

Healthy Environments

Phase One Topic Update



Lake Taupō Chapter

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What are we doing?

- Chapter 3.10 (previously Variation 5) of the Waikato Regional Plan is being reviewed as part of Healthy Environments (the review of the Waikato Regional Plan)
- The Chapter has policies and methods (including rules) to protect the water quality of Lake Taupo
- This forms part of a wider review of the whole Waikato Regional Plan and Waikato Regional Coastal Plan
- This review will lead to a changes to the existing (operative) regional plans and a revised Waikato Resource Management Plan

Why are we doing it?

- WRC is undertaking a review of its Regional Plan and Regional Coastal Plan
- These are statutory reviews that are required every 10 years under the Resource Management Act 1991
- The Lake Taupō Chapter (chapter 3.10), also has a 2018 review requirement

What have we found so far?

- The Chapter 3.10 objectives remain relevant and effective
- Chapter 3.10 policies appear to be achieving the Objectives
- Chapter 3.10 rules appear to be working well. Changes to the regional plan will be needed to provide for updated versions of the Overseer nitrogen reference tool, and to look at management of discharges from near-shore on-site wastewater systems
- The Overseer version (5.4.3) required to be used in the Regional Plan will not be available from December 2020

When are we doing it?

- 2017 - scoping
- 2018 – identifying issues and options, and starting consultation
- 2019 – completing consultation and writing amendments
- 2020 – notify plan changes to chapter 3.10 as part of phase one plan review
- 2020-2024 – submissions, hearings, appeals, final operative rules

Who are we talking to?

- Key stakeholders in the Lake Taupō catchment with an interest greater than the general public
- Ngāti Tūwharetoa
- Taupō District Council
- Farmers and foresters
- Scientists and information providers

How can interested parties get involved?

- We will contact key stakeholders and iwi when we are looking to undertake consultation
- Members of the public can:
 - review public documents on the WRC website
 - sign up to the Healthy Environments website for updates
 - review proposed changes and put in a submission at the time of public notification
 - attend public council meetings where staff will be reporting
 - provide written feedback via the website
- Anyone will be able to submit on any plan change when these are publicly notified

Where can I go for more info?

- WRC project page: <https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/council/policy-and-plans/rules-and-regulation/waikato-regional-plan-review/>
- Council meeting agendas: <https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/whats-happening/council-meetings/agendas-and-minutes-for-council-and-standing-committees/council/>
- General Feedback: <https://bps.waikatoregion.govt.nz/online-services/new/CustomerFeedbackComplaints/step/1>