landscapes

Use of traditional place  
names

Mining in areas of  
significance to tangata  
whenua

Restrictions on disposal  
of cremation / human  
ashes

Discharges from  
crematoria and  
mortuaries

Integrated catchment  
management

Drainage of wetlands

Impacts on tuna and  
other indigenous fresh  
water species

Disposal of waste water  
to land

Duration of water take  
consents

Freshwater fish and their  
habitats

Waste water and storm  
water infiltration / exfiltration

Air quality, including dust  
from unsealed roads

Renewable energy

Sedimentation impacts

Bonds for earthworks

Seasonal restriction on  
earthworks (eg in the  
summer months only)

Discharge of ballast water

Moorings

Vehicles on beaches

Aquaculture space

# Lunch





# Session 3: Where should we concentrate our efforts?



# Why do we need to prioritise?

- Limited time and money
- Some things are more important to us than others
- Minimising negative environmental effects can be expensive
- Economic activity has negative environmental effects - so what negative effects are OK?



# Where would you put your efforts?

- What are the 'top 10' environmental issues?
- Where would you spend the money?

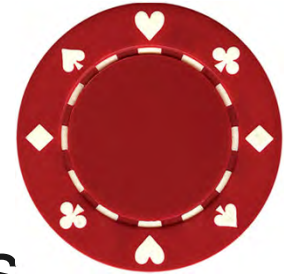






# Instructions

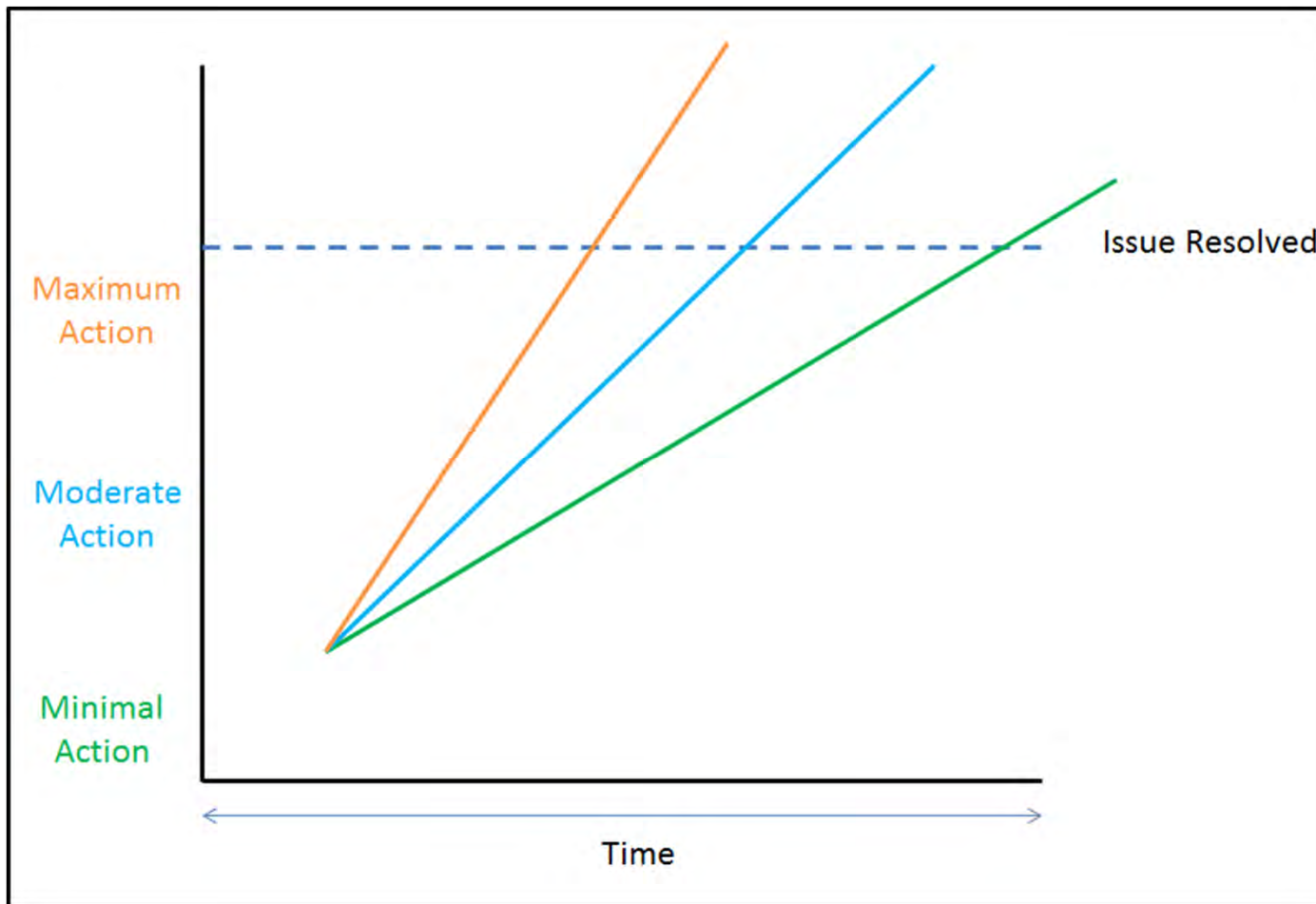
- Participants in groups of 2-4
- Each participant their own 'Council' with mandate to resolve top 10 issues
- Each group given \$X
- How to solve? Three options available with varying costs/benefits
- Each chip = \$X. Place chips in each issue container based on the option your 'Councils' select



# Options - Explanation

- **Minimal Action**
  - e.g Providing guidance documents, contestable Council fund, further research/ analysis / consultation, a combination of the above,
- **Moderate Action**
  - e.g flood mitigation works, review of sites of cultural significance/wahi tapu, enhanced biodiversity and pest management
- **Maximum Action**
  - e.g District upgrades to water, wastewater, stormwater infrastructure, comprehensive regional/district plan review, regional flood detention/retention dam

# Options - Explanation





# Future processes

- Regional Land Transport Plan - Dec 2014
- Regional Public Transport Plan - Dec 2014
- Long term plans - 2015
- Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan - 2015
- Draft regional plan - 2016
- Council elections - 2016
- Enabling Maori land
- Review of the Far North District Plan - 2017

# Wrap up

Notes - [nrc.govt.nz/newregionalplan](http://nrc.govt.nz/newregionalplan), click on “*Hui - managing Northland’s environment*”



# Thank you!



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