

# 2020/21

## Environmental compliance, monitoring and enforcement



**This summary gives Hawke's Bay communities an overview of Hawke's Bay Regional Council's environmental compliance, monitoring and enforcement activities during 2020/21.**

We are responsible for implementing the regulatory requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), and ensuring any activities around natural resources are sustainable and comply with regulations. This responsibility and role aligns with tangata whenua and kaitiaki values.



### Resource consents

**Compliance monitoring is important for the Regional Council to know that consents are being complied with.**

We monitor consents in a range of ways, including by auditing information or physical inspection.

We prioritise compliance monitoring based on factors such as compliance history, risk of non-compliance and the potential impact should non-compliance occur.

Many consents are for low risk activities which only require intermittent monitoring. For those found to be non-compliant, a variety of enforcement approaches are used.

# 3297 consents



**3092** monitored

**2574** fully compliant ✓

**480** site inspections

**22** significant non-compliance ✗



**61** dairy farms fully compliant ✓

**3** significant non-compliant ✗



## Pollution response

Hawke's Bay Regional Council operates a 24/7 freephone service 0800 108 838 for anyone to report potential breaches of environmental regulations.

A dedicated team assesses all reports and investigates suspected breaches.

**823 incidents responded to**

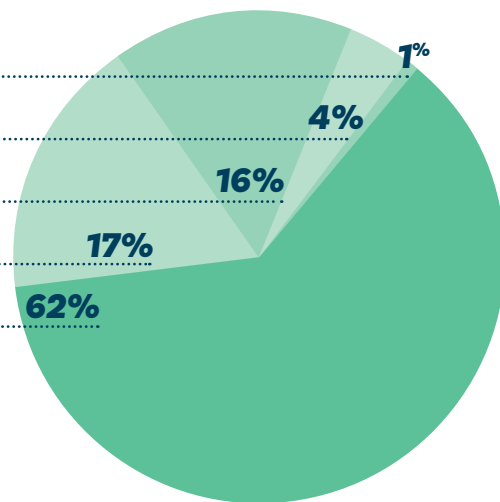
Groundwater

Coastal

Surface water

Land

Air



**66**

**Abatement notices**

up from 2019/20 **21**

up from 2018/19 **40**

A significant increase in the number of abatement notices to 66 for the year, compared to 21 (2019/20) and 40 (2018/19).

To read the full compliance report visit [hbrc.govt.nz, search:compliance](https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/search:compliance)

## Enforcement

Breaches of environmental regulations identified through compliance monitoring and incident response work are responded to according to the severity of the breach. For the most serious environmental breaches, the council will prosecute. Prosecution must be initiated within 12 months of an incident occurring and takes an average of 10 months to process through the court.

**12 prosecutions**

during the year. A further six prosecutions have commenced in the 2020-21 year

**\$196,000**

finer from prosecutions

**\$43,800**

from 86 infringement notices

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