

# THE STATE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

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## Introduction

This is the fourth annual summary in the five year reporting cycle on the state of the Hawke's Bay environment. The Regional Council provides this information to give the Hawke's Bay public a useful means of assessing changes in their environment over time, and the effect these might have on their lives.

As in previous editions, each section highlights key points, trends, specific incidents of note and work the Council has done in the past year. This year a number of new monitoring programmes were either started or completed as a result of a long term, strategic look at Council's resource monitoring and investigations. The reporting on these will add to our understanding of the region's environment. Highlights for this year include investigations into habitat preferences of trout in Hawke's Bay rivers and Kaweka Lake water quality, air quality source apportionment studies in Hastings, and wetland monitoring of a Ruataniwha farm.

A dryer climate impacted on Hawke's Bay late autumn through to early winter resulting in a late season drought. Hawke's Bay again avoided the extreme impacts of floods although coastal storms continue to have an impact along some seaward areas.

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