



# Introduction

THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FOCUSED IWI MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR TAPUIKA.

IT DEFINES OUR TRIBAL ASPIRATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS IN RELATION TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WITHIN TE TAKAPŪ O TAPUIKA (TAPUIKA TRIBAL ESTATE)

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## PLAN PURPOSE

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The Tapuika Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is an expression of:

- ▶ WHAT WE VALUE
- ▶ WHAT CONCERNS US
- ▶ WHAT OUTCOMES WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

The Tapuika EMP incorporates and replaces the existing Iwi Management Plan “Ngā Aukati Taonga o Tapuika me Waitaha 1993”.

It is recognised by the Tapuika Iwi Authority and therefore has weight under the Resource Management Act (RMA).

The Tapuika EMP has been developed to:

- ▶ articulate our environmental issues, aspirations and priority actions
- ▶ guide Tapuika-led environmental projects
- ▶ enable more effective participation in Local and Central Government processes
- ▶ ensure that we are proactive, instead of reactive to environmental issues
- ▶ clarify our expectations with regards to consultation
- ▶ ensure that we work together to achieve positive outcomes

The priority issues and actions within this Plan were identified during consultation with Tapuika whānau in early 2014.

This Plan focuses on priority issues and actions for the next ten years. This way, effort and resources can be focused to ensure that the Tapuika EMP makes a difference.

THE TAPUIKA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN IN NO WAY SUBSTITUTES OR ALLEVIATES THE NEED FOR COUNCILS, CONSULTANTS AND CONSENT APPLICANTS TO ENGAGE DIRECTLY WITH TAPUIKA REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND USE.

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## HOW TAPUIKA WILL USE THE PLAN

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The Tapuika EMP has been developed for:

- ▶ The Tapuika Iwi Authority (including the Resource Management Unit).
- ▶ Tapuika Hapū – Ngāti Tuheke, Ngāti Moko, Ngāti Marukukere and Ngāti Kuri.

The Tapuika EMP will support our role and responsibilities as kaitiaki within Te Takapū o Tapuika. It will also capture Te Taiao Mātauranga Māori, facilitate knowledge transfer and enable proactive involvement in natural resource management.

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## HOW OTHERS WILL USE THE PLAN

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All Councils within Te Takapū o Tapuika	All Councils must take into account the Tapuika EMP developing or making changes to RMA Plans. The Tapuika EMP will also influence non-RMA Plans (refer Page 4).
Resource Consent and Concession Applications	<p>This relates to applications to Councils for a resource consent and applications to the Department of Conservation (DOC) for a concession. The Tapuika EMP will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guide applicants to identify relevant matters to be considered in preparing an assessment of environmental effects.</li> <li>• Inform and guide decision making in relation to consent (Council) and concession (DOC) applications.</li> <li>• Clarify when consultation is required.</li> </ul>
Other agencies	<p>This includes Central Government agencies and other stakeholders with interests within Te Takapū o Tapuika. The Tapuika EMP will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform and guide decision making in relation Central Government reforms such as further amendments to the RMA or Te Ture Whenua Māori Act.</li> <li>• Articulate concerns in relation to specific matters of relevance to other agencies. For example, urupā protection (NZ Transport Authority) and required consultation for mineral permits (Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment).</li> <li>• Inform future reviews of relationship agreements (Chapter 5).</li> </ul>

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## RELATIONSHIP WITH PLANS AND PROCESSES

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The Tapuika EMP will give effect to the Tapuika Strategic Plan and reflect the outcomes of the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014.

It will be the key driver for environmentally-focused actions, projects and programmes over the next ten years (refer Chapter 6).

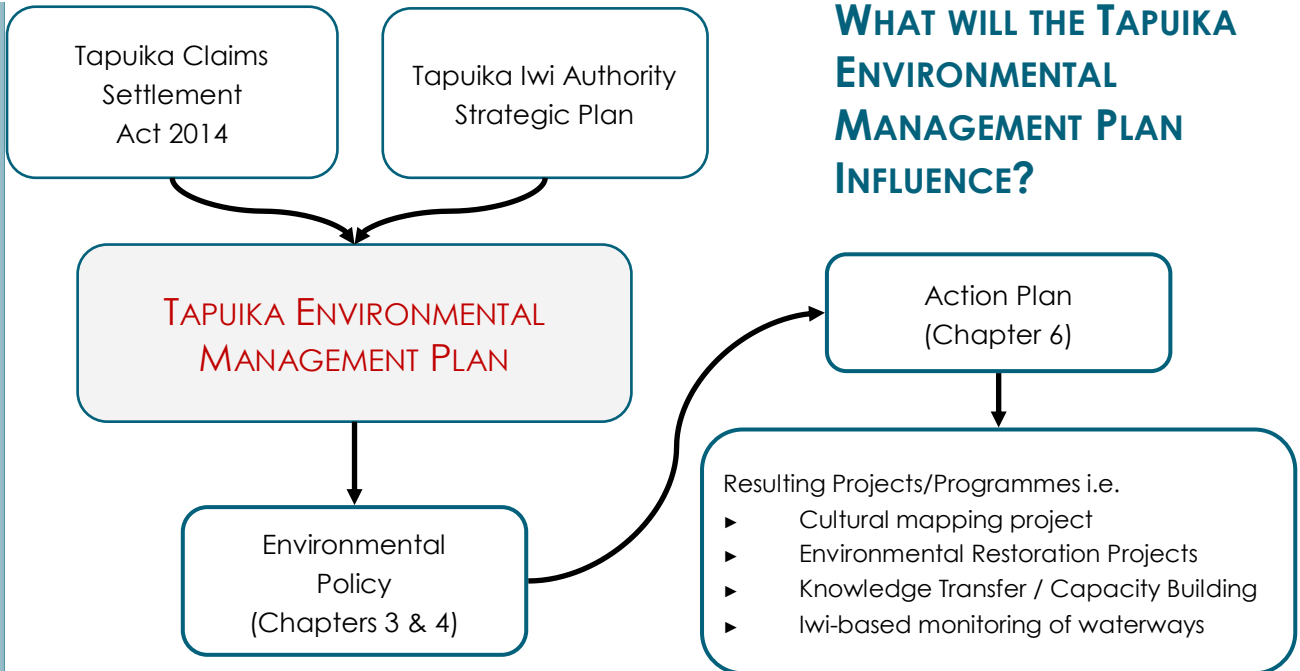
The diagram on the right illustrates where the Tapuika EMP will have an influence, in relation to Council and Central Government documents and processes.

In particular, Councils must legally take into account Iwi Management Plans when developing or changing their RMA documents:

- ▶ Regional Policy Statement
- ▶ Regional / District Plans

This in turn has a direct impact on resource consent processes and monitoring.

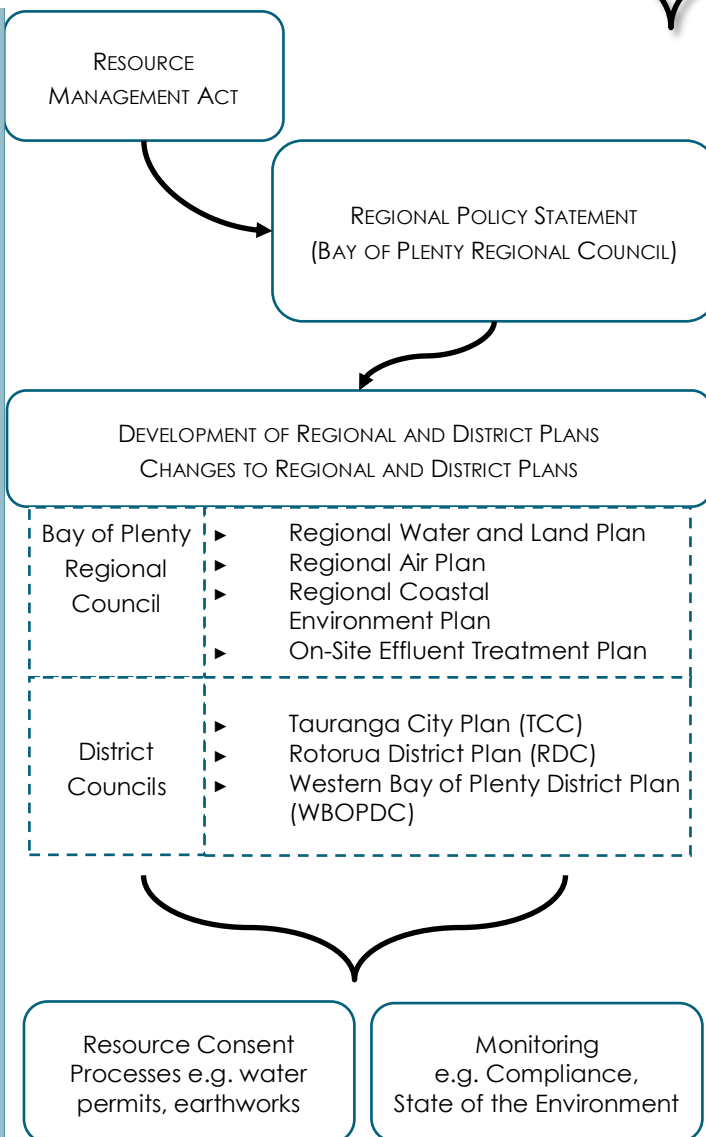




## WHAT WILL THE TAPUIKA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN INFLUENCE?

RMA Documents  
Must take into account  
the Tapuika EMP

### INFLUENCE



- Councils
  - ▶ Ten Year Plan (Local Government Act)
  - ▶ Annual Plan (Local Government Act)
  - ▶ Ten Year Plan (Local Government Act)
  - ▶ Reserve Management Plans
  - ▶ Local Plans e.g. 20 year Community Plan, Te Puke Town Centre Plan
- Co-Governance Arrangement
  - ▶ Kaituna River Authority / Te Maru o Kaituna
  - ▶ Kaituna River Document (to replace the Kaituna Maketu Strategy)
- Council Collaborations
  - ▶ SmartGrowth
  - ▶ Bay of Connections
- Department of Conservation
  - ▶ Conservation Management Strategy
  - ▶ Conservation Management Plans
  - ▶ Reserve Management Plans
- New Zealand Transport Authority
  - ▶ Land Transport Management Strategy
- Ministry for the Environment
  - ▶ Resource Management Act reforms
  - ▶ National Policy Statements
  - ▶ National Environment Standards
- Central Government
  - ▶ Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
  - ▶ Ministry for Primary Industries
  - ▶ Ministry of Fisheries



# How to Use this Plan

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## PLAN STRUCTURE

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The Tapuika EMP is structured as follows:

- ▶ Chapter 1 provides an overview of Tapuika.
- ▶ Chapter 2 summarises the priority Issues of Significance to Tapuika.
- ▶ Chapter 3 outlines the priority issues, outcomes and policies in relation to five Topics of Significance to Tapuika.
- ▶ Chapter 4 outlines the priority issues, outcomes and policies in relation to Areas of Significance to Tapuika.

- ▶ Chapter 5 outlines the expectations of Tapuika in relation to consultation.
- ▶ Chapter 6 provides the Action Plan in response to the priority issues, outcomes and policies identified in Chapters 3 and 4.

The Tapuika EMP Map Book accompanies this document. It displays visual information of importance to Tapuika such as aerial maps of marae and Treaty Settlement reserves.

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## TERMINOLOGY USED

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For the purpose of this Plan, "Council" refers to:

- ▶ the Bay of Plenty Regional Council,
- ▶ Tauranga City Council,
- ▶ Western Bay of Plenty District Council and
- ▶ Rotorua District Council.

"RMA Documents" refers to:

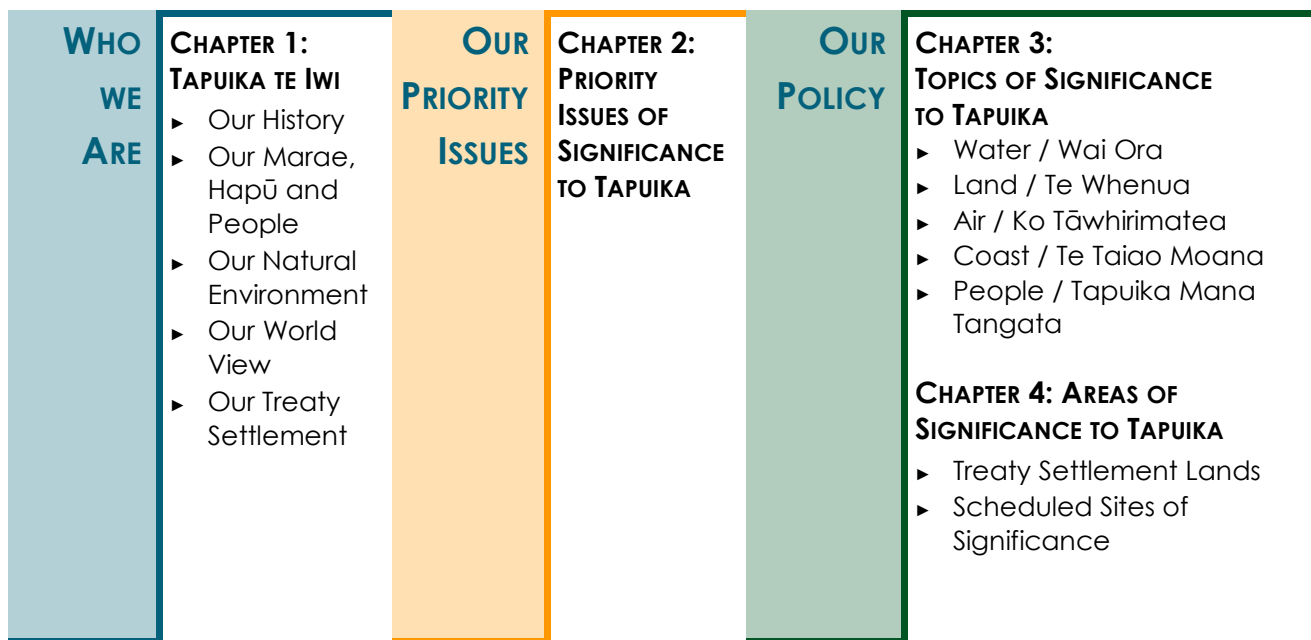
- ▶ Regional Policy Statement (Regional Council)
- ▶ Regional Plans (Regional Council)
- ▶ District Plans (City/District Council)

Chapters 4 (Topics) and 5 (Areas) use the following terms:

- ▶ PRIORITY ISSUES - NGĀ TAKE MĀTUA:  
Issues (or opportunities) of particular importance or urgency.

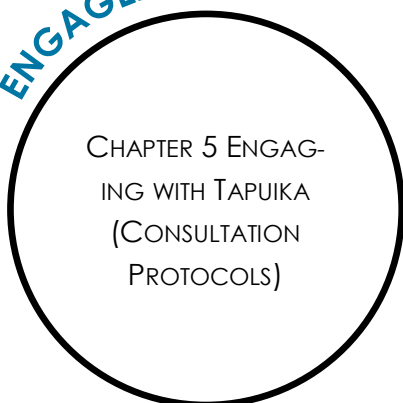
- ▶ EXPECTED OUTCOMES - NGĀ WHĀINGA:  
Objectives or goals to address identified issues or opportunities.
- ▶ POLICIES - NGĀ KAUPAPA:  
Course of action to achieve or implement the Expected Outcomes.
- ▶ ACTIONS - NGĀ MAHI WHAKAHAERE:  
Specific actions, projects or programmes

# Plan Structure

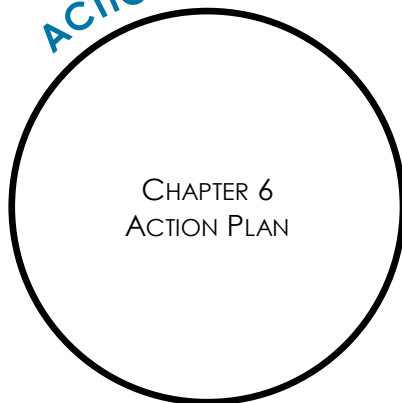


*followed by*

**ENGAGEMENT**



**ACTION**



**MAPPING**

