

# AGENDA

## Council Briefing *Hui Whakamōhio*

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## 1 Karakia

### 1 [\*Karakia\*](#)

### 2 [\*Briefing Notices - Ngā Pānui o te hui\*](#)

#### 1. Recording

Welcome to members of the public who have joined us today.

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### 3 [\*Apologies - Te hunga kāore i tae\*](#)

An apology was received from Councillor O'Brien.

#### **4 Presentations - *Whakaaturanga***

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#### 4.1    *Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai*

Tim Cadogon & Neil Shaw will speak to the presentation.

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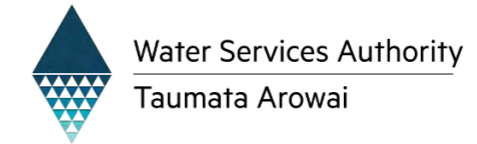
*Kia tiakina te wai hei oranga mō te katoa*

## Introduction to our role and update on our mahi

Tim Cadogan – Engagement Specialist

Neil Shaw – Water Services Manager

Whakatane District Council 25 March 2026



# Safe water every day for everyone?

September 2025



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# Getting the basics in place



**SOURCE WATER PROTECTION**



**FILTRATION**



**DISINFECTION**



**SECURE DISTRIBUTION**

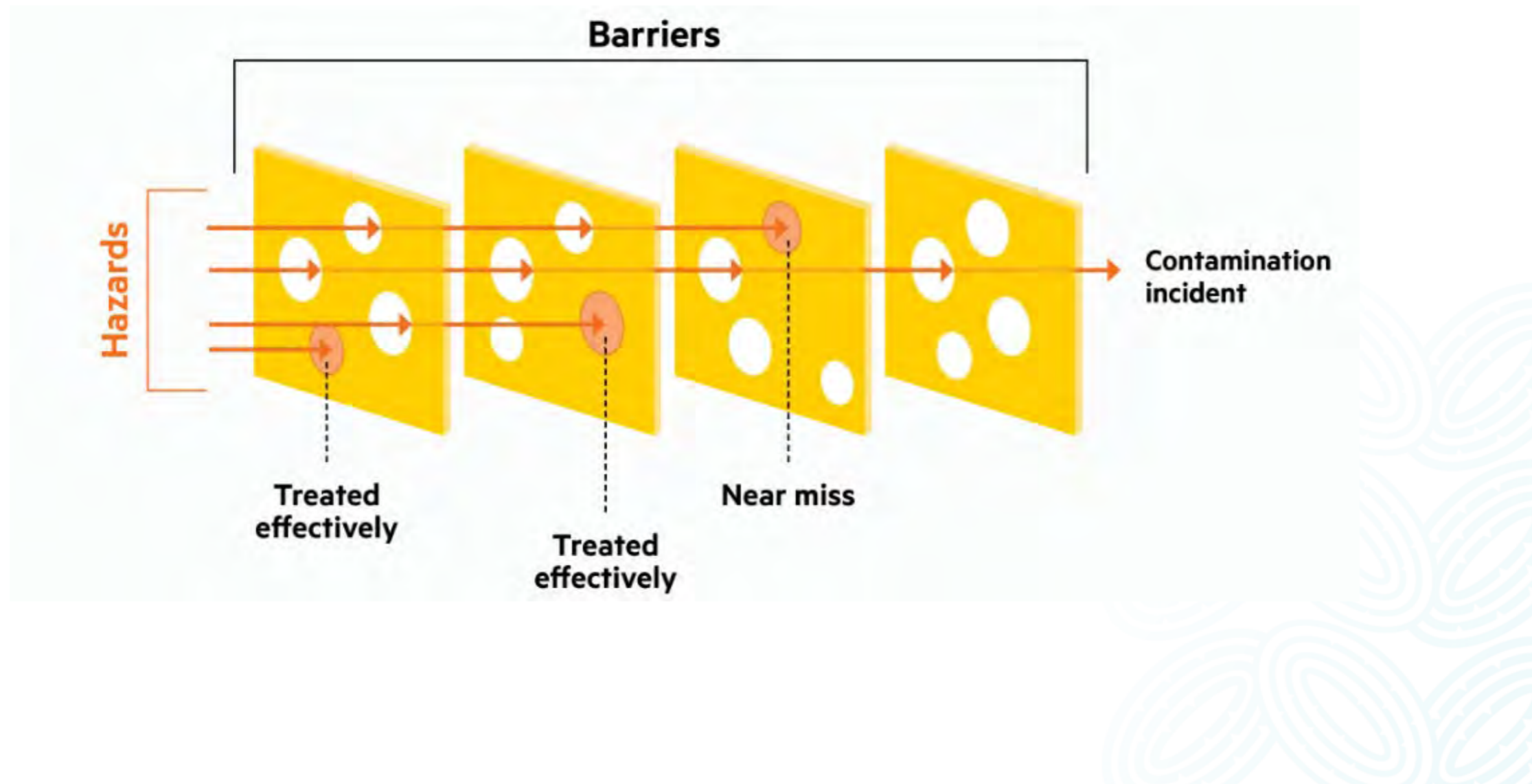
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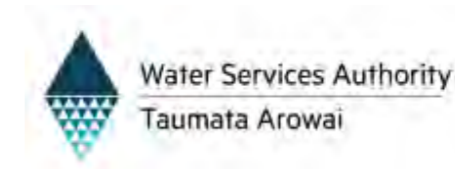


Water Services Authority  
Taumata Arowai



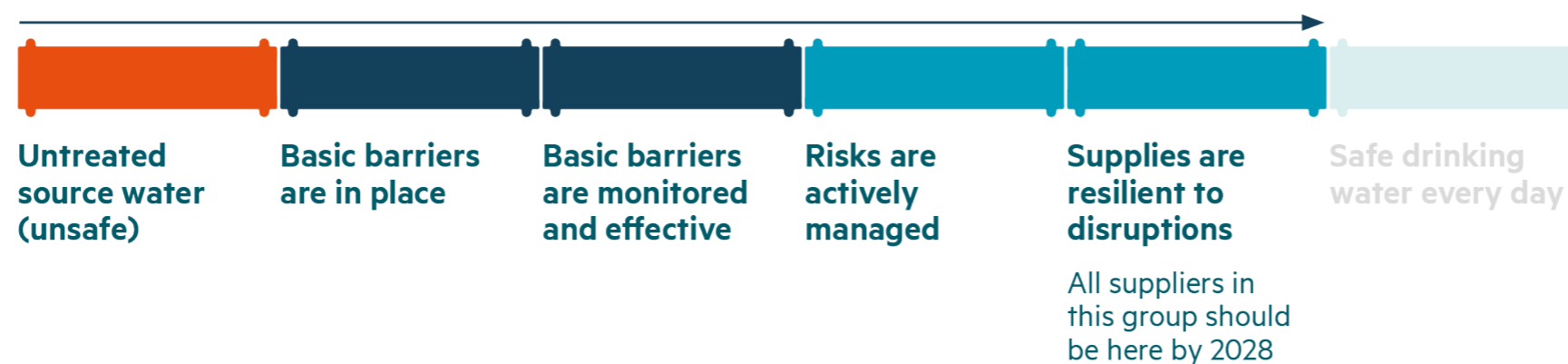
# Multi-barrier protection

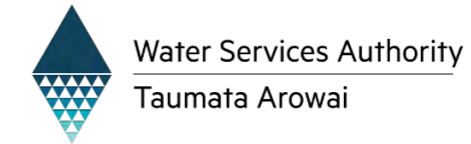




# Council supplies

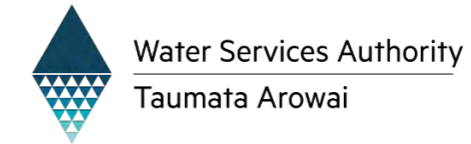
- Fully comply with the Rules or an Acceptable Solution
- Fully comply with the Standards
- Respond promptly to safety risks with appropriate action
- Maintain robust risk management plans
- Demonstrate progress towards resilience





# What suppliers can expect











# Our Community Supplies Team

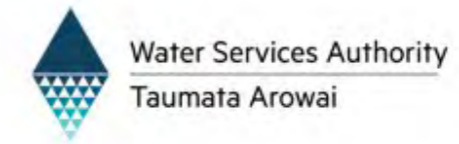


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## Focussing on

-  Rural and self-supplied kura and schools
-  Mixed use rural schemes
-  Community halls, community facilities – such as self-supplied ECE's
-  State integrated and private schools
-  Kōhanga Reo
-  Marae and kāinga

4.1 Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai(Cont.)



# Hamilton Operations team



**Neil Shaw**

Water Services Manager



**Kent Russell**

Water Services Officer



**Courtney-Ruth Gill**

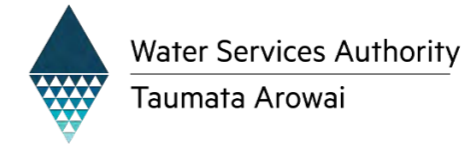
Senior Water Services Officer



**Tammy Valler**

Water Services Officer

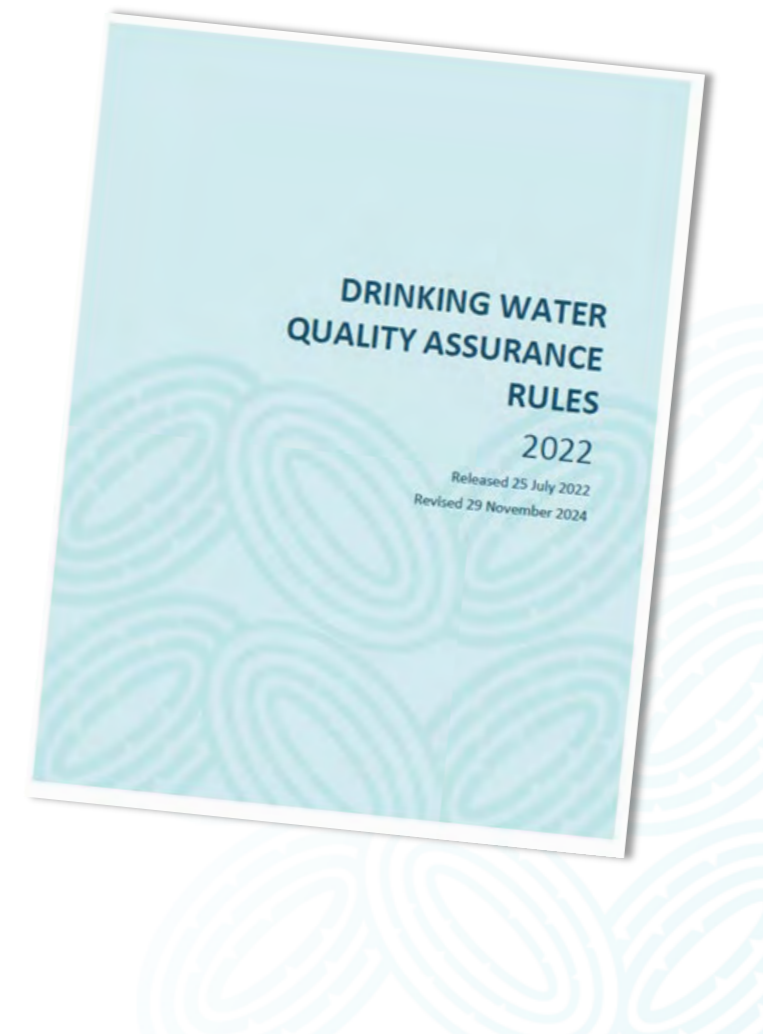
# Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules



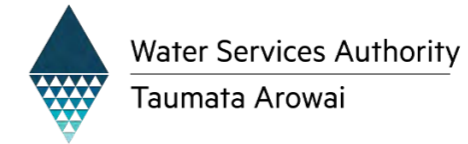
The best way to ensure:

- the supply of safe drinking water
- assurance that drinking water complies with Regulations.

is by following the Rules



# Acceptable Solutions



- Updated September 2025.
- Lower cost treatment available for households.
- Clearer responsibilities for suppliers and property owners.
- More suppliers can use, including those using surface water.
- Encourages uptake through practical how-to resources.

4.1 Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai(Cont.)



Water Services Authority  
Taumata Arowai

### Discharge to water standard

Sets treatment requirements for the main contaminants released from wastewater treatment plants into waterbodies.



**Three steps** to follow.

1. Identify the type of receiving waterbody the wastewater is discharged to.
2. Check the concentration limits for each contaminant and what monitoring and reporting is needed.
3. Include and implement the requirements in the resource consent conditions.

Contaminants covered by the standard include organic matter, Total Suspended Solids, Total Nitrogen and Phosphorus, ammonia, *E. coli* and enterococci.

The treatment requirements depend on how sensitive the receiving waterbody is and the level of environmental risk.

Small wastewater treatment plants that discharge to water have different discharge requirements.

There are very few exceptions permitted for discharges to water.

4.1 Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai(Cont.)



Water Services Authority  
Taumata Arowai

## Discharge to land standard

Provides a framework to check if land is suitable for receiving treated wastewater and then sets discharge limits based on the specific risks at that site.



**Three steps** to follow.

1. Assess the site capability, including the environmental and public health risks, to classify the site.
2. Check the contaminant limits and what monitoring and reporting is needed.
3. Include and implement the requirements in the resource consent conditions.

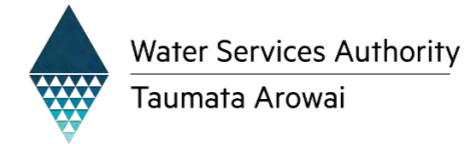
Loading limits and treatment requirements are set for Total Phosphorus, Total Nitrogen and *E. coli*.

Minimum requirements for monitoring and reporting are set, based on expected environmental effects.

Discharges of wastewater to land must have a management plan and an operations and maintenance plan.

There are limited exceptions for discharges to land.

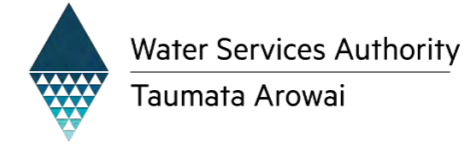
# Other Roles



- Emergency Management – role in oversight of supplier’s response to incidents and emergencies.
- National Engineering Design Standards - used to set requirements for the design, construction and operational performance of water services networks. Currently under development.
- Stormwater - oversight of the regulation, management and environmental performance of stormwater networks in urban areas that are operated by councils, council-controlled organisations, government departments and the New Zealand Defence Force.

4.1 Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai(Cont.)

# Our reports



**Drinking Water  
Regulation Report**  
2024



**Network Environmental  
Performance Report**  
2023/24



**Compliance, Monitoring and  
Enforcement Strategy**  
2025-28



4.1 Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai(Cont.)

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# Pātai – Questions

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## **4.2 Submissions (Regional Council)**

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Wouter Vullings & Paul Davidson will speak to the presentation.

4.2 Submissions (Regional Council)(Cont.)

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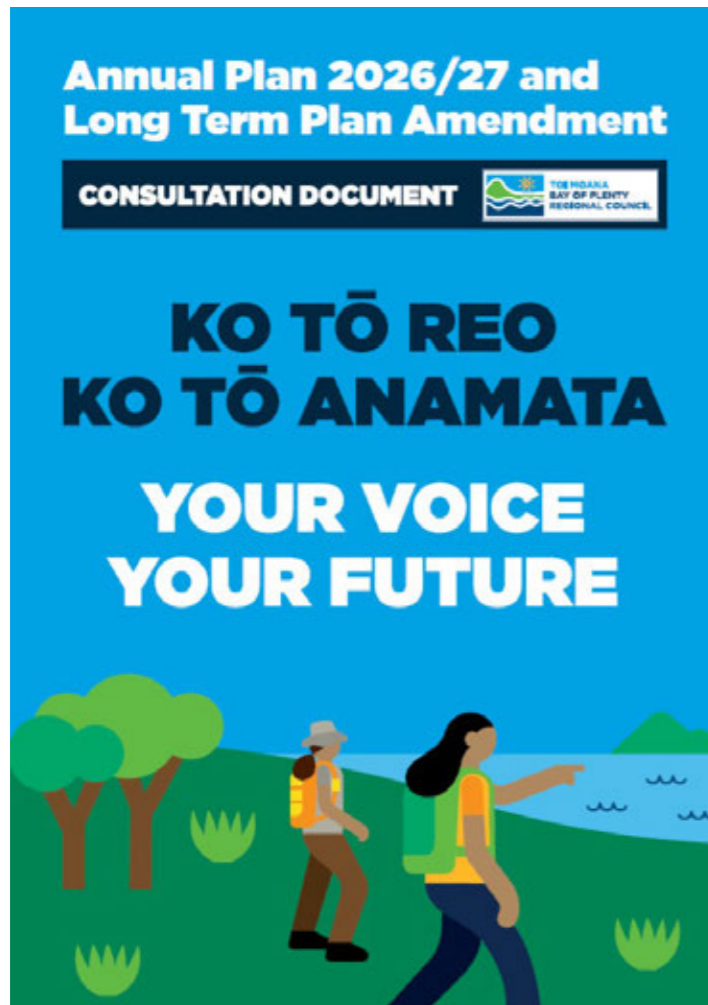
# WDC Submission to Bay of Plenty Regional Council Annual Plan and LTP Amendment March 2026

*Council Briefing, 25 March 2026*

*Wouter Vullings - Senior Advisor Strategy and Growth  
Paul Davidson – Chief Financial Officer*

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# Introduction



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## BOPRC Consultation document

- LTP amendment (1 topic)
- Development of Annual Plan 2026-27 (2<sup>+</sup> topics)

## Process

- 26 Feb BOPRC present their consultation document
- 10 & 17 March ELT discussion
- 25 March Council workshop for input
- 2 April Committee approve submission
- 2 April Submission deadline (4pm)
- April [tbc] Hearings

4.2 Submissions (Regional Council)(Cont.)

# Submission to BOPRC – Three<sup>[+1]</sup> consultation questions

**KAUPAPA UIUINGA  
CONSULTATION TOPIC 1** page 15

**Long Term Plan Amendment: Optimising regional benefits from Council Investments**

- Restructure of Quayside Holdings (\$3B portfolio) to protect for future generations
- How the income received from investments should be used.
- Four options put forward for structure.
- Changes take effect from 2027-28 FY at earliest.

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CONSULTATION TOPIC 2** page 35

**Annual Plan 2026/27:  
Investing in regional benefit**

- Opportunity to release up to \$20M infrastructure fund in 2026-27.
- Or keep in reserve (and bank further interest) for future application.
- Bridges gap in advance of above restructure and provides for “immediate need”
- Any fund to be available after adoption of Annual Plan through application/invitation

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CONSULTATION TOPIC 3** page 39

**Annual Plan 2026/27:  
Investing in indigenous biodiversity**

- Should BOPRC increase investment in biodiversity (or reduce or stay about the same)
- BoP (and NZ generally) biodiversity is in decline.
- No budget implications for 2026-27 - feedback to inform LTP budget alongside final BoPRC Biodiversity Strategy?

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**Other policies for consultation  
and general feedback on anything else  
that the Regional Council does or funds**

- Other BOPRC policies or matter we might wish to raise in our submission.
- Changes to proposed general rates increase from 8.2%-4%
- Some minor changes to fees and charges.

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 1

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CONSULTATION TOPIC **1** page 15

Long Term Plan Amendment: Optimising  
regional benefits from Council investments

### Key points:

- Regional Council are considering restructuring their \$3b investment in Quayside Holdings Ltd
- Options include:
  - Option 1: Status quo
  - Option 2: Trust model
  - Option 3: Hybrid model
  - Option 4: Existing community trust

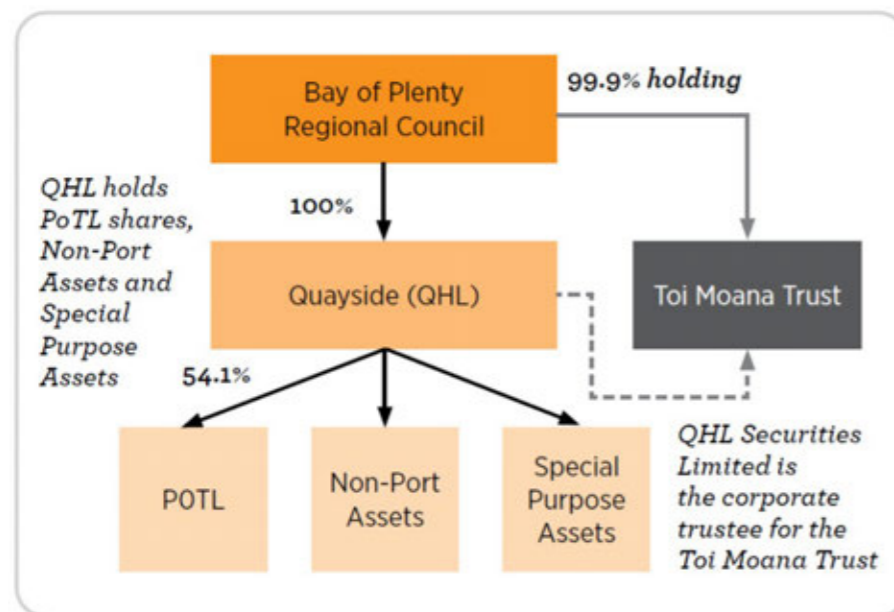
### Three purposes for returns

- Support Regional Council outcomes and reduce rates
- Support regional infrastructure through returns over \$50m
- Capital recycling (Rangiuru Business Park land sales)

4.2 Submissions (Regional Council)(Cont.)

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 1 *continued*

### Option 1



#### Key points:

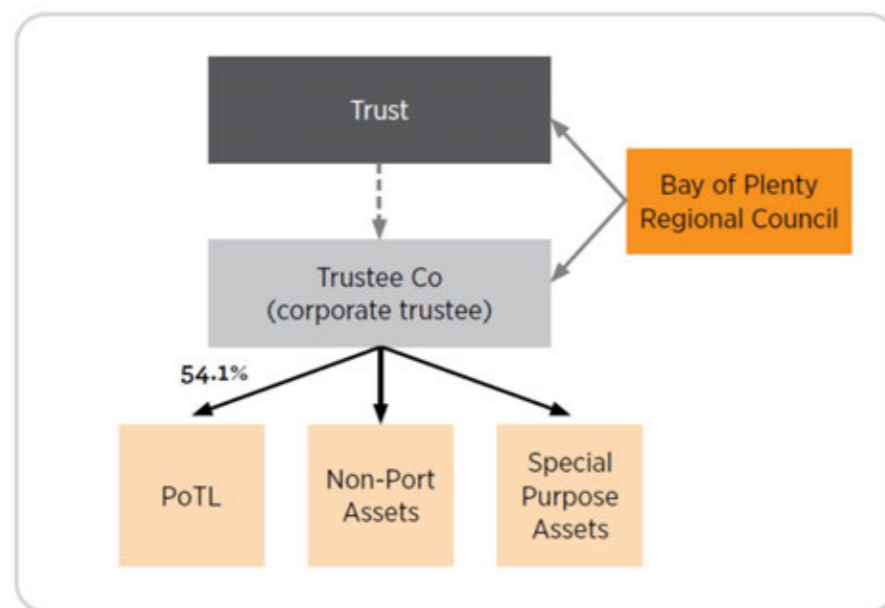
- Option 1 - Status quo
- Quayside continues to operate as a wholly owned CCO
- Will allow amendment of governing documents to allow revised investment purposes

#### Possible WDC position:

- Limits ability to support investments in projects providing more non financial benefits
- Limited protection through reform

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 1 *continued*

### Option 2



#### Key points:

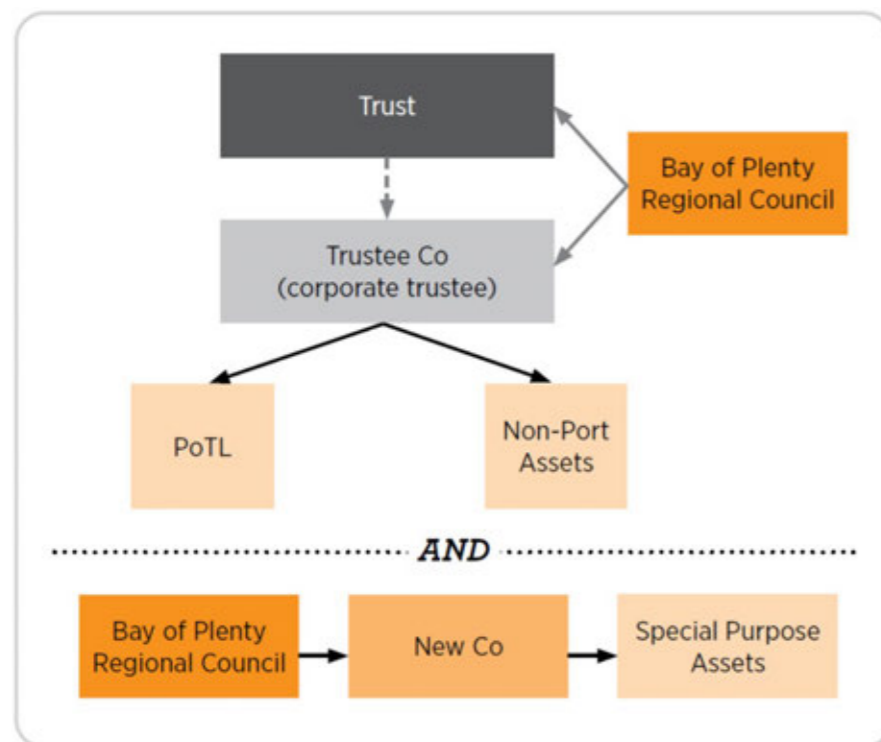
- Option 2 – Trust model as a new CCO
- Assets transfer to new trust
- Corporate Trustee
- Beneficiary Regional Council or succeeding entity

#### Possible WDC position:

- Trustee obligated to act in long term interests of beneficiary ie provides longer term protection from reform
- Allows outsourced investment management
- Lowers tension between commercial outcomes and wider outcomes

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 1 *continued*

### Option 3 (BOPRC preferred)



#### Key points:

- Option 3 – Hybrid model
- As per option 2 however separates Port and Non Port Assets (provide investment return) to Special Purpose Assets (asset recycling)
- Trust model for Port and Non Port and structure for Special Purpose Assets will depend on projects being undertaken

#### Possible WDC position:

- Consistent with Option 2 plus
- Bespoke structures provide ability to focus on specific purposes of investments

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 1 *continued*

### Option 4

#### Key points:

- Option 4 – Existing community trust
- Limited information is available and more information required

#### Possible WDC position:

- This may support the hybrid model by utilising existing community trust structures to support the Special Purpose Asset options

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 1 *continued*

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CONSULTATION TOPIC

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Long Term Plan Amendment: Optimising  
regional benefits from Council investments

### Possible WDC position – Overall comments:

- Support hybrid model
- Support for purpose 1 – to deliver on Regional Council outcomes and reduce rates
- Should this reflect economic conditions e.g. higher focus on reducing rates when cost of living crisis
- Supports the use of any additional return to invest in regional benefit (see Topic 2 submission)
- Should the amount be fixed at \$50m base or reflective of economic conditions at time – consistent with purpose 1 i.e. the balance between rates reduction and investment in regional benefit should be reflective of conditions at time
- Support asset recycling of any land sale return into regional benefit projects
- Supportive of trust model to ensure some independence and continuity of investment into future
- In addition support return from the Port and Non Port assets into any additional entity structure for other projects to create a more sustainable model

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 2

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CONSULTATION TOPIC **2** page 35

Annual Plan 2026/27:  
Investing in regional benefit

### Key points:

- 2026/27 opportunity to release up to \$20M for regional benefit fund - in advance of above restructure for “immediate need”
- Any fund would be available after adoption of Annual Plan through application/ invitation
- Alternative is to keep in reserve (and bank further interest) for future use/benefit.

### Possible WDC submission area:

1. Whether we support establishment of the ‘immediate’ fund
2. Key principles / objectives /criteria for the fund
3. Pre-signalling what we might apply for (themes)

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 2

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### 1. WDC views on establishing 26-27 fund?

- Yes – establish fund? Entire \$20M or part thereof?
- No – hold in reserve for future use or future RIF funding?
- *Alternative consideration – use to further offset rates in 2026-27 given current inflation context*

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 2

2

### WDC views on key funding principles

- A decision-making model that is clear, transparent and maintains 'local' control in context of LG sector restructure
- Strong reassurance of regional distribution and benefit. E.g. benefits also to flow east. Explicit safeguards?
- Flexible application of funding objectives e.g. noting different opportunities and priorities across the region.
- Some agility and future-proofing of the balance of operational versus infrastructure investment.

...?

### ...objectives and criteria:

- Large scale infrastructure projects (previous RIF projects ranged from \$1.75M – \$20M)
- Align with [BOPRC community outcomes](#)
- Provide regional benefit (incl. EBoP)
- Shovel ready? *"timing gap"/"immediate need"*
- Not for wastewater projects (a BOPRC policy for this is under development)
- Not to offset WDC rates by funding what we were already going to fund

...?

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 2

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### Possible WDC projects for funding:

- Numerous potential projects we could put forward.
- We would need to shortlist (later) based on our priorities and within fund criteria.
- Themes that we might expect to submit projects for:
  - Eastern Bay regional benefit projects
  - Projects for regional equity
  - Flood resilience projects
  - Infrastructure resilience projects
  - Catchment protection projects
  - Waste water for growth
- Application/invitation process to come later – after Annual Plan adoption

## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 3



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CONSULTATION TOPIC 3** page 39  
**Annual Plan 2026/27:  
Investing in indigenous biodiversity**

### Key points:

- Context is that indigenous biodiversity is in decline (regionally and nationally).
- RMA reform context requires only “no net loss”
- BOPRC note that their investment is having impact.
- Will not affect 2026-27 Annual Plan budget... helps inform LTP budget.
- Topic is light on detail - e.g. How much is more, what is the focus of investment, what are the implications for rates and debt, and what is the opportunity cost?

### Possible WDC position:

- ‘In principle’ support for increased investment.
- Request that LTP consultation might seek further feedback once we have visibility of the Bio.D strategy and more detail.
- Acknowledge the efforts of BOPRC and encourage continued partnership approach.



## Submission to BOPRC – Topic 4



### Key points:

- Opportunity to comments on any other policies or matters of interest related to BOPRC for the upcoming year covered by 2026-27 Annual Plan.

### Possible WDC position:

- Submission to be made by Te Niaotanga ō Mataatua ō Te Arawa (Matatā waste water project co-design group). Recommendation is for WDC submission to support reinforce this partner submission.
- Support reduction of general rates increase from 8.2% to 4%. But still note that Whakatāne (and Ōpōtiki) rates are the highest in the region – largely driven by urban river scheme costs.
- Some changes to BOPRC fees and charges are proposed – minor/inflationary – have been reviewed by WDC staff and not recommending any submissions on this matter.

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**Other policies for consultation  
and general feedback on anything else  
that the Regional Council does or funds**

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4.2 Submissions (Regional Council)(Cont.)

## Submission to BOPRC – Next steps

- 25 March Council workshop for input
- 2 April Projects and Services Committee approve submission
- 2 April *Submission deadline (4pm)*
- April tbc? Hearings
  
- ❖ 2026 July tbc? WDC ready and prepared to make a strong RIF application
- ❖ 2027 March tbc? LTP submission to BOPRC to follow-up on key messages (e.g. MWW, RIF interest)
- ❖ 2027-28 tbc? Implementation of new quayside structure and RIF framework

### **4.3 Fees and Charges**

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Leny Woolsey, Sarah Ellis, Sarah Stewart & Kelly Farr will speak to the presentation.

Due to technical issues, the presentation is not included in the Agenda, but will be presented separately.