

# Variation 1 to Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region

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## Proposed amendment to Chapter 3.4: Fresh water (including public access)

### Summary

*This section is explanatory only and does not form part of the RPS Variation.*


The amendment of the Fresh water chapter is proposed to achieve the following purpose:

1. To insert long-term freshwater visions for Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua and Te Whaitua Whanganui-a-Tara, as required by clause 3.3 of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. These long-term freshwater visions will give effect to Te Mana o te Wai and the hierarchy of obligations in clause 3.2 of the National Policy Statement 2020.

The following is a summary of proposed amendments to the Chapter.

Provision reference	Summary of amendments
New section	Insertion of new section titled “Long-term freshwater visions”
New objective TAP	Insertion of a new long-term freshwater vision for Te Awarua-o-Porirua is required by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. This vision is required to be included as an Objective in the RPS.  This objective will sit in the “Long-term freshwater visions” section.
New objective TWT	Insertion of a new long-term freshwater vision for Te Whanganui-a-Tara was required by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020. This vision is required to be included as an Objective in the RPS.  This objective will sit in the “Long-term freshwater visions” section.
New figure 3.4	Insertion of new map showing whaitua boundaries for Te Awarua-o-Porirua and Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Insert new section heading after the chapter introduction as follows:

**3.4.A: Long-term freshwater visions FW**

Insert new Objective TAOP as follows:

Objective TAP: Long-term freshwater vision for Te Awarua-o-Porirua



By the year 2100 Te Awarua-o-Porirua harbour, awa, wetlands, groundwater, estuaries and coast are healthy, wai ora, accessible, sustainable for future generations, and:

1. The practices and tikanga associated with Te Awarua o Porirua are revitalized and protected; and
2. Mahinga kai are abundant, healthy, diverse and can be safely gathered by Ngāti Toa Rangatira and served to Ngāti Toa Rangatira uri and manuhiri to uphold manaakitanga; and
3. Have restored and healthy ecosystems that support an abundance and diversity of indigenous species, and have a natural water flow and energy that demonstrate kei te ora te mauri (the mauri of the place is intact); and
4. Provide for safe access for people and communities to enjoy a range of recreational activities including fishing, fostering a strong connection to these waterbodies; and
5. Are taken care of in partnership with Ngāti Toa Rangatira giving effect to the rights, values, aspirations and obligations of Ngāti Toa as kaitiaki for the mana of Te Awarua-o-Porirua as a taonga; and
6. Are resilient to the impacts of climate change; and
7. The use of water and waterways provide for social and economic use benefits, provided that such use does not compromise the health and well-being of waterbodies and freshwater ecosystems or the take and use of water for human health needs.

Insert new Objective TWT as follows:

Objective TWT: Long-term freshwater vision for Te Whanganui-a-Tara



By the year 2100 a state of wai ora is achieved for Te Whanganui-a-Tara in which the harbour, rivers, lakes, wetlands, groundwater, estuaries and coast are healthy, accessible, sustainable for future generations, and:

1. The practices and tikanga associated with Te Whanganui-a-Tara are revitalized and protected; and
2. Mahinga kai are abundant, healthy, diverse and can be safely gathered by Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa Rangatira and served to Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa Rangatira uri and manuhiri to uphold manaakitanga; and
3. Have mauri/mouri that is nurtured, strengthened and able to flourish and restored natural character, have a natural water flow, and ecosystems that support an abundance and diversity of indigenous species; and
4. Provide for the safe access and use of all rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, harbours, and the coast for a range of recreational activities including fishing, fostering an appreciation of and connection to these waterbodies; and
5. Are taken care of in partnership with Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa Rangatira giving effect to the rights, values, aspirations and obligations of Ngāti Toa and Taranaki Whānui that respects the mana of Te Whanganui-a-Tara and the whakapapa connection with Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa Rangatira; and
6. Are resilient to the impacts of climate change; and
7. The use of water and waterways provide for social and economic use benefits, provided that such use does not compromise the health and well-being of waterbodies and freshwater ecosystems or the take and use of water for human health needs.

Insert new Figure 3.4 as follows:

