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Residents survey

He uiuinga whānui o ngā kainoho

We'd love to hear from you about the work we do, what's important to you and how we can do better.

Follow the link or scan the QR code to share your views with us.

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PROTECT KAI IWI LAKES FROM INVASIVE FRESHWATER CLAM

Me tiaki i ngā roto o Kai Iwi kia kore e pāngia ngā kakaru wai māori urutomo

The invasive freshwater clam poses a serious threat to Northland's rivers, lakes, infrastructure, and native biodiversity.

To help stop the spread and protect our lakes and rivers, always CHECK, CLEAN, DRY any watercraft or gear that comes into contact with the water, between every waterway, every time.

If you're visiting Lake Taharoa this summer, we're asking you to complete a self-certification before using the lake. This confirms you have followed the correct biosecurity protocol (Check, Clean, Dry) to ensure your watercraft and gear are free from freshwater pests.

A biosecurity checkpoint is in place at Kai Iwi Lakes this summer to ensure lake users have completed the self-certification.

We're also considering rules and infrastructure to reduce the risk of invasive clams entering Northland lakes and we'd appreciate your feedback on these options.

Find out more and share your thoughts! Visit: www.nrc.govt.nz/invasiveclam

Local Government reform and you

Te whakahoutanga o te kāwanatanga ā-rohe me tō whai wāhi

As ratepayers you are no doubt interested in central government's proposals for local government reform and how this will affect you.

It's still early days but the government is proposing a two-part plan which would first see our regional councillors replaced with a panel of Northland's three district mayors, creating a 'Combined Territories Board' (CTB). The second part would require the CTB to propose its own model for the future of local government in its region, in line with government criteria.

You can read more about it here:

www.dia.govt.nz/simplifying-local-government

We agree that it's time for a major review as our current system has been in place for 35 years, but we want to ensure any reform is in the best interests of Northland as a whole, rather than a solution imposed by Wellington.

All four Northland councils are united in working together proactively on solutions to better serve our communities and the region. Central government is calling for public submissions on its proposal until 20 February 2026.

Are you
GOOD TO GO
this summer?

Kua rite katoa koe mō tēnei raumati?

Before you hit the beach, visit your favourite lake or river, or head out on the boat, check out our online 'Good to Go' hub. It's a one-stop-shop for the latest local rules, regulations, and tips to help you and your whānau have a safe and enjoyable summer.

You'll find information on fishing, diving, and anchoring restrictions in the Bay of Islands, and guidance on how you can help protect our lakes and rivers from invasive freshwater clam. The hub also includes a link to Safeswim, so you can find up to the minute information of water quality and conditions at your favourite swimming spot. To explore the hub and make sure you're 'Good to Go', visit www.nrc.govt.nz/goodtogo

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