



# Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River)

to the Bay of Plenty Regional  
Policy Statement

August 2020

## He kaupapa whakahirahira?

### What is this about?

Council is seeking feedback on a draft version of Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement (RPS). Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the RPS includes a vision, objectives, policies and methods specific to the Kaituna River and its tributaries. This change is prepared under the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991 to complete a process of inserting provisions from the Kaituna River Document 'Kaituna He Taonga Tuku Iho – A Treasure Handed Down'.

The Kaituna River Document was approved by Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority in June 2018 and came into effect on 1 August 2018. The Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014 require the RPS be amended to recognise and provide for the vision, objectives and desired outcomes for the Kaituna River contained within the Kaituna River Document.

Since December 2019, regional council staff members have been working on developing Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the RPS. Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River) contains seven new objectives described overleaf.

Each objective is supported by a policy framework to promote their achievement.

Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the RPS complements but is separate to other Bay of Plenty Regional Council Freshwater Futures projects linked to the Kaituna River catchment, such as the Kaituna – Pongakawa – Waitahanui Water Management Area project. These projects are progressing at the same time.

# Wawata

## The vision for the Kaituna River

E ora ana te mauri o te Kaituna, e tiakina ana hoki mō ngā whakatupuranga ō nāianeī, ō muri nei hoki

The Kaituna River is in a healthy state and protected for current and future generations.

## He aha ngā raruraru?

### What are the issues?

**Draft Change 5 includes provisions to address identified issues:**

Water demand is high and could pose a risk for springs, groundwater and surface water bodies

Urban growth, climate change, land use intensification and development

Water quality is declining and is not always suitable for swimming in locations people wish to swim

Drainage scheme impacts

Tangata whenua have become disconnected with the Kaituna River

# Te Huarahi

## Objectives for the Kaituna River

The traditional and contemporary relationships that iwi and hapū have with the Kaituna River are recognised and provided for.

Water quality and the mauri of the water in the Kaituna River and its tributaries is restored to a healthy state which meets agreed standards.

There is sufficient water quantity in the Kaituna River to support the mauri of rivers and streams and provide for tangata whenua, ecological and recreational values.

Water in the Kaituna River is sustainably allocated and efficiently used to provide for the social, economic and cultural well-being of iwi, hapū and communities now and for future generations.

The environmental well-being of the Kaituna River is enhanced through best management practices.

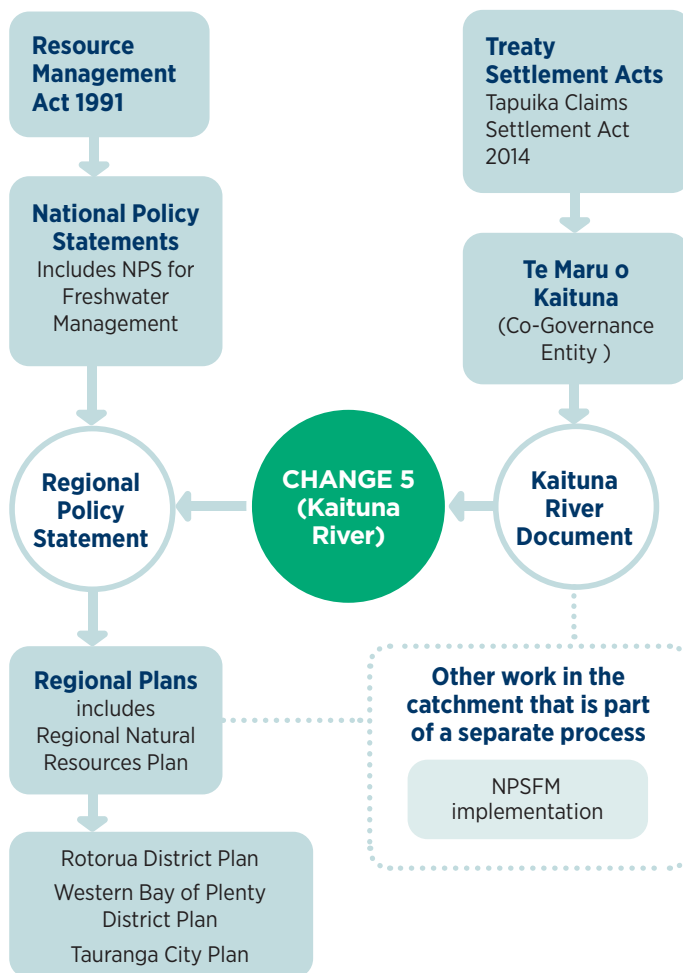
The restoration, protection and enhancement of Kaituna River's wetlands, aquatic and riparian ecosystems that support indigenous and species.

Te Maru o Kaituna collaborate with iwi and the wider community to enable environmental, economic, social, educational and cultural aspirations for the restoration, protection and enhancement of the Kaituna River.



# How does Change 5 fit with other projects in the Kaituna River catchment?

The Regional Council is working in the Kaituna River catchment to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. Council's programme to do this is called "Freshwater Futures". The purpose of "Freshwater Futures" is to maintain and improve the quality and quantity of the region's freshwater. The diagram below sets out how Change 5 fits with the "Freshwater Futures" work that is happening in the catchment.



## Timeline

**We are here**

**11 August 2020**

Draft Change 5 policy framework, project time frames and process approved by Strategy and Policy Committee to enable public consultation to commence

**18 August – 16 October 2020**

Consultation on Draft Change 5

**November 2020**

Feedback received through consultation evaluated and Change 5 updated. Section 32 evaluation finalised and legal review completed

**17 December 2020**

Proposed Change 5 formally approved by Council for notification

**2 February 2021**

Change 5 publicly notified for public submissions. Formal Schedule 1 submissions process commences.





# We want to hear from you

## We want to hear what you think about Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the RPS.

The consultation phase needs to be completed by 16 October 2020. Depending on feedback we receive, the council intends notifying Proposed Change 5 for formal submissions under the Resource Management Act 1991 on 2 February 2021.

Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the RPS can be viewed on the regional council's website: [www.boprc.govt.nz/rps](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/rps). Hard copies are available on request.

Let us know if you support the proposed objectives, policies and methods in Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the RPS.

### You can let us know by:

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For more information about the other projects like the Water Management Areas project contact Regional Council on 0800 884 880 (between 8.30 am – 5 pm).