

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara

**Whaitua Implementation Programme
(WIP): Briefing to Mayor and Councillors
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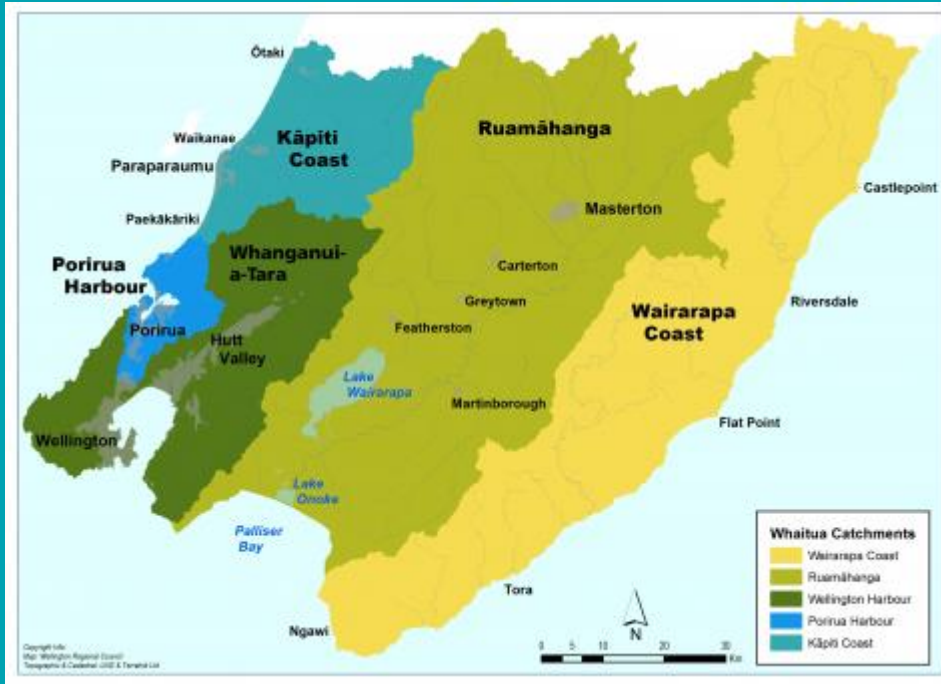
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Purpose of the briefing

To update the Council about the Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara developments that have taken place since the last update ahead of a joint public launch of the process outputs on 9th November

Wellington Region Whaitua



Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: NPS-FM

- 2019: “Essential Freshwater – Action for Healthy Waterways” published
- **2020: NPS-FM provides local authorities with updated direction on how they should manage freshwater under the Resource Management Act 1991.**
- It requires a partnership approach with mana whenua

THE WHAITUA PROCESS

The Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process

- From 2013: GWRC led Whaitua processes began
- Committee charged with developing a Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP)
- **March 2019: Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee first met**
- Early 2020: Mana Whenua Committee representatives established Te Kāhui Taiao
- **September 2021: Two reports presented to GWRC**

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: Te Mahere Wai

- **Te Mahere Wai**, a Mana Whenua Whaitua Implementation Programme was written to ensure the voices of Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa Rangatira sit alongside the voices of Crown partners and non-Māori communities.
- It describes Mana Whenua values and establishes a Mana Whenua assessment framework, called Te Oranga Wai for measurement and management of freshwater, receiving coastal waters and mahinga kai in the whaitua.

WHAITUA PROCESS OUTPUTS

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: Outputs

- The process resulted in two reports being generated:
 - In line with prior Whaitua processes, the full Committee published their **Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP)**
 - Te Kāhui Taiao's "**Te Mahere Wai**" is the Mana Whenua's WIP

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: The WIP Actions

Actions to enhance Te Mana o te Wai including

- A need for both a regulatory response to this WIP and Te Mahere Wai and for ongoing community participation in implementation [R#'s 1 – 4]
- Avoid toxic algal booms [R16]
- Address sources of pollution and reduce future risks [R17 – 54]
- Balance the needs of water and people in the places we live [R55 - 77]
- Be responsible and respectful in our use of fresh water [R78 – 100]

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: The WIP – Pathway to Healthy Water

Six Whaitua catchment areas defined and described including Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt Valley and Waiwhetu

A number of issues facing the catchment were identified

WIP RECOMMENDATIONS

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: WIP Recommendations

- The WIP contains 111 Recommendations
- GWRC is the lead agency for most recommendations
- Some of the recommendations are assigned to TA's

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: WIP Recommendations –TA led

- **R26 (by 2024), R27, R30 (by 2024):** Identifying and fixing degraded pipes and cross-connections in private parts of the network
- **R40 (by 2024):** Stronger compliance processes for plumbing and drainage in building consents
- **R53:** Identifying and addressing risks to water from historic contaminated land
- **R55 and R63 (by 2024):** Mandatory application of Regional Standard for Water Services for all developments, green infrastructure is adequately capitalised and depreciated to provide funding for ongoing maintenance and renewals.
- **R65 (by 2025):** Flood hazard mapping documents are up to date and are supported by rules that prevent property development in high-risk areas.
- **R66 (by 2026):** District Plan rules require WSUD in any developments
- **R96:** Use of rainwater tanks or alternative water-storage solutions for non-potable uses in new commercial and residential developments is promoted

A FIRST LOOK AT THE IMPACTS

The work to understand the financial impacts is still to be carried out
NOTE: The cost information [\$.. \$\$\$] provided is for indicative purposes only

R#	Lead agency from WIP	Relative possible estimated \$ impact	Recommendation
21	3 Waters [with TA Mana Whenua]	\$\$\$	To meet a target of zero wastewater overflows by 2060
52	GWRC [with TA Mana Whenua]	\$\$\$	By 2031, to develop and implement remediation plans for contaminated sites that pose medium-to-high risks to water quality and aquatic ecosystems.
19	3 Waters	\$\$	The number of repairs and renewals in the public wastewater structure is increased
27 & 28	TA	\$\$\$	Landowners to repair all faults related leaky private wastewater laterals
56	GWRC [with TA, 3 Waters and Waka Kotahi]	\$\$	A WSUD working group is established
63	TA	\$	Ensure that (by 2024) all green infrastructure is adequately capitalised and depreciated to provide funding for ongoing maintenance and renewals
92	TA [with 3 Waters]	\$\$	Implementation of universal residential metering to identify water wastage, reduce demand and enable more effective network management <u>Agreement could not be reached on whether volumetric charging should be introduced as a lever for reducing demand</u>
96	TA	\$\$	Territorial authorities promote the use of rainwater tanks or alternative water-storage solutions for non-potable uses in new commercial and residential developments <u>The majority of the committee strongly supported this</u>

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara: WIP Timeline

Target Date	Assigned to TA solely	Assigned to TA with other agencies	With other agencies [Lead]			
			GWRC	3 Waters	Mana Whenua	Community Groups
2022	-	R39	✓	✓		
		R105	✓		✓	
2023		R44	✓		✓	
		R67	✓		✓	
2024	R26,30,40,63	R62		✓		
		R64	✓	✓	✓	✓
2025	R65,66	R10	✓		✓	
		R29		✓		
		R48	✓			
		R57	✓		✓	
		R58	✓	✓	✓	
		R60	✓			
		R77	✓	✓	✓	
		R92		✓		
2026	-	R45	✓	✓		
		R51	✓		✓	

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara: Potential Short-term impacts

- No recommendations assigned solely to TA's in 2022 or 2023
- There is no operational implementation plan as yet from GWRC
- It is unlikely that any Whaitua work will be sufficiently advanced in the near term to bid for additional expenditure in the 2022/23 Annual Plan

IMPLEMENTATION

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: Implementation

- The two WIPs presented to GWRC are non-statutory reports
- Regulatory provisions will be included progressively into the RPS and NRP by way of plan changes that we will have to consider/give effect to in our District Plan
- The non-regulatory programmes will be implemented by the stakeholders

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: Implementation

- Implementation of the WIPs will present a number of challenges:
 - It will be resource intensive The impacts of recommendations will need to be carried out as part of the implementation process.
 - Implementation of the recommendations will cost a large amount of money but it is not possible to provide even an estimate of the sums involved at this time.
 - A significant backlog of implementation work already exists

NEXT STEPS

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: Next steps

- Internally:

- An officers group is to established
- The two reports will need to be formally received by Council
- Some of the recommendations will need to be taken into account in our DP Review process
- Possible participation [TBC] in the GWRC led implementation process

- Externally - GWRC led

- **A combined public launch will take place on 9th November**
- WIP implementation process to be developed
- Regulatory pathway recommendations to be included in the RPS that will be notified in 2022

Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Process: Summary

- A sea change in how we view and relate to water has taken place
- The two reports recommend how to give effect to new state
- Implementation of the recommendations is yet to be started
- Hutt City will have the opportunity to consider the implications of these requests
- The process provides a great opportunity to work more closely with our community

QUESTIONS?