



## **WATER SHORTAGE DIRECTION**



Pursuant to Section 329 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Surface water flows and ground water sources in Whangārei and Far North coastal catchments are at such low levels that the Northland Regional Council considers that a serious temporary water shortage exists within the following catchment areas.

### **Whangārei District:**

Ngunguru, Tutukaka, Matapouri North & South, Whangaumu Bay, Kowharewa Bay, Church Bay, Pataua North & South, Bland Bay, Ōākura, Teal Bay/Ngawai Bay, Moureeses Bay, Sandy Bay, Taiharuru Bay, Whananaki North & South, Woolleys Bay.

### **Far North District:**

Russell/Tapeka, Taipā, Coopers Beach/Cable Bay/Mangonui, Taupo Bay, Tauranga Bay, Te Ngaere Bay, Matauri Bay.

Consequently, the following direction in relation to the taking of water from surface water and ground water sources within the specified catchment areas is issued and subject to the following conditions:

- All taking of water from surface water sources in the specified catchment areas for irrigation either authorised by consent or permitted activity rule shall cease for the duration of this notice.
- All taking of water from ground water sources in the specified catchment areas for irrigation either authorised by consent or permitted activity rule shall cease for the duration of this notice.
- Water for reasonable household domestic needs and the reasonable drinking needs of stock can be taken during the term of this notice. This is to provide for public health and the welfare of stock.
- Water cannot be taken for non-essential activities including, but not limited to, garden watering, filling of swimming pools, water blasting and washing of cars, vehicles, boats and machinery.
- The taking of water for other activities otherwise authorised by permitted activities in the Regional Water and Soil Plan for Northland shall cease from the date of issue of this notice until expiry of this notice.

This notice shall expire 14 days after its issue **Issue Date:** 15 May 2020

**Note:** This notice may be amended, revoked, or renewed by the Northland Regional Council at any time. Should the low water levels in the specified catchments continue, it is likely that this notice will be renewed. Terms and conditions may change upon renewal.