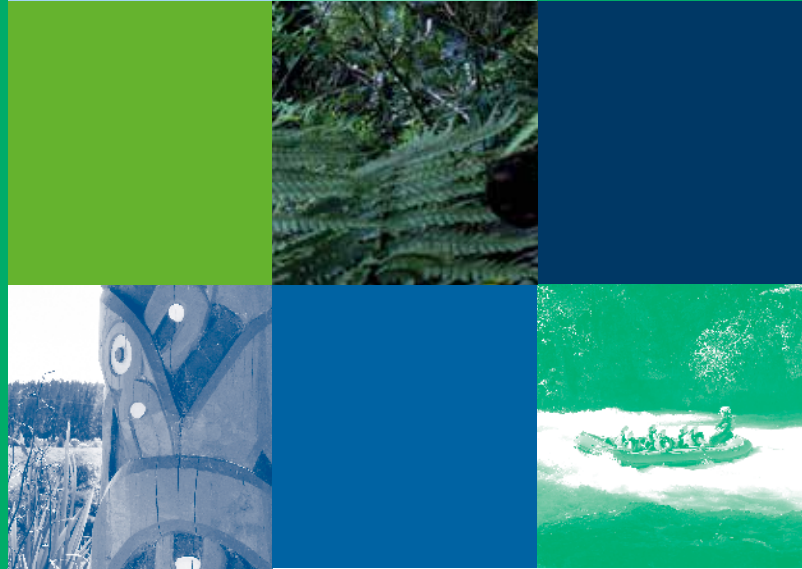


# Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River)

to the Bay of Plenty Regional  
Policy Statement

June 2021



## What is Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River)?

**Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement has been notified and is now open for public submissions.**

Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) seeks to fulfil Regional Council's responsibilities under the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014 which requires it to recognise and provide for the vision, objectives and desired outcomes of *Kaituna He Taonga Tuku Iho - A Treasure Handed Down* (the Kaituna River Document) in the Regional Policy Statement (RPS). This is to the extent that the contents of the Kaituna River Document:

- relate to resource management issues of the region; and
- it is the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) in relation to the Kaituna River.

The Kaituna River Document was launched by Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority, a co-governance partnership mandated to restore, protect and enhance the environmental, cultural, spiritual health and well being of the Kaituna River. The Kaituna River Document took effect from 1 August 2018 following consultation with the community, hapu and iwi.

Since late 2019, Regional Council staff members have been working on developing Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River). A draft version of the proposed change was open for public comment from 18 August to 16 October 2020. Twelve comments were received and the proposed change was updated in response to the feedback received.

Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) has been prepared under the RMA. It will be the second co-governance change to be included in the RPS and it is specific to the Kaituna River and its tributaries. It includes:

- 7 Kaituna River objectives
- 9 Kaituna River policies
- 6 Kaituna River methods of implementation; and
- Expansion of 5 existing methods to also apply to the Kaituna River.

Each objective is supported by a policy framework to promote their achievement. Neither the RPS nor the Kaituna River Document contain rules.

# Kaituna He Taonga Tuku Iho - A treasure handed down

## The Kaituna River Document vision

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.

## What are the issues?

### Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) includes provisions to address the following issues:

Water demand is high and could pose a  
risk for springs, surface water bodies and  
associated tangata whenua, ecological and  
recreational values

Urban growth, climate change, rural land  
use intensification

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

Waterbody modification impacts

Tangata whenua have become  
disconnected with the Kaituna River

Health of the Maketu Estuary.

## Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) Objectives

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

Water quality and the mauri of the water, including  
groundwater, in the Kaituna River is restored to a state which  
provides for ecosystem health, human contact, threatened  
species and mahinga kai values

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 Kaituna River's wetlands, aquatic and riparian  
ecosystems are restored, protected, and enhanced to  
support indigenous 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.



# Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) and other processes

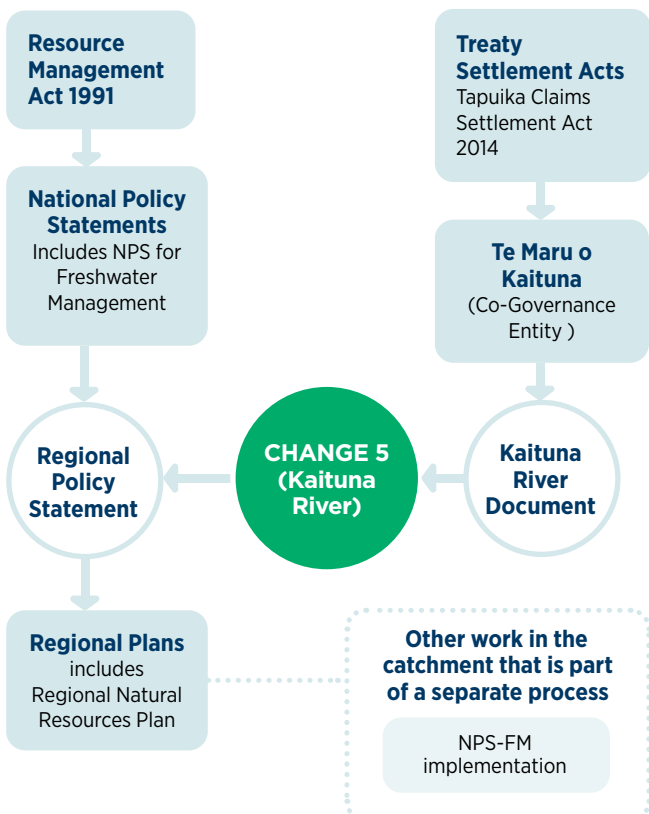
## National Freshwater Policy for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM)

The Regional Council is also working in the Kaituna River catchment to implement the NPS-FM. The NPS-FM requires a specific process for engagement and development of RPS and Regional Natural Resources Plan (RNRP) changes to give effect to its directions.

Regional Council has a separate *Essential Freshwater Policy Programme* for engaging with the community and tangata whenua as part of implementation of the NPS-FM. Region wide NPS-FM implementation will be delivered through RPS and RNRP changes which will be notified in July 2024. Regional Council's obligations to recognise and provide for the Kaituna River Document continue to apply when it changes the RPS and RNRP.

The purpose of Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) is to recognise and provide for the Kaituna River Document in accord with the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act (not NPS-FM implementation).

This diagram illustrates how Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) relates to the Settlement Act requirements and the RMA.



## Timeline

### 1 August 2018

The Kaituna River Document comes into effect.

### 18 August - 16 October 2020

Draft Change 5 (Kaituna River) consultation

### November 2020 to March 2021

Consultation feedback is evaluated and Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) is updated.

### 1 April 2021

Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) is approved by Regional Council.

We are here

### 29 June - 10 August 2021

Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) notified and open for submissions.

### September/October 2021

Further submissions.

### November/December 2021

Documentation and nominations provided to the Chief Freshwater Commissioner. The FPP process commences.

## The Freshwater Planning Process (FPP)

Regional councils are required to use the Freshwater Planning Process to implement changes required by the NPS-FM and for any change to a regional plan or RPS if it relates to freshwater. As Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) relates to freshwater it is a 'freshwater planning instrument' and must follow this process process which is overseen by the Chief Freshwater Commissioner.

Further information on this process can be accessed on at [www.boprc.govt.nz/change5](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/change5)



# Submissions are open

## We want to hear what you think about Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement.

Have your say about the proposed issues, objectives, policies and methods for the Kaituna River catchment.

**The submission period closes at 4pm on Tuesday 10 August 2021.**

Your submission should say what parts of the proposed change you agree or disagree with, why, and what you want.

Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) can be viewed on the regional council's website: [www.boprc.govt.nz/change5](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/change5). Along with information on how to lodge a submission and the new freshwater planning process.

### Lodge your submission by:

**Fax:** 0800 884 882

**Email to:** [rps@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:rps@boprc.govt.nz)

**Mail to:** Bay of Plenty Regional Council  
PO Box 364  
Whakatāne 3158

### For more information on Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River):

Call Moana Boyd on 0800 884 881 ext 9326

For advice on how to make a submission or for copies of Proposed Change 5 call Marie Radford on 0800 884 881 ext 8328

Visit [www.boprc.govt.nz/change5](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/change5)

