

THE STATE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

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Introduction

This is the third annual update for 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 reports, 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 monitoring programmes were either started or completed as a result of a long term strategic look at resource monitoring and investigations. Reporting on these will add to our understanding of the region's environment. Highlights for this year include: investigations into cadmium accumulation in Hawke's Bay soils, identification of the extent of potential irrigable land, cyanobacteria blooms, sources of air contaminants within Hastings and Napier, and the extent of antifouling contamination within Napier's inner harbour.

To make it easy to access information, individual sections in a report card format are available from the Council's website for downloading and viewing. Detailed technical reports on many of these aspects are also available on request from the Environmental Management Group of the Council.