

ENOUGH CLEAN WATER FOR PEOPLE,  
OUR RIVERS AND GROUNDWATER IS  
VITAL TO OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY...

# THIS IS TANK



In 2012, the Hawke's Bay Regional Council formed a stakeholder group to look at the best way to manage the freshwater resources of the Tutaekuri, Ahuriri, Ngaruroro and Karamū catchments. The project quickly became known as TANK.

This year, the TANK Plan will give clear direction to water users. It's an opportunity to set **fair rules for water use** and protect the environment. **Our rivers and aquifer come first**, while we also rely on safe, secure water when we need it.

**KEEP IN TOUCH:** Information about TANK progress is on [hbrc.govt.nz](http://hbrc.govt.nz) search #tank

## IMPROVE WATER QUALITY



Priority focus on troublespots such as the Karamū and Ahuriri estuary, and tributaries like the Mangaone and Maraekakaho.



Shade waterways to slow weed growth, improve oxygen levels and habitat for fish.



Hillside tree planting to minimise erosion and help retain soils.



Rules for planting and 'setbacks' by waterways to filter run-off from land.



Rules to stop cattle, deer and pigs entering waterways.



Rules about growing crops on hills and near rivers.



Emphasis on wetlands to improve water quality, manage floods and droughts better.



Landowners meet new expectations to identify and solve issues, monitor and report on progress.

## FAIR RULES FOR WATER USE



Rules for how much water can be taken from our rivers and aquifers.



Set a new yearly allocation limit for the Heretaunga aquifer.



Review the minimum flows that control access to water - especially for Tutaekuri and Ngaruroro Rivers.



Find opportunities to conserve or reduce water use, including urban areas, and augment supplies with on-farm storage, supported by rules for efficient use.



Climate change is a key consideration. It affects how we set limits and model options for water use and river flows, how we conserve and improve natural supplies. It influences land use and community resilience to risks from erosion, storms and floods.



## THE TANK TIMELINE

As we move forward, we will increasingly rely on our local communities, tāngata whenua, businesses and land owners to work to improve our water quality.

### EARLY 2018

TANK Group prepares draft water management plan

### MID 2018

TANK recommends draft plan to the council

### END 2018

Council asks for public comment

### END 2018

The TANK Plan is adopted and new rules are set



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Safe, secure water for Heretaunga Plains