



Environmental Policy Newsletter

What's in this edition: Meri Kirihimete. Milestones in 2024. PC 81 Feedback. Natural Hazards - what's to know. Port Tarakohe Conversations.

Milestone Year for Environmental Policy Projects



Working with constant change – 2024 in review

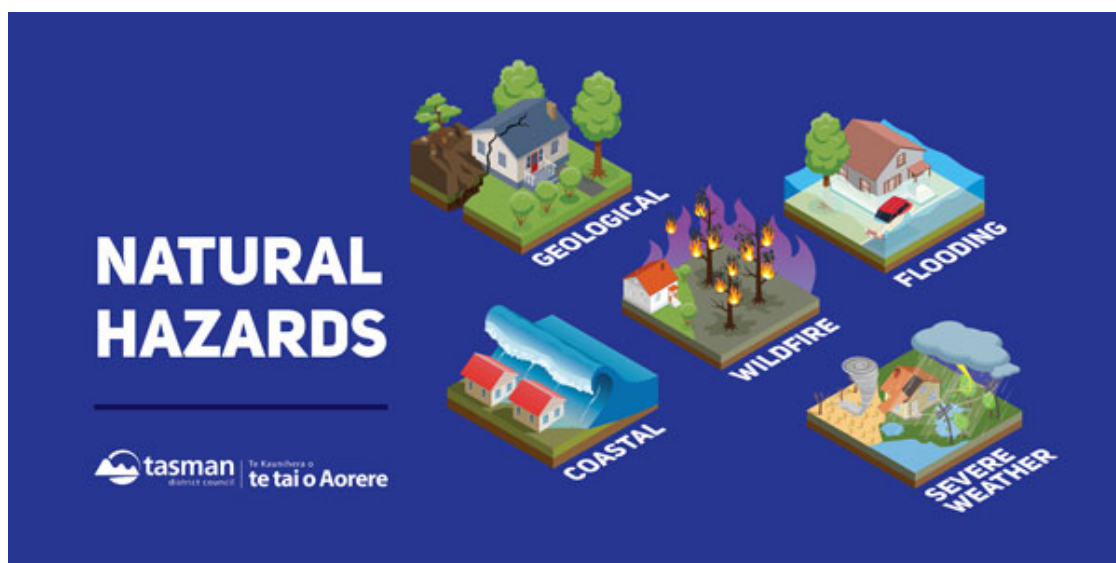
Barry Johnson Environmental Policy Manager writes that despite significant turmoil; the Environmental Policy team was able to achieve some substantial milestones.

Progress was made for large environmental policy projects encompassing urban growth, natural hazards, land and freshwater, outstanding natural landscapes and features and coastal structure plans.

2025 is set to tackle some of the Tasman's most significant environmental challenges.

[Read the full article here](#)

Focus on Tasman's Natural hazards



Updated [natural hazards pages](#) aim to increase community understanding of natural hazards across Tasman, with a more comprehensive view about the district's geological, coastal, flooding, wildfire, and severe weather hazards.

The website provides a description and information on each of the natural hazards.

In the New Year the site will also feature an easy to use, natural hazards map viewer which will show the location and extent of natural hazards across the district for areas where technical information or modelling is currently available.

While Council cannot advise landowners about the implications of mapped information on their insurance premiums, we recommend landowners contact their insurance provider in the knowledge that these companies draw on a range of sources, including central and local government-provided natural hazard data as well as their own assessments, to determine coverage and premiums.

Residents and landowners are encouraged visit the updated website to learn about more the natural hazards in our district.

Providing for growth feedback podcast



Wakefield July 1921 - Looking east up Edward St - Wakefield December 2024

The draft Urban Growth Plan Change 81 information campaign was launched in the spring of 2024 to inform residents and landowners ahead of the formal engagement process in the early New Year.

Focus of the Plan Change is zoning for housing and business.

Plan Change 81 identifies nine towns where zoning more land for housing and business is proposed: Richmond, Wakefield, Brightwater, Motueka, Moutere, St Arnaud (Tophouse), Tapawera, Tākaka and Murchison. A new Medium Density Residential Zone is proposed for central Richmond, Brightwater, Wakefield and potentially Motueka and Tākaka, for intensification of existing built-up areas.

Read more on [Shape Tasman](#) and listen to Policy Planner Mya Bengosi and Jeremy Butler Team Leader Urban and Rural Policy answer questions raised in the feedback received so far in the latest [Environmental Policy Click to Play](#) episode.

Support for Port Tarakohe Draft Spatial Plan



From left, Dave Brownlie meets the planners, Jeremy Butler Team Leader Council Urban & Rural Policy and Stephanie Styles Planner and Associate Partner BOFFA MISKELL.

Community share the importance of Port Tarakohe in Golden Bay

Supporting the Shape Tasman online feedback to the Draft Spatial Plan community members responded to the invitation to meet the planners Tuesday 10 December at the Pohara Boat Club.

The in-person feedback underscored the significance of the port as a vital asset for Golden Bay. While many supported the proposed spatial layout, there were concerns about the port's expansion and its impact on commercial activities, the community, and the environment. Discussion also included feedback about floodlights, noise, and a need for better representation of recreational boat users in decision-making bodies related to the port.

Read the plan and give [us your feedback here](#)

Feedback on Shape Tasman to the Port Taranaki Draft Spatial is open now through to Monday 10 February 2025.

New Planning Scholarship



The NZPI Nelson / Marlborough branch has announced the opening of a new scholarship; Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka-a-Māui Mahere Whakamarohi Scholarship
Top of the South Planning Student Scholarship.

The purpose of this scholarship is to financially support a tertiary student with strong associations to Te Tau Ihu / Top of the South (i.e. Nelson, Marlborough, Tasman regions) into the planning profession.

The closing date for applications is **1 February 2025** and the committee is looking forward to hearing from interested applicants. If you have any questions, please contact the Branch at nelson.marlborough@planning.org.nz

[Find the scholarship criteria and application form here](#)

Resources and links



Updates on **Avian Bird Flu Threat** to New Zealand and Advice for Tasman Residents [Read more here](#)

Get to know your natural hazards at our [updated online resource here](#)

There is a lot to understand about regulatory changes for farming. The **Tasman Rural Hub** is the place for everything rural. [Check it out here](#)

Submissions are now open for formal comments on the **draft Māpua Masterplan** and Supporting Document. Principal Planner Anna McKenzie [talks about the draft plan](#) its proposed zoning changes, future infrastructure upgrades, planned recreational linkages and open spaces and what we can expect to see in 2050.

Tasman rainfall report updated every 30 minutes. [View here](#)

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