

# The Floodway and Drainage Bylaw is a regulation that safeguards flood protection and land drainage assets from damage or misuse.

It applies to assets owned or managed by Regional Council:

- drains
- defences against water
- erosion protection works
- floodways

These assets protect people, property and livelihoods from river flooding and problems associated with a lack of land drainage.

The Bylaw outlines when you need to talk with Council and if necessary apply for a Bylaw Authority. This ensures we work together to develop the best approach to managing activities within Bylaw Applicable Areas.



Stoplogs, Muriwai Drive boat ramp – Whakatāne



Eastern Drain - Rangitāiki Plains



Erosion Protection, Otara River



Pump Station, Maketu

Bay of Plenty Regional Council's flood protection assets include:



**378km**  
of stopbank



**856km**  
of rock edge protection



**496km**  
of waterways  
(drains and canals)

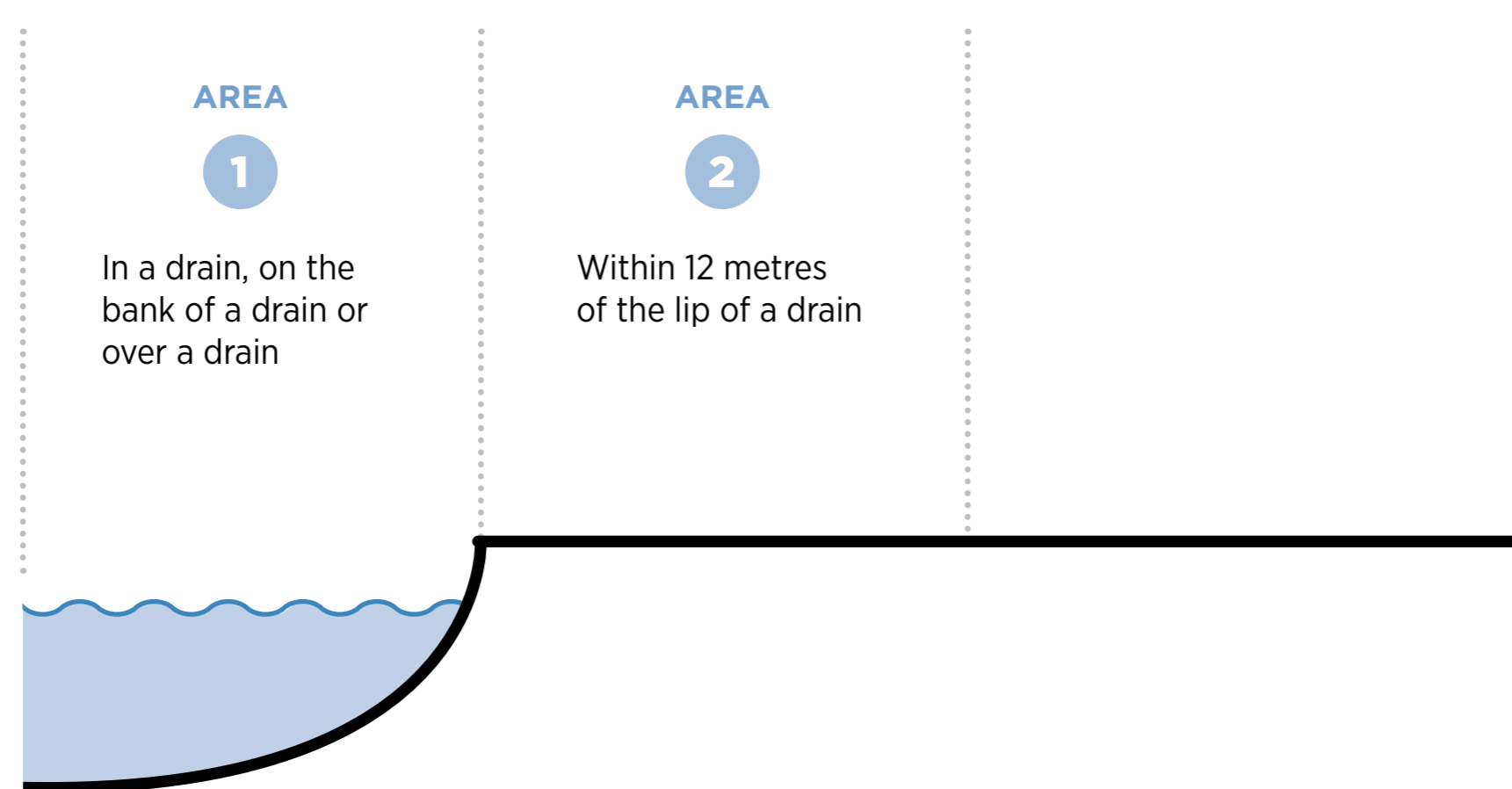


**470km**  
of trenced willows

Find out more at  
[www.boprc.govt/drainagebylaw](http://www.boprc.govt/drainagebylaw)

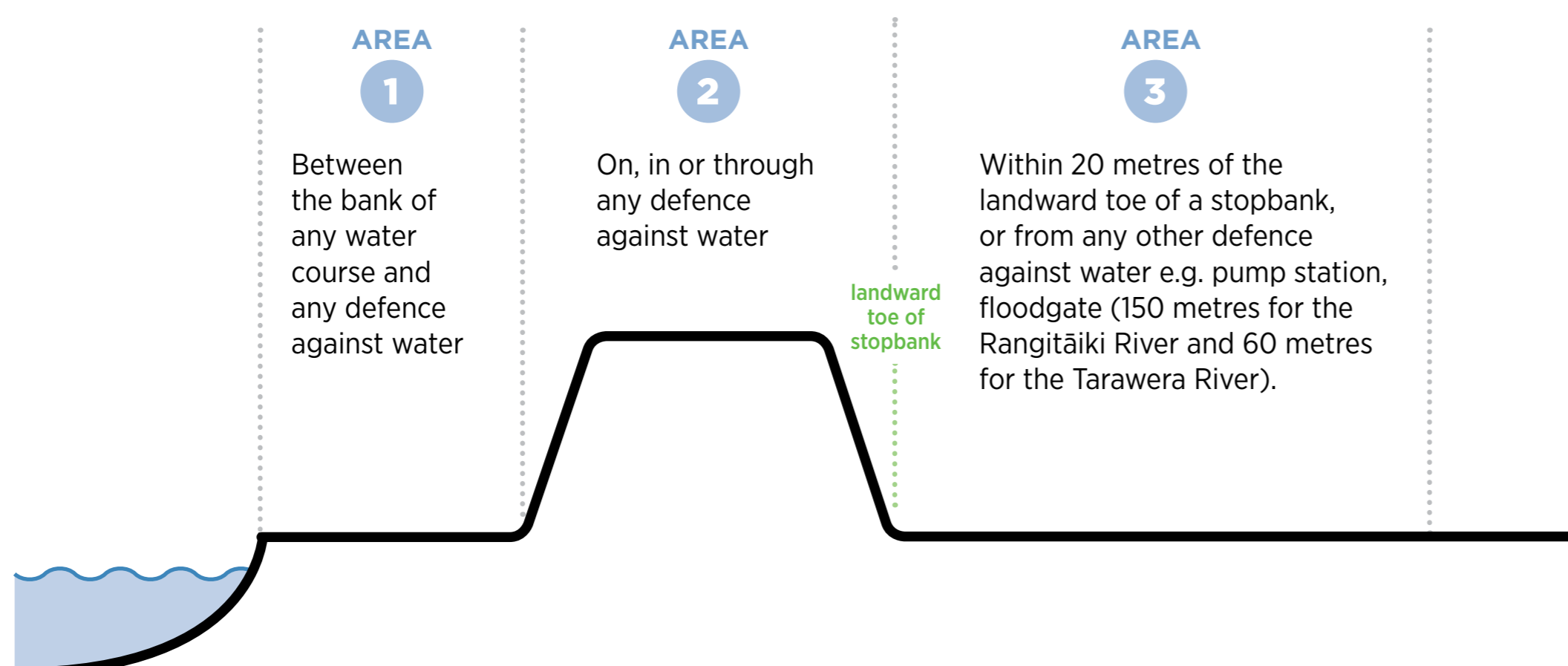
# Current Bylaw Applicable Areas

## DRAINAGE SCHEME DRAINS – FLOODWAY AND DRAINAGE BYLAW APPLICABLE AREAS



**Drain** is any watercourse or channel (either occurring naturally or artificially constructed), or a modified watercourse, which is used to either lower the water table or divert water.

## DEFENCES AGAINST WATER – FLOODWAY AND DRAINAGE BYLAW APPLICABLE AREAS



**Defence against water** is a term used to describe a man-made structure (for example, a stopbank, weir, floodgate or pump station) intended to protect against flooding.

*A more detailed definition of 'defence against water' is contained in the draft Bylaw.*



# The Local Government Act 2002 requires all bylaws to be reviewed every ten years.

This ensures the rules are:

- still fit-for-purpose
- informed by the latest science and data
- informed by experience from previous flood events
- informed by present issues and risks e.g. climate change projections, land use changes and increased pressure from development

The Floodway and Drainage Bylaw must be reviewed and adopted by June 2020.

WE ARE  
HERE

October -  
November 2019  
Early engagement  
feedback

April - May 2020  
Draft Bylaw  
notified for formal  
public submissions

Early May 2020  
Formal public  
submissions  
received

Late May 2020  
Submissions  
considered and  
hearings held

June 2020  
Bylaw operative

**We're working hard to let people know about the Bylaw review process and to provide opportunities to feedback thoughts to Council.**