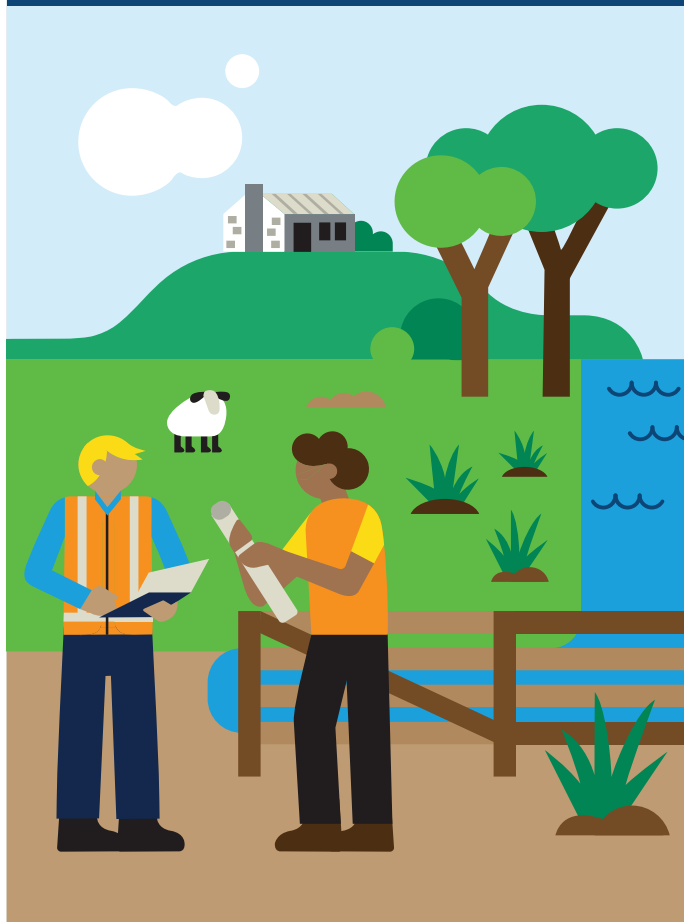


Flood Protection and Drainage Bylaws overview



What are Bylaws?

Bylaws are Council rules which affect the way we live, work and play.

They are there to make the Bay of Plenty Region a safe and healthy place.

What's the difference between a Bylaw and a Council Policy?

Bylaws have a regulatory effect, they are a type of law. Policies generally are more like guidelines for how a council does things or decisions that they make.

Why are these Bylaws in place?

These Bylaws, which came into effect in 2021, provide protection from damage and misuse to flood protection and drainage infrastructure assets managed by or under the control of Regional Council.

These assets have been built to increase productivity of land, and prevent damage, danger, and distress to the community from flooding, and problems associated with a lack of drainage. It's crucial they function properly when needed.

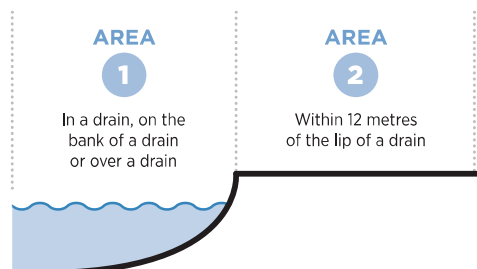
What do these Bylaws cover?

Regional Council controlled or managed:

- A DRAINAGE SCHEME DRAINS**
- B DEFENCES AGAINST WATER**
e.g. Stopbank, flood wall
- C EROSION PROTECTION**
e.g. Willow plantings, rockwork

Bylaw applicable assets

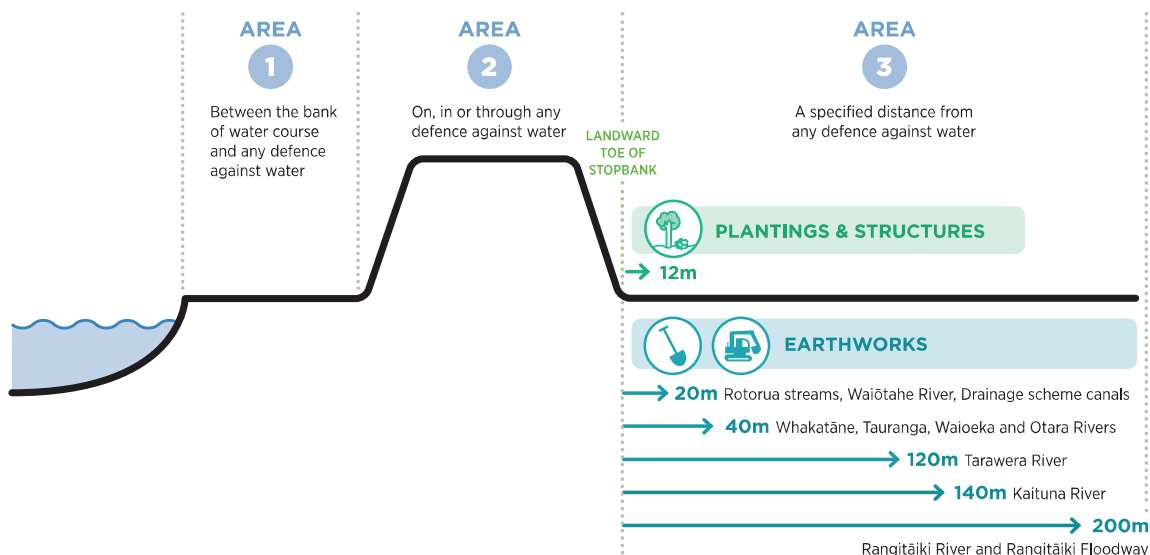
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C EROSION PROTECTION

Council regularly undertakes erosion protection work, for example planting or rockwork, along many of the region's rivers. Access to this work by Council is important for ongoing maintenance. If you're planning to undertake any work along one of the region's rivers, please email our team at riversanddrains@boprc.govt.nz for advice.

B DEFENCES AGAINST WATER



Why are the distances for earthworks different for various rivers?

There are many soil types across the Bay of Plenty, with each having a different resistance to water.

When river levels rise against a flood defence e.g. a stopbank, water tries to find an escape route by following a path of least resistance.

In areas where soil types allow water to travel easily, such as the more porous soils of the Rangitāiki River

catchment, a greater distance is required between activities carried out on the land and the defence against water.

If earthworks are carried out incorrectly too close to a defence, they can make it easier for water to find places to escape, which can potentially cause it to fail.

Is my property affected?

If you're planning to do some work on your property and think it's near a Regional Council flood protection and drainage infrastructure asset, check out the interactive map at:

www.boprc.govt.nz/bylaw-authority

Type in the address of your property and the map will show if you need to consider getting a Bylaw Authority.

What is a Bylaw Authority?

A Bylaw Authority is written permission from Regional Council that includes conditions to ensure flood protection and drainage infrastructure assets are not damaged or compromised.

Some activities needing a Bylaw Authority include...

IF YOU LIVE IN AN URBAN AREA:

- Subdividing a property
- Geotechnical investigations
- Planting/removing trees or shrubs
- Building/removing fences, garden sheds
- Building/extending a house, shed or adding a deck
- Constructing/removing a retaining wall
- Constructing/removing an in-ground swimming pool Geotechnical investigations.

IF YOU LIVE IN A RURAL AREA:

- Riparian plantings
- Horticultural development
- Dairy effluent system upgrades
- Digging a new drain or upgrading a culvert
- Water intake structures
- Subdividing a property
- Geotechnical investigations
- Planting/removing trees or shrubs
- Landscaping involving earthworks
- Building/removing fences, garden sheds
- Building/extending a house, shed or deck.

Does it cost to apply for a Bylaw Authority?

There is no fee for a standard application although some charges may apply for technical review costs or advice.

Need further information?

Please contact a member of our Rivers and Drainage Bylaws team:

Phone: **0800 884 880**

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