



Creating the Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai - Tasman Environment Plan

The blueprint for how we look after Tasman District for generations to come

Tasman is a special place.

As a district, Tasman covers nearly 10,000 km² of diverse landscapes from large mountainous areas to valleys and plains. Significant rivers such as the Buller, Motueka, Aorere, Tākaka, and Wairoa move through the land and flow to lakes and estuaries, transporting valuable freshwater. There is native bush and bird life, deep caves, golden sand beaches, productive farmlands and horticulture, and good fishing in our bays and rivers.

Across our urban, rural, and coastal areas we have an extraordinary lifestyle and our environment provides the foundation for many local livelihoods. The district has a lot to offer and our towns and local centres are growing.



Like the rest of New Zealand, Tasman has some big environmental challenges and must prepare for continued growth. It's important we plan for the future by encouraging quality development in appropriate places, backing sustainable industries and production, and protecting and restoring our environment.

Tasman District Council resource management plans provide direction for how and where our communities will grow and how we manage our natural resources. We are currently reviewing these plans as we prepare to create a single, modern, and accessible plan.

The new plan will be named Aorere ki uta, Aorere ki tai - Tasman Environment Plan. It will integrate national level regulation and direction on important matters such as freshwater management and urban development, in a Tasman context, supporting local aspirations and iwi management plans in a cohesive way.

This plan will be created in partnership with iwi and our communities over the next three to four years. It will be an important document that will eventually replace current council resource management plans as the blueprint for how we grow as a district, and use and care for our land, air, and water ki uta ki tai (from the mountains to the sea).

Plan stages

Review preparation

- Project planning.
- Review current resource management plans.

Community conversations

- Iwi engagement on priority issues.
- Community events across the district to learn key issues and opportunities.

Draft plan

- Analysis of iwi and community feedback.
- Engaging with iwi and community members to define issues and test policy options.
- Plan drafted.

Draft plan review

- Iwi and statutory stakeholders review of draft plan.
- Public feedback on draft plan.

Proposed Tasman Environment Plan notified

- Changes to draft plan following iwi and public feedback.
- Legal and peer review.
- Proposed plan publicly notified.

Public submissions and hearings

- Submissions, hearings, and decisions.

Tasman Environment Plan operative

- All decisions and appeals finalised.
- Tasman Environment Plan operative.



Get involved

During October and November 2020, Tasman District Council staff and councillors will be out across the district having conversations with communities about Tasman's issues and opportunities, and hearing what they think makes the district special.

What we learn from our communities will make a difference to the way the Tasman Environment Plan provides for environmental protection and restoration and the appropriate development and resilience of Tasman's towns, local centres, rural areas, and coastal places.

If you are unable to make it along to one of the community events, visit us online (www.environmentplan.tasman.govt.nz) for lots of ways to get involved, sign up, and have your say.

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