



Environmental Policy Newsletter

March 2025 Update

What's in this edition: Natural Hazards Viewer, Protection for Springs and dates announced for the April Meet the Planners drop-ins.



The Environmental Policy team is presently managing nine major projects, alongside several smaller ones, that will lead to updates in the **Tasman Regional Policy Statement**, the **Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP)**, or the future **Tasman Environment Plan**.

These projects include **PC 76** Wakefield, **PC 79** Deferred Zoning, **PC 80** Motueka West, **PC 81** Urban Growth, **PC 82** Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features, **PC 83** Coastal Environment and Natural Character, **PC 84** Land and Freshwater, **PC 85** Natural Hazards, and the Māpua Master Plan.

Each initiative addresses key planning and environmental priorities, ensuring sustainable growth and resource management across the Tasman region

Natural Hazards Viewer Now Online



The Tasman Natural Hazards web map viewer is now publicly available and provides visual and interactive access to natural hazards information for our community and interested stakeholders.

While some natural hazards mapping was previously available on our website, the viewer offers a more engaging and user-friendly way to explore spatial data. The map viewer also consolidates natural hazards spatial data into a single platform, making it easier for the public to understand the location and extent of natural hazards (where there is information available).

The release of the viewer is timely, complimenting the Tasman Natural Hazards Awareness Campaign and leading into the upcoming community engagement on the Plan Change 85 Natural Hazards Issues and Options report.

The natural hazards maps are part of the new Environmental Map Viewer platform. More categories of maps will be added to the platform as data and information becomes available.

Visit the Natural Hazards Map Viewer [from this link](#) which also provides information about the viewer and some frequently asked questions.

You can also access a how-to video [from this link](#).

For questions or feedback on the viewer, please contact the Natural Hazards team at naturalhazards@tasman.govt.nz.

Meet the Planners

Urban Growth and Natural Hazards Plan Changes



In late March we open community engagement on Plan Change 85 Natural Hazards Issues and Options (24th March) and Draft Change 1 to the Tasman Regional Policy Statement and Draft Plan Change 81 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan regarding urban growth (27 March).

Throughout April we are hosting a series of drop-in sessions to discuss these plan changes.

These sessions offer the community a chance to engage directly with council planning, infrastructure, and technical staff to learn more about these important natural hazard and growth planning initiatives.

The sessions are district-wide, so attendees can ask questions relevant to any location within the Tasman District.

Tasman District Council

189 Queen Street, Richmond.
Saturday 5 April, 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm.
A short introduction to the plan changes will be presented by Council at 2pm.

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

22 Main Road St Arnaud.
Monday 14 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm.
A short introduction to the plan changes will be presented by Council at 11.30am.

Brightwater Public Hall

Lord Rutherford Road, Brightwater.
Monday 7 April, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.
A short introduction to the plan changes will be presented by Council at 11.00am.

Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre

4 Hampden Street, Murchison.
Monday 14 April, 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm.
A short introduction to the plan changes will be presented by Council at 5.00pm.

Wakefield St Johns Centre

120 Edward Street, Wakefield.
Tuesday 8 April, 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm.
A short introduction to the plan changes will be presented by Council at 4.00pm

Golden Bay Recreation Centre

2032 Tākaka Valley Highway, Tākaka.
Wednesday 16 April, 2.00 pm – 5.30pm
A short introduction to the plan changes will be presented by Council at 3.00pm.

Māpua Community Hall

72 Aranui Road, Māpua.

Wednesday 9 April, 10.00 am– 1.00pm

A short introduction to the plan changes
will be presented by Council at 11.00am

This drop-in session is specific to RPSC1-
PC81-PC85. The Mapua Master Plan is
not included included in this session.

Motueka Library Te Noninga Kumu

32 Wallace Street, Motueka.

Saturday 12 April, 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

A short introduction to the plan changes
will be presented by Council at 2.00pm.

Protection for Te Waikoropupū Springs



Tasman District Council (TDC) commissioned an independent peer review of the monitoring programs associated with Te Waikoropupū Springs (TWS), responding to recommendations from the Environment Court following the establishment of a Water Conservation Order (WCO) for the Springs in October 2023.

Review recommends TDC as monitoring authority

The peer reviewer considers the TDC as the agency with responsibility for implementing the WCO and the responsible statutory body and as such should be responsible for conducting the monitoring programme.

A copy of the peer review report is available at [Te Waikoropupū Springs WCO information and data | Tasman District Council](#)

Murray Close, Principal Scientist at the Institute of Environmental Science and Research, who was engaged in July 2024 to conduct the review, will be speaking to his report at a community meeting in the Golden Bay Recreation Park Centre Club Rooms Tuesday 15 April 7pm.

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Land and Freshwater Plan Change

Work on the draft Land and Freshwater Plan Change 84 (LFPC) carries on while we wait for the reforms for freshwater by the Government to roll out this year. At this stage no timeframe has been set for public consultation on the draft LFPC, and the Council will review this once we have received direction from Government. We will keep our communities updated throughout the year especially if there are any changes.

Port Taranaki Spatial Plan

The feedback on the draft spatial plan has now closed. We will be working through the feedback and making changes to the draft before the spatial plan is completed.

Port Motueka Development Plan

An Issues and Options paper for the port is currently being drafted and will be released for feedback in the next two months. Following that feedback a development plan will be drafted for further feedback.

Tasman at the Table

Council does a great job making representations to government through parliament's select committee process. This committee work is important in shaping legislation and regulation that has a flow-on to the breadth of work undertaken by local government.

In recent times we have submitted feedback to the Climate Adaptation Inquiry and Framework, Agriculture Emissions Pricing, Natural Hazards and the Fast Track Approvals Bill.

The most recent submission was made to the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill.

[Click here to read this submission](#)

Thursday 13 March at 11.40am [Watch public meetings of the Environment Committee - New Zealand Parliament](#) for the oral submission to the Resource Management (Consenting & Other System Changes) Amendment Bill.

Resources and links



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

Visit the [Natural Hazards Map Viewer page on our website](#) to find information about the viewer and a [link to Viewer](#) and some frequently asked questions. You can also access a [YouTube how-to video](#).

Podcasting. Urban planners Mya Bengosi and Jeremy Butler answer questions raised in the feedback to the Tasman's Draft Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement and Draft Change 81 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan information campaign in a two-podcast series. Listen/download the podcast on [PodBean](#) or [Apple Podcasts](#), search Click to Play TDC Environmental Policy.

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](#)

Te Waikoropupū Springs WCO [information and data](#)

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