



Tapuaeroa River

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014

Progressive Implementation Programme for the Gisborne District 2016-2025

Adopted by the Gisborne District Council - 30 June 2016



Purpose

The purpose of this updated Progressive Implementation Programme is to outline the continued staged implementation of actions that the Gisborne District Council will undertake to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (NPSFM).

The NPSFM sets the direction for future freshwater management in New Zealand. It sets out objectives and policies that direct local government to manage water in an integrated and sustainable way. It must also provide for economic growth, environmental integrity and freshwater values that are important to its communities. Every regional council and unitary authority must implement the NPSFM by 31 December 2025 and ensure that their Regional Policy Statement and plans give effect to it.

Policy E1 of the NPSFM states:

- a) *This policy applies to the implementation by a regional council of a policy of this national policy statement.*
- b) *Every regional council is to implement the policy as promptly as is reasonable in the circumstances, and so it is fully completed by no later than 31 December 2025.*
- ba) *A regional council may extend the date in Policy E1(b) to 31 December 2030 if it considers that:*
 - i. *meeting that date would result in lower quality planning; or*
 - ii. *it would be impracticable for it to complete implementation of a policy by that date.*
- c) *Where a regional council is satisfied that it is impracticable for it to complete implementation of a policy fully by 31 December 2015, the council may implement it by a programme of defined time-limited stages by which it is to be fully implemented by 31 December 2025 or 31 December 2030 if Policy E1(ba) applies.*
- d) *Any programme of time-limited stages is to be formally adopted by the council by 31 December 2015, and publicly notified.*
- e) *Where a regional council has adopted a programme of staged implementation, it is to publicly report, in every year, on the extent to which the programme has been implemented.*
- f) *Any programme adopted under Policy E1(d) by a regional council is to be reviewed, revised if necessary, and formally adopted by the regional council by 31 December 2015 and publically notified.*

Key Changes – National Policy Statement Freshwater Management 2014

The NPSFM 2011 was amended in 2014 to provide greater direction and support to help regional councils apply the requirements of the NPSFM in a consistent way across the country. Key changes included:

- a new framework for setting freshwater objectives – this is based on a set of freshwater values and attributes that apply across the country
- a new process showing how councils should monitor progress towards achieving freshwater objectives
- a new process showing how councils should account for freshwater takes and discharges
- a revised timeframe for implementation of the PIP of 2025.

If councils can't implement the NPSFM by the end of 2015 they must adopt a new PIP to meet the 2025 date. Progress must be reported annually on how they are giving effect to the NPSFM.

Existing Progressive Implementation Plan

The review found that since its adoption in 2012 a number of the actions have been implemented, are underway and in some cases have been amended/delayed due to various changes in focus arising from work plan priorities. In addition to the actions in the PIP a number of non-statutory projects have also been undertaken to help improve regional freshwater quality and quantity outcomes. These projects will help us give effect to the NPSFM. Examples of this include the Inanga Restoration Project and the Managed Aquifer Recharge trial (MAR).

Catchment Planning

The NPSFM requires water quality and quantity objectives, targets and limits to be set for all parts of the District. When we developed the PIP in 2012, we had only identified four catchments for plan development. These included the Waipaoa, Waiapu, Waimata/Turanganui and Uawa catchments. The new provisions from the NPSFM require Council to include additional catchments in the PIP. The additional catchments for consideration include:

- Motu - including Waioeka and Koranga headwaters.
- Uawa - including Turihaua, Whangara, Pouawa, Waiomoko and Pakarae streams.
- Waimata and Turanganui - including Wainui, Makorori and Kopuawhakapata streams.
- Hangaroa/Ruakituri.
- Southern Catchment - including Maraetaha River.
- Northern Catchment - including Wharekahika, Karakatuwhero, Kopuapounamu and Awatere rivers.
- Coastal Catchment - including Whareponga and Mangahauini rivers.

The additional catchments were identified using the following criteria:

- Pressure or Threats – are there particular threats or pressures on water quality and quantity from over allocation or discharges within the catchment.
- National Priority - Is the state of the catchment area considered a national priority under the NPSFM.
- Existing Initiatives – are there existing initiatives i.e. research, projects, within the catchment that would benefit from catchment plan development.
- Development Potential - are there opportunities for future development within the catchment.
- Recognition of tangata whenua values and interests – have iwi or hapū identified waterbodies within the catchment as having important values.
- Community of Interest – is there interest from the community to do the work.







Updated Progressive Implementation Programme











Council officers have made the following amendments to the PIP:


- Catchments are prioritised based on the overall significance of the criteria across all factors.
- Timeframes included in the PIP for the completion of catchment plans and other actions reflects appropriate timeframes for completion and available resources.
- Consideration is given to the inclusion of the Whareponga and Mangahauini River catchments as part of the Waiapu Catchment Plan. This is due to the small area in question and the similarities in primary industries and environmental issues.

Progressive Implementation Programme for the Gisborne District (2016-2025)

 completed	 In Progress	 Behind schedule	 Not started
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Activity	Status	Revised Timeframe	Reason for Addition or Amendment	Principle NPSFM objective(s) indicative only
Identification of Outstanding Waterbodies		2016-2025	Outstanding waterbodies were identified through the Proposed Regional Freshwater Plan development and are proposed in schedule 4. This schedule may not include all outstanding waterbodies across the District, therefore the opportunity to add more of these may arise through catchment plan development in the future.	Objective A2
Identification of degraded water bodies		2018	To be completed through the catchment planning process.	Objective A2
Facilitation of working groups, stakeholder groups,		2012-2025	A wider brief has been allowed for to enable appropriate engagement processes. The timeframe is extended to accommodate the development of catchment plans.	NPSFM
Develop management regime for rest of District		2015-2025	Extension of timeframe to take into account the development of catchment plans for the whole District.	NPSFM
Community engagement education and advocacy		2016-2025	The process of community and stakeholder engagement/education and advocacy will be ongoing through catchment plan development.	NPSFM
Water monitoring		2012-2025	Monitoring will be ongoing.	Objectives - CB1, CC1, D1

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Develop Waiapu Catchment Management Plan		2016-2019	Extension to plan development timeframe.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Background research and monitoring to support catchment plan development		2016-2025	Extension to timeframe for all catchment plan development.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Develop Waimata/Turanganui Catchment Plan		2018-2021	Extension to plan development timeframe.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Develop Uawa Catchment Plan		2018-2021	Extension to plan development timeframe.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Develop Motu Catchment Plan		2016-2018	Not included in previous PIP.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Develop Hangaroa/Ruakituri Catchment Plan		2019-2022	Not included in previous PIP.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Develop Southern Catchment Plan		2021-2024	Not included in previous PIP.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Develop Northern Catchment Plan		2021-2024	Not included in previous PIP.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Develop Coastal River Catchment Plan		2020-2023	Not included in previous PIP.	Objectives – A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, B4, C1, CA1, D1
Develop and provide approach for monitoring progress towards and achievement of freshwater objectives		2016-2030	Not included in previous PIP. New requirement as per NPSFM 2014.	Objective CB1

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Assessment and improvement of information about freshwater takes and contaminants		2016-2030	Not included in previous PIP. New requirement as per NPSFM 2014.	Objective CC1