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**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,  
engari he toa takitini.**

Success is not the work of an individual,  
but the work of many.

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## Overview

- Operating environment
- Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 activities
- Overview of proposed consultation
- Draft proposed consultation topics
  - Long Term Plan Amendment
  - Annual Plan 2026/27
- He pātai

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## Operating environment

- Significant central government reforms underway.
- Future of Local Government proposals, include potential governance changes.
- Two new Bills will replace the RMA; transition expected from mid–late 2026.
- Duration of consents amendment affects many consent holders.
- Toi Moana advocating for strong regional representation.

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## Operating environment

 Spatial Planning	 Some governance, decision making, financial	 Compliance, monitoring and enforcement	 Public Transport
 Te Tiriti Relationships and Obligations	 Regional Planning	 Consenting	 Bioscience
 Environmental Data/Information	 Science and environmental monitoring	 Catchment work - biodiversity, freshwater and land	 Biosecurity
 Maritime	 Rivers and Drainage	 Emergency Management	

RM Reform changes affects these areas of Council most
  Largely not affected by this reform

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## Draft Annual Plan 2026/27: Whakatāne

### Kānoa Regional Infrastructure Fund: Tranche 2

- **Rangitāiki-Tarawera Rivers Scheme:** \$5.2m total project cost, with \$3.12m co-investment. Includes upgrades to stopbanks and canals across several river sections at Kōkōhinau, the Tarawera River, and Rangitāiki River and Canals.
- **Whakatāne-Tauranga Rivers Scheme:** \$4.4m total project cost, with a \$2.64m co-investment. Includes upgrades to Whakatāne Canals, Trident stopbank and Awatapu area.
- **Project Future Proof – Stages 2,3 & 4:** \$17.82m total project cost, with \$10.69m co-investment. Includes upgrades to stopbanks and floodwalls along the Whakatāne township stretch of the Whakatāne River.



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## Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

- Management and maintenance of more than \$400M in flood protection assets.
- Integrated management of land, air, water, and coastal environments.
- Climate change adaptation and natural hazard resilience.
- Harbourmaster



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## Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 (continued)

- Science, monitoring, compliance, and emergency management support.
- Biosecurity and biodiversity protection across the region.
- Regional public transport planning and delivery.



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## Consultation overview

- Planning consultation on both the **Annual Plan 2026/27** and a **Long Term Plan Amendment**.
- Consultation period: 25 February – 2 April.
- Hearings in April, deliberations in May, adoption by 30 June.

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## Consultation activity

- Main consultation document (hard copies and online)
- Online web platform:  
**[boprc.govt.nz/consultation2026](https://boprc.govt.nz/consultation2026)**
- Friend of the Submitter service
- Community and business events

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## Consultation events

### Community Events

- Ōhope Markets - 7 March
- Webinar - 9 March
- Tauranga Multicultural Festival - 14 March
- Te Arawa Senior Regional Kapa Haka Competition (Rotorua) - 14 March

### Business Breakfasts

- Rotorua - 11 March
- Tauranga - 17 March
- Whakatāne - 19 March

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## What are we consulting on

### Long Term Plan Amendment

- **Topic 1:** Optimising long-term regional investment

### Annual Plan 2026/27

- **Topic 2:** Proposed Regional Benefit Fund.
- **Topic 3:** Future direction for biodiversity investment.
- Updated financial settings and priority work for 2026/27.
- Draft Fees and Charges Policy



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## Topic 1: Long Term Plan Amendment

- Focus on long-term optimisation of the \$3B investment portfolio.
- Portfolio has grown over 30+ years and is owned on behalf of the region.
- Ensuring investment income supports both growth and regional benefit.
- Exploring whether current structures remain fit for purpose as regional needs change.
- Seeking feedback on potential structure options and updates to key policies.

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## Topic 2: Annual Plan 2026/27 Investing in regional benefit

- Considering whether to establish a Regional Benefit Fund (working title) for 2026/27.
- Fund would support third-party delivery of major regional infrastructure.
- Aims to deliver projects with broad benefit across the Bay of Plenty.
- Would align with existing community outcomes.
- Community feedback will help determine if the fund proceeds.

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## Topic 3: Annual Plan 2026/27 Investing in indigenous biodiversity

- Seeking feedback on whether to invest less, the same, or more in biodiversity.
- Supports native species, ecosystems, and overall regional environmental health.
- Current investment (directly and indirectly) is approx. \$22.4M per year.
- Feedback will help shape a new Regional Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy and inform long-term budgets.



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## Other feedback welcome

**Submissions are welcome on any Regional Council activity and budgets.**

- Proposed general rates increase for 2026/27 is **4%** (including inflation & growth).
- Lower than the **8.2%** forecast in the current Long Term Plan.

### **Reviewing our Fees and Charges Policy.**

- Policy covers resource consents, compliance monitoring, and bylaw enforcement fees.

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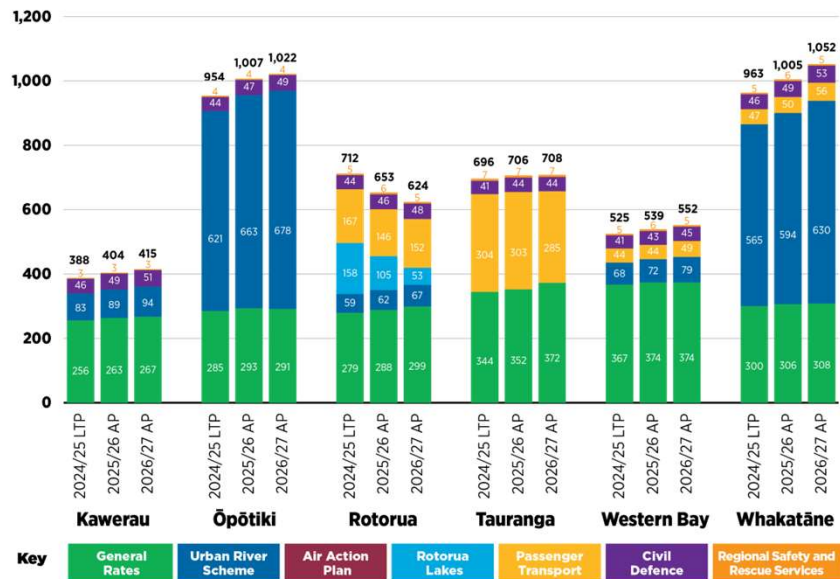
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## Where the money is being spent



## Annual total rates by territorial authority – median properties 1000m<sup>2</sup> GST inclusive



# Ngā mihi nui

