

Meeting: Strategy and Policy Committee

Meeting Date: 9 April 2024

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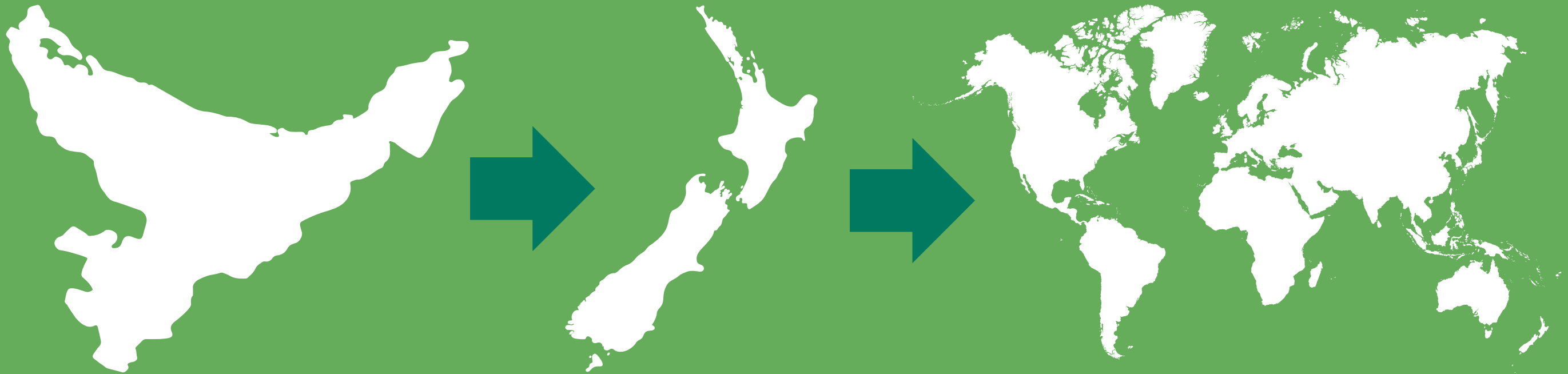
Manaaki whenua. Manaaki tangata.
Haere whakamua.

Care for the land. Care for the
people. Go forward.

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What the Bay of Plenty achieves influences the whole country and the world





Our Programmes and Initiatives



A partnership invitation...

- Shared community outcomes
- Better engagement and collaboration with communities
- Support a thriving regenerative economy and celebrate mahi

Let us help you engage with communities.



Into

The

Future

Alignment of BOP Regional Council Community Outcomes and Envirohub BOP Programmes



He taiao ora

A healthy environment



Alignment of BOP Regional Council Community Outcomes and Envirohub BOP Programmes



He hapori
mata-hī
awatea

Future ready
communities



Specialist Recycling



SUSTAINABLE TEXTILES



Alignment of BOP Regional Council Community Outcomes and Envirohub BOP Programmes



He hapori
tūhono

Connected
communities



Alignment of BOP Regional Council Community Outcomes and Envirohub BOP Programmes



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He whanaketanga
mauri tū roa

Sustainable
development



Waiariki
Park
Region

THE GREEN ROOM



Alignment of BOP Regional Council Community Outcomes and Envirohub BOP Programmes



Te ara poutama

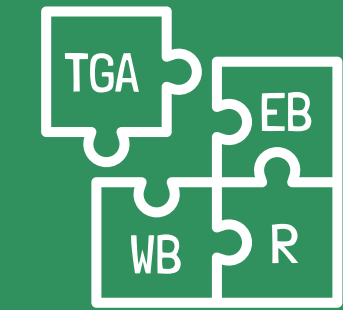
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Waiariki
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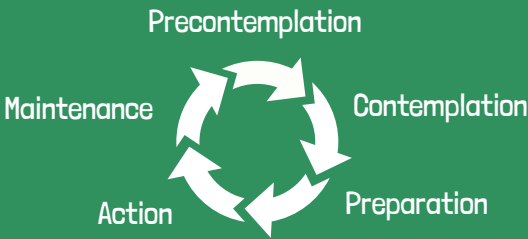




REGIONAL
CONNECTIONS



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CLIMATE RESILIENCE

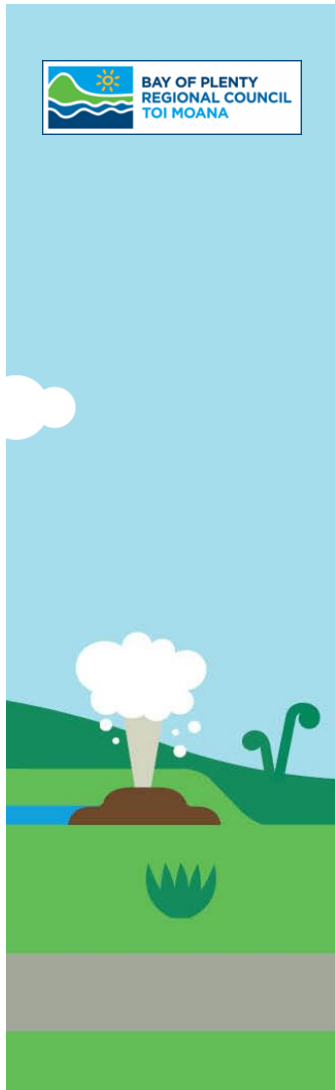


PC 11 Geothermal Update

Strategy and Policy Committee

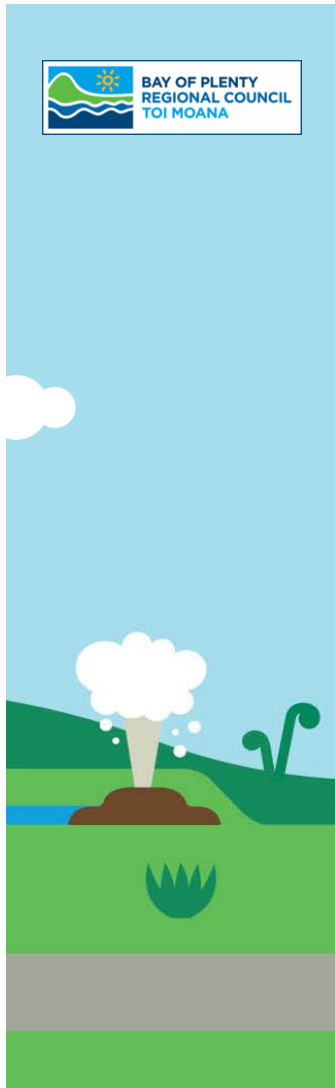
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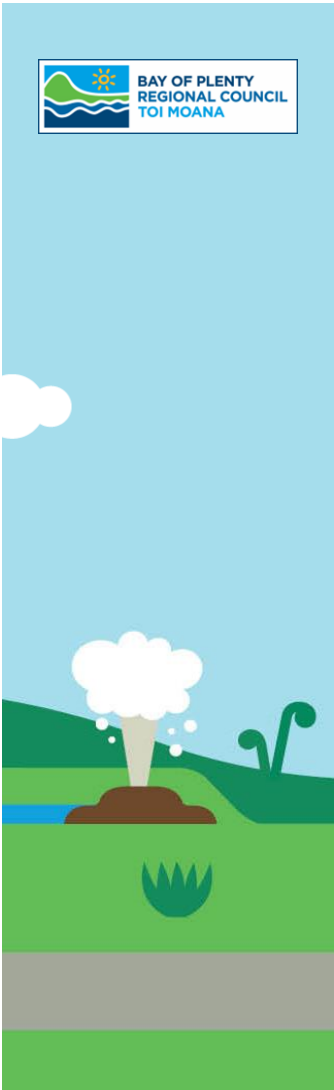
What's happening?

- Plan Change 11 Geothermal (PC 11) will:
 - review and update the Rotorua Geothermal Regional Plan;
 - review and update existing geothermal provisions in the Regional Natural Resources Plan;
 - consolidate the updated provisions into one chapter of the RNRP.
- Region-wide plan change, covering all Geothermal systems in the Bay of Plenty region.

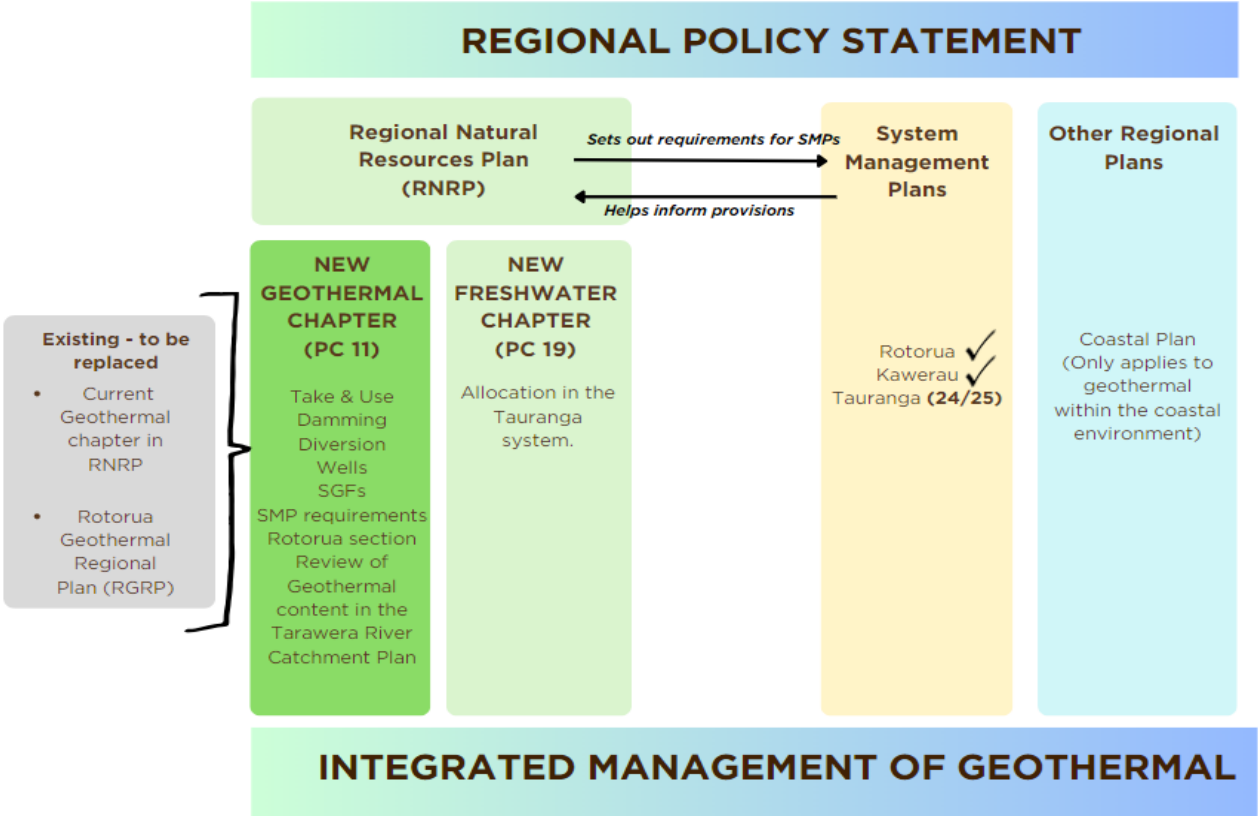


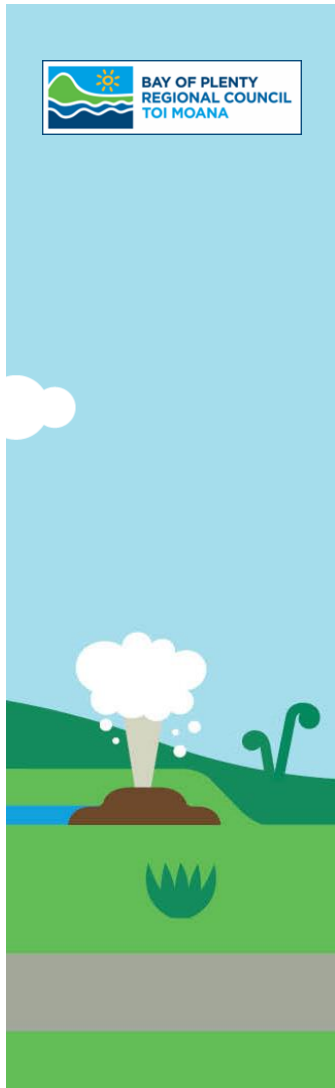
Why?

- Both plans overdue for review
- Existing RGRP provisions needing serious overhaul – operative 1999
- Existing RNRP provisions fundamentally OK but need updating for best practice
- Ensure efficiency and effectiveness
- Ensure the right balance is being struck between protecting the geothermal resource and enabling economic development where it is safe to do so
- Compliance with National Planning Standards



Policy Framework

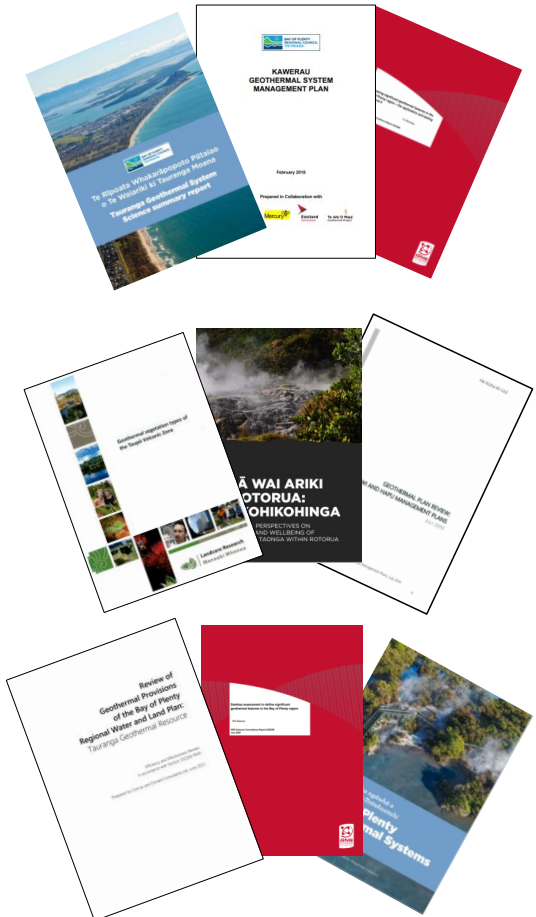


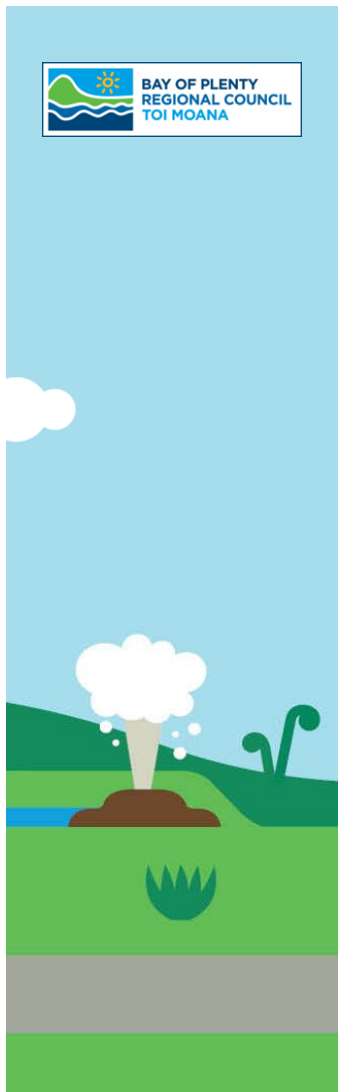


Building Understanding

Some of the key technical and policy documents that will support the plan change include:

- System management plans
- S35 reports Rotorua and Tauranga specific and all other regional provisions
- Geothermal Surface Features options assessment
- The Economic Impacts and Benefits and Costs of Geothermal Resources in the Bay of Plenty Region
- Bay of Plenty Geothermal Systems: The Science Story
- Tauranga Geothermal System: Science summary report
- Rotokawa – Mokoia Geothermal System: Science, monitoring and use
- Geothermal Systems of the Bay of Plenty region - Inventory and Extent
- Geothermal Plan Review: Review of Iwi and Hapū Management Plans
- Assessing Geo-heat potential of Tauranga (in development)

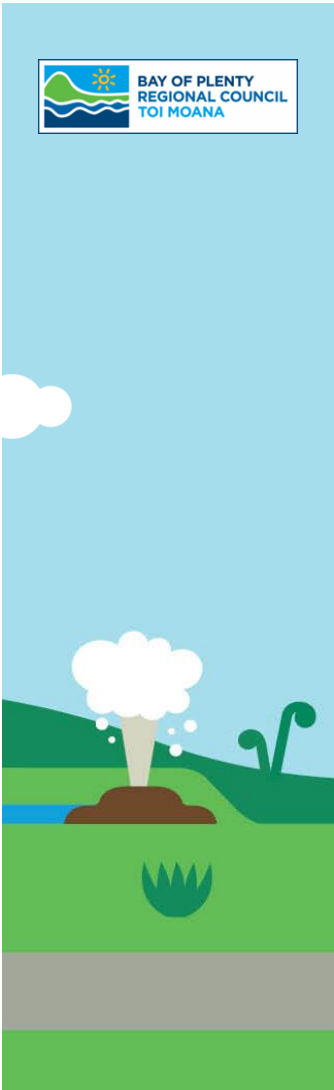




Key changes proposed

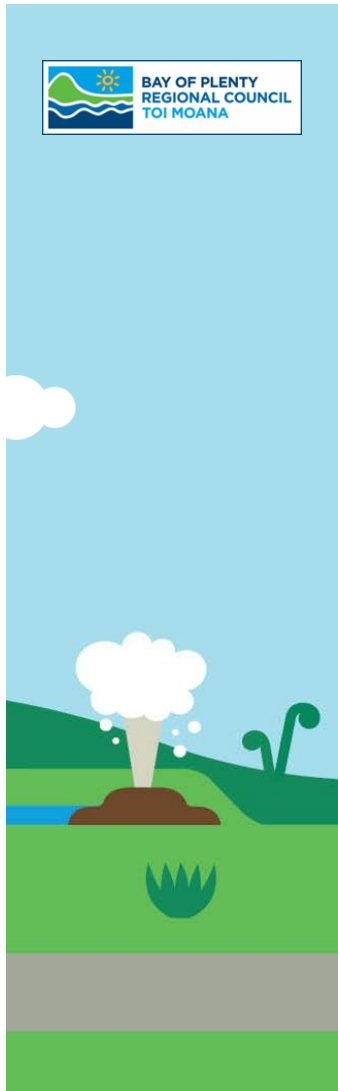
- Proposed:**
- Specific provisions for Rotorua, including allocation limits
 - More guidance in policies for management group purposes
 - More around requirement for and use of SMPs
 - New provisions to better protect Significant Geothermal Features
 - Streamlining provisions for wells (bores)
 - More guidance relating to geothermal natural hazards
 - Updating existing provisions in line with best planning practice, simplifying and streamlining etc
 - Update format/numbering in line with National Planning Standards
 - Review and incorporate geothermal provisions from Tarawera River Catchment Plan

- Not being proposed:**
- Allocation limits outside Rotorua
 - Changes to management group classifications for any existing systems
 - Specific sections of the Plan for each management group and/or system (aside from Rotorua)
 - Changes to Coastal Plan provisions
 - Changes to the RPS

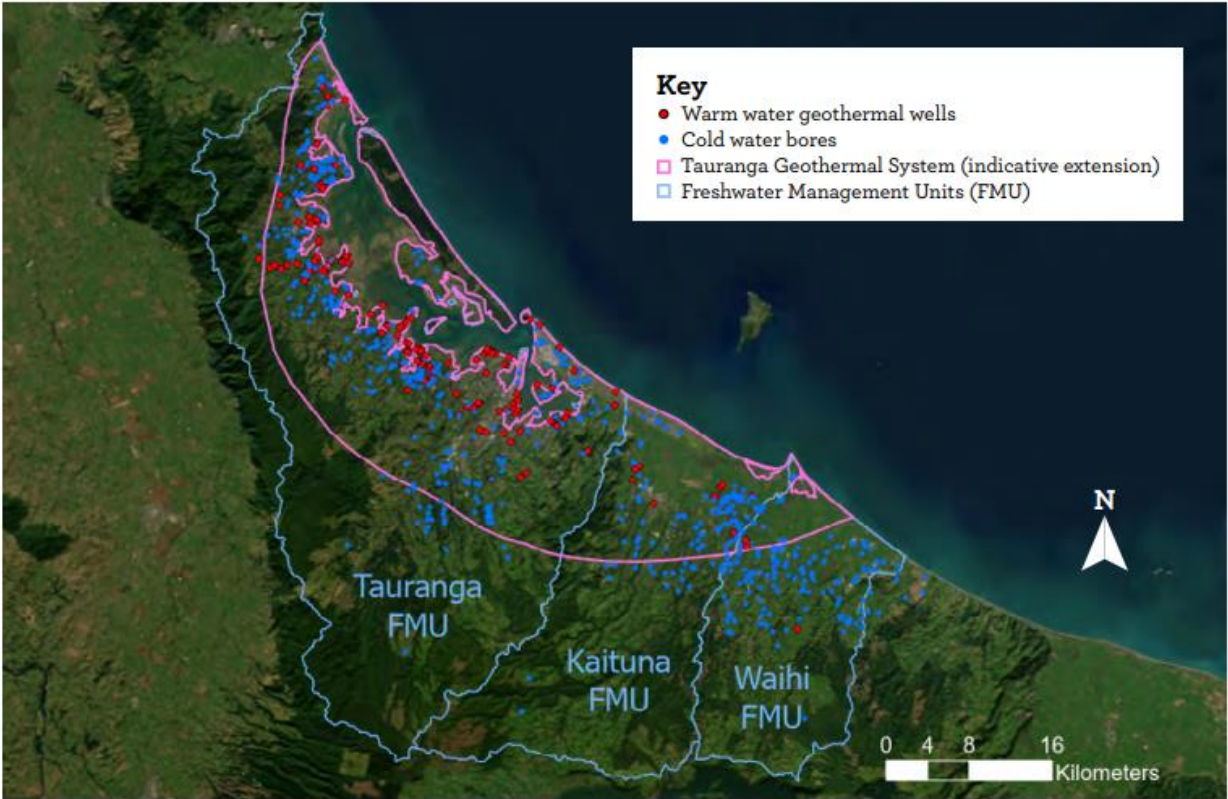


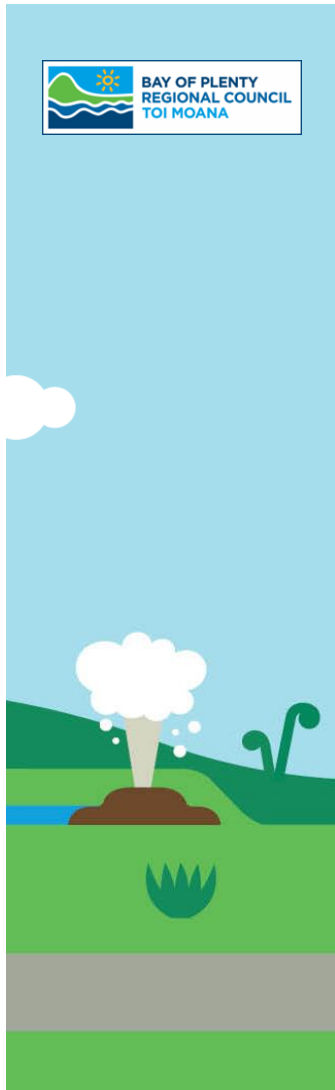
Key changes by management group

Group 1: Protected	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No fundamental changes
Group 2: Rotorua	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specific provisions in the Geothermal chapter for Rotorua• Introduce allocation limits
Group 3: Conditional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make the requirement for and use of SMPs clearer• Strengthen protection of Significant Geothermal Features from use and development
Group 4: Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make the requirement for and use of SMPs clearer• Strengthen protection of Significant Geothermal Features from use and development
Group 5: Low temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address Tauranga system issues – see following slides
Group 6: Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure rules give effect to the policies and purpose of Group 6.• Ensure process is clear for reclassification of systems (plan change)



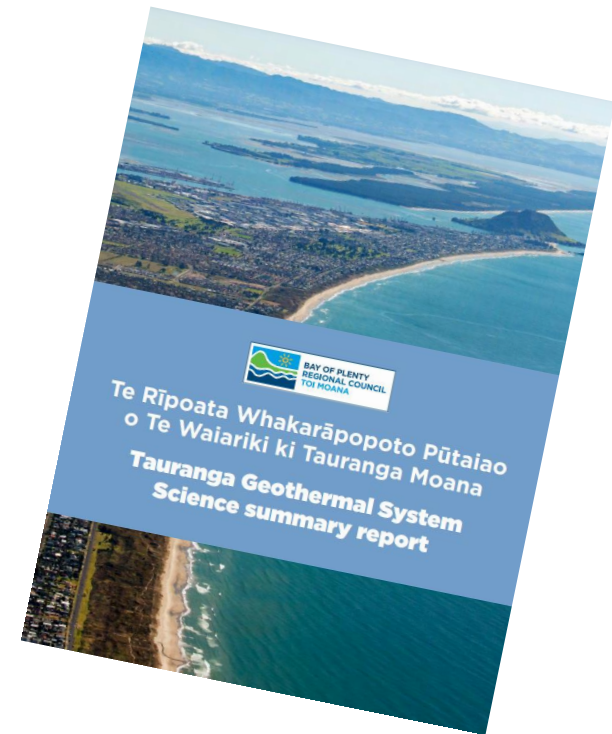
Tauranga System

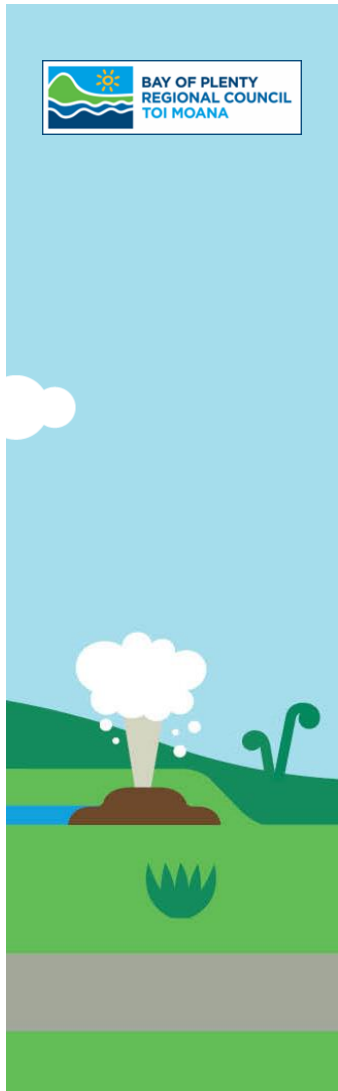




Tauranga System – Key Issues

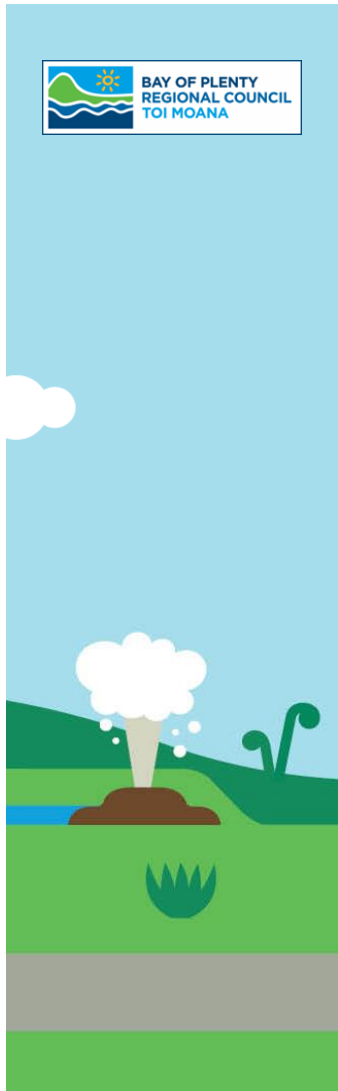
- Groundwater allocation to avoid/mitigate impacts on heat values (i.e. avoid local cooling)
- Groundwater allocation to protect high value geothermal (e.g. Maketū)
- Efficient use of heat
- Managing discharges
- Enabling use (e.g. GeoHeat Study)





Tauranga System Integration

	Geothermal Plan Change	Freshwater Plan Change
Sustainable management geothermal	✓	
Integrated Management	✓	
System management plans	✓	
System Classification	✓	
Drilling	✓ over 70 degrees	✓ under 70 degrees
Freshwater takes effects on heat		✓ Protect heat value
Freshwater quantity		✓ Geothermal takes to be within groundwater limits
Freshwater quality	✓ All geothermal discharges	✓ Geothermal discharges to be within receiving environment standards
Transfer of geothermal consents	✓ All	
Customary takes	✓ All	
Efficiency	✓ Heat	✓ Volume
Significant features	✓	✓ Impacts freshwater takes only



Timeline & Next Steps

Apr-June Pre-draft	July Release Draft	Aug-Sept Feedback on Draft	Oct-Dec Refine Draft	Jan-Feb Continue to refine	Mar Notify Proposed Plan
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Apr-Oct Workshops	Nov/Dec Release Draft	Jan/Feb Feedback on Draft	Mar-Aug Refine Draft etc	Sept Notify Proposed Plan
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Freshwater Policy Programme

Timeline

Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting

9 April 2024



Purpose today

- To approve the new timeline to meet the agreed new notification date of Sept 2025
- Timeline accommodates direction given at 19 March Strategy and Policy Committee workshop.



Key messages

- Draft plan change will address real issues in this region
- We will keep abreast of national freshwater policy/regulatory change
- We will seek targeted feedback in time to consider and respond

Catchment	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Sediment	E. coli
Lake Rotorua	High	Moderate	Moderate	High
Lake Rotiti	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low
Lake Rotoehu	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low
Lake Rotomā	Low	Low	Low	Low
Lake Tarawera	Low	Low	Low	Low
Lake Tikitapu	Low	Low	Low	Low
Lake Rotokakahi	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low
Lake Rerewhakaaitu	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Lake Rotomahana	Low	Moderate	Low	Low
Lake Ōkaro	High	High	High	Low
Lake Ōkātina	Low	Low	Low	Low
Lake Ōkareka	Low	Low	Low	Low

Catchment	Nitrogen	Phosphorus	Sediment	E. coli
East Coast	Low	Low	Low	Low
Kaituna	High	High	High	High
Motiti	Low	Low	Low	Low
Ōhiwa Harbour	Low	Low	High	High
Rangitāiki	Low	Low	Low	Low
Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes LAKE SPECIFIC				
Tarawera	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low
Tauranga Moana	Low	Low	Moderate	High
Waihi Estuary	High	High	High	High
Waioeka-Ōtara	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Low
Waiōtahe	Low	Low	Moderate	High
Waitahanui	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
Whakatāne	Low	Low	Low	Low

KEY: Indicative scale of change needed to improve water quality, or likely water quantity constraint.

Small

Moderate

High

2024 Timeline

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Date	Council reports and decisions
2 May	Policy topic workshop 1: Protection of rivers and wetlands Additional Strategy and Policy Committee workshop: Reconsider policy approach.
21 May	Policy topic workshop 2: Vision, outcomes and targets Strategy and Policy Committee workshop: Reconsider policy approach.
25 June	Policy topic workshop 3: Water quality rules affecting farming Additional workshop after Strategy and Policy Committee meeting: Reconsider policy approach
6 August	Policy topic workshop 4: Te Mana o te Wai, involving tangata whenua, and recognising mātauranga Māori Strategy and Policy Committee workshop: Reconsider policy approach.

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Date	Council reports and decisions
17 Sept	Strategy and Policy Committee meeting/workshop: Approach to draft RPS Change 7 (Freshwater) and RNRP Change 19 (Freshwater) targeted release.
17 October	Strategy and Policy Committee workshop: Any direction required prior to approval of target release of the draft RPS Change 7 and RNRP Change 19.
23 October	Council meeting: Approval of targeted release of draft RPS Change 7 and RNRP Change 19.
30 October	Strategy and Policy Committee workshop: Any minor direction required prior to targeted release.
November/ December	Draft RPS Change 7 (Freshwater) and RNRP Change 19 (Freshwater) released for feedback.
10 December	Strategy and Policy Committee meeting: Updates and timeline for 2025.



2025 Timeline

Date	Topic
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategy and Policy Committee workshop: Summary of feedback received.• Convene iwi and co-governance discussions to support their appointment of a Freshwater Hearings Panel representatives.
February – April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substantial policy amendments recommended in response to feedback.• RMA, Section 80A decisions – approval that changes are freshwater related topics to go through Freshwater Planning Process.• Select two Freshwater Hearings Panel representatives.
April -June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive final policy positions, plan change text and s.32 evaluations and approve position.• Receive and approve draft approach to Action Planning, draft Implementation Plan and draft Monitoring plan (required by the NPSFM 2020).
August	Full Council meeting: Adoption of proposed RPS Change 7 (Freshwater) and RNRP Change 19 (Freshwater)
September	Notify proposed RPS Change 7 (freshwater) and RNRP Change 19 (Freshwater)



2024 Timeline

KEY DIRECTION: timing for targeted release of draft plan changes for feedback

Why?

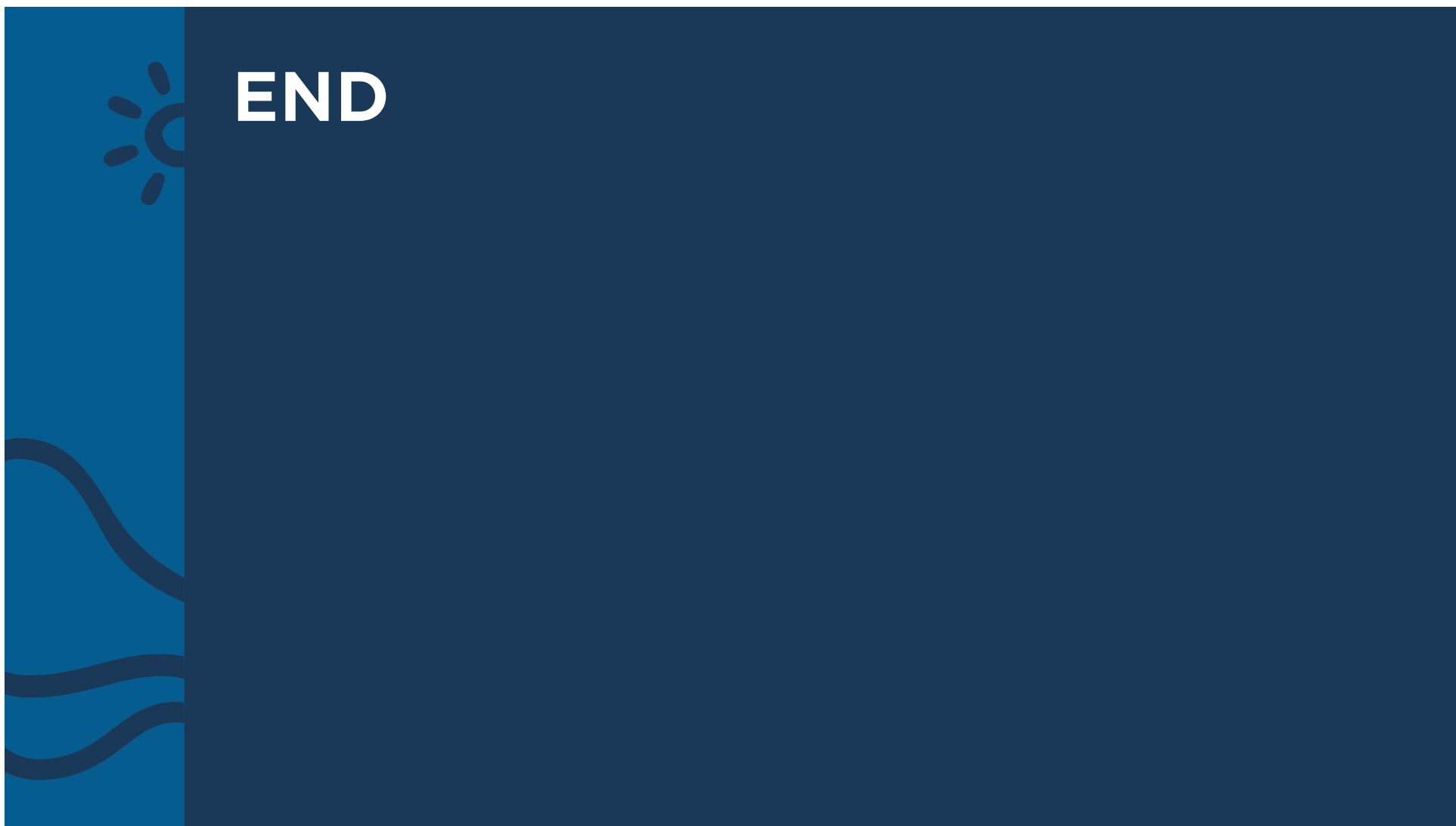
- Meets RMA requirements to consult with iwi organisations, TLAs and ministries
- Enables detailed discussion and feedback from key stakeholders
- Informs our assessment and your policy decisions in 2025

Next Steps

1. Policy topic workshops May/June



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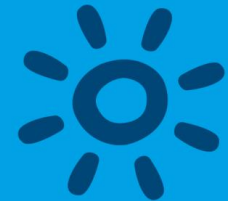


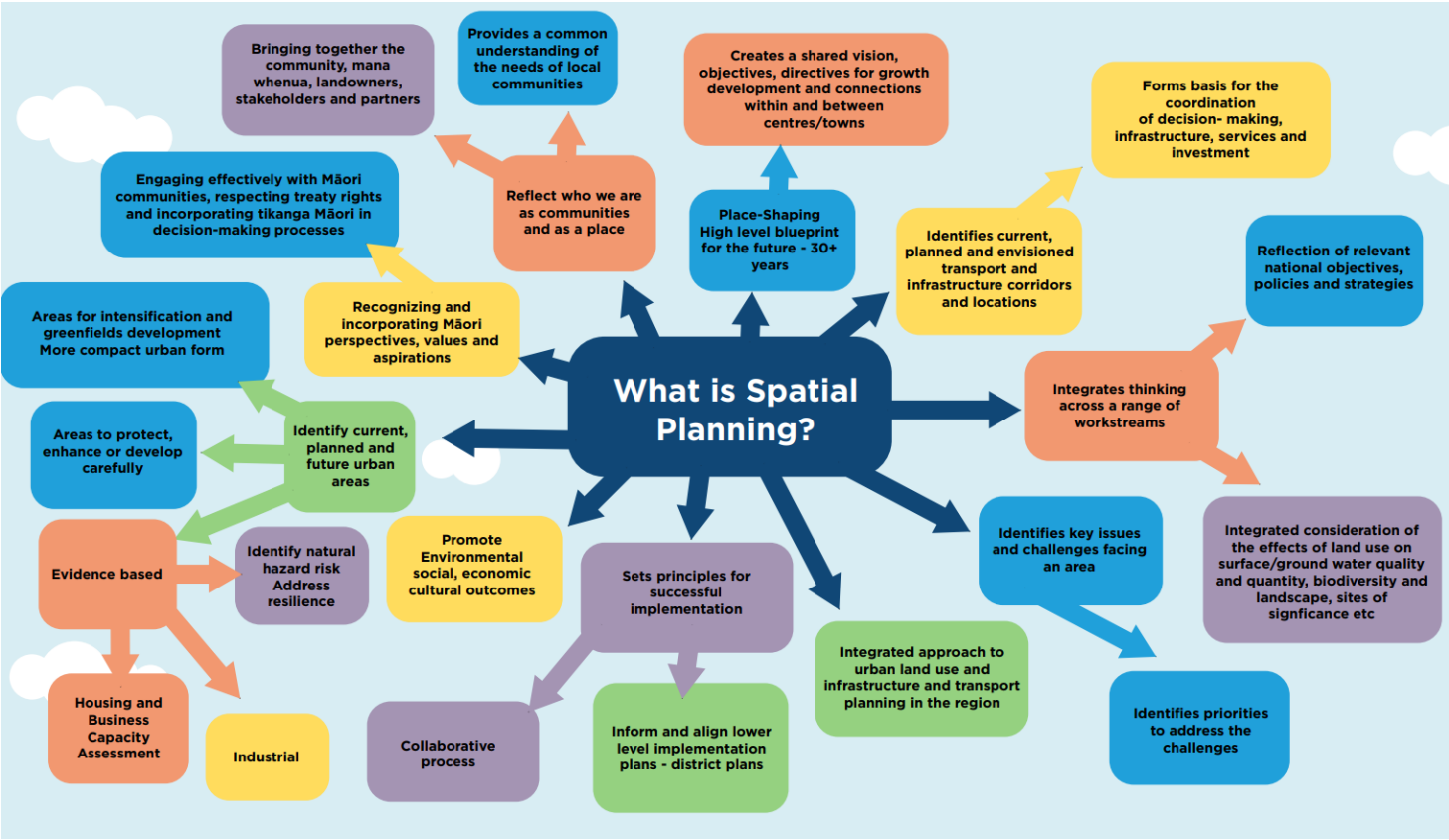


Spatial Planning

Overview of work programme - March 2024

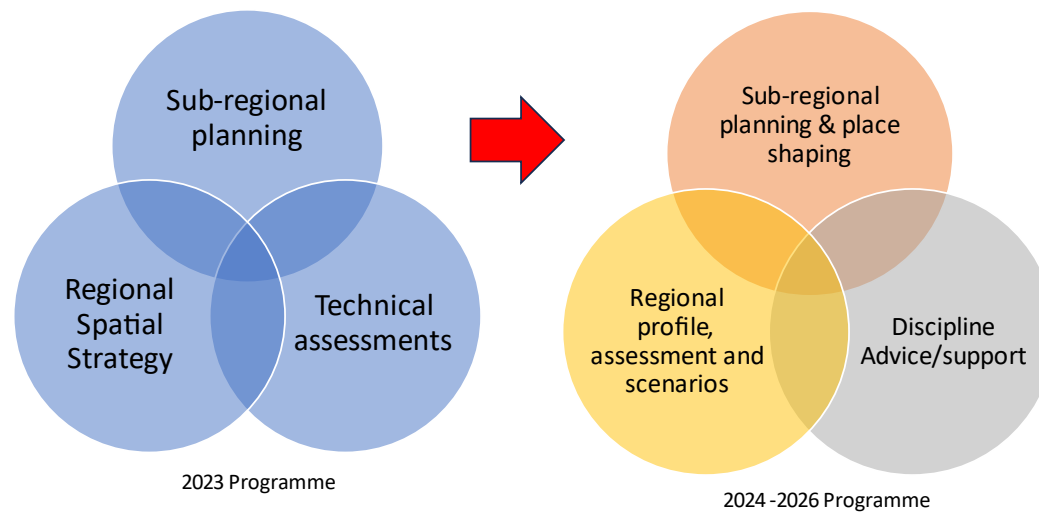
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In transition

Transition of spatial planning programme





Key Statutory and LTP drivers

- **National Policy Statement – Urban Development**
 - Tauranga – tier 1
 - Rotorua – tier 2
 - Eastern Bay – tier 3
- **BOPRC Draft LTP (14 Dec 2023)**
 - Goal 12 Enable and advocate for climate resilient spatial plans that take a sustainable development approach.
 - Goal 13 Regional infrastructure is resilient, efficient and integrated.



Sub-regional Strategy, Spatial Planning and Place-shaping

- This Programme involves the creation and implementation of spatial plans for the region and sub-regions, coupled with efforts to enhance the wellbeing of a communities through place-shaping.
- **Key Activities:**
 - SmartGrowth Strategy and Implementation Plan
 - Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan
 - Rotorua Future Development Strategy
 - Tauriko Specified Development Project – Kainga Ora
 - Locality Plans – e.g. Mount - Arataki Spatial Plan
 - Tangata Whenua Spatial Plans



Regional Profile, Assessment and Scenarios

- This with a strong emphasis on spatial planning builds on regional profiles with insights and reporting on future scenarios that tackle well-being challenges such as climate change adaptation and resilience, natural hazards, infrastructure deficits and carbon emissions. It also explores opportunities for nature-based solutions, Te Tiriti and Mātauranga Māori solutions, and other innovations.
- **Key Activities:**
 - Literature review and data stocktake
 - Regional profile
 - Ngā Tai ki Mauao Strategic document
 - Future Scenarios
 - Critical infrastructure of the Bay of Plenty.



Discipline Advice and Support Programme

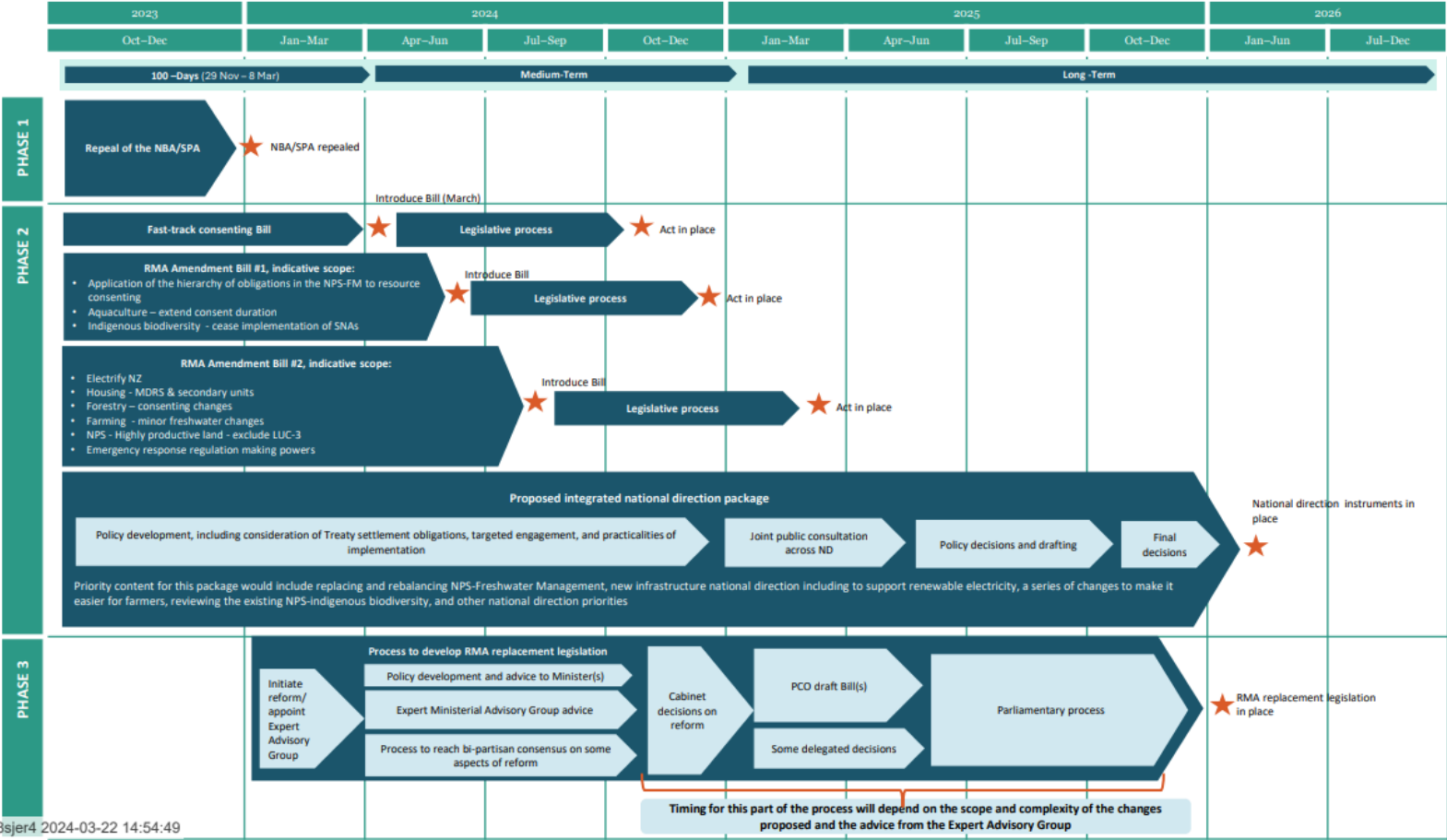
- This programme provides both internal and external governance and institutional support for spatial planning disciplines and programmes. It offers governance support to S&P and Council, enhances institutional capability to provide urban/spatial planning advice, promotes education and awareness, and focuses on building local capability.



Some challenges and opportunities

- **Alignment of disparate systems & their plans, strategies, commitments (\$/timing), and delivery.**
- **Focussing on things that make a difference**
- **Regional, strategic, long-term outcomes balanced with short-term delivery and priorities**
- **New RM system in 2025**

Appendix 1: Reforming the Resource Management System - Three-Year Indicative Work Programme



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