

# Auckland Council Freshwater Vision and Values Engagement

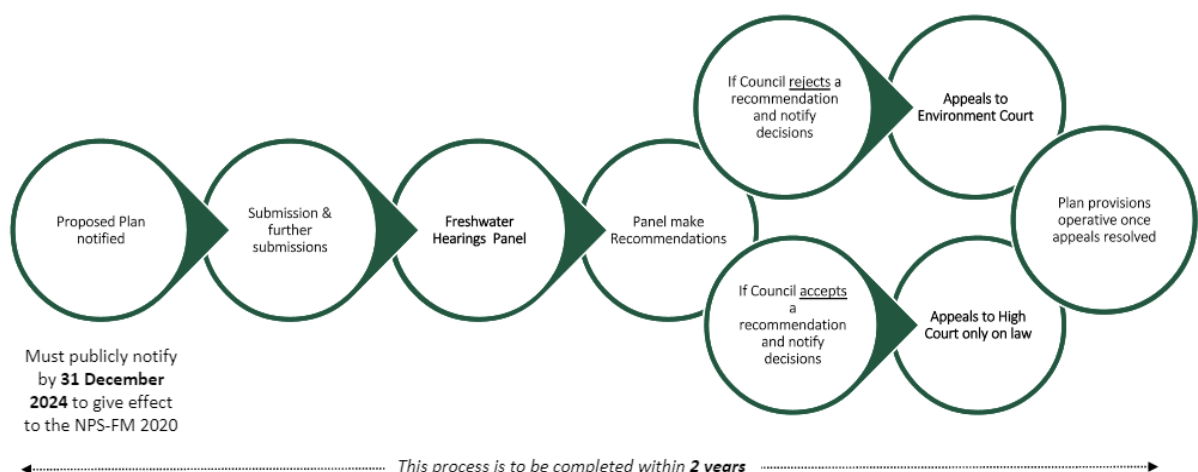
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## What are Freshwater Visions and Values?

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM) directs councils to create plans which include new targets, rules and actions for improving freshwater.

The NPSFM directs that councils engage with communities on the drafting of the plan. The first step is understanding the value of freshwater to the region and what type of vision the region should adopt to reflect the future state of freshwater.

The visions and values engagement will help council form their proposed plan which will be required to be notified by 31 December 2024. The process for consultation is set down below.



## Key changes/provisions

HortNZ provided a submission to council on the importance of setting visions and values that support food production.

The key points raised in the submission were:

- Inclusion in the Te Mana o te Wai hierarchy
  - Tier two: fruit and vegetables for domestic consumption is necessary for the health needs of people
  - Tier three: fruit and vegetables for export purposes enable people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being.
- Rules for fruit and vegetables for

- Discharges and impacts on water quality
- Abstractions and impacts on flow regimes
- Rootstock survival water
- Protection of highly productive land for primary production and domestic food supply
- Recognition of reliability of water and including water storage as a key contributor to highly productive land and to minimise effects of climate change
- The value of irrigation, cultivation and food production be identified within FMUs and be considered when establishing the outcomes and limits
- Recognition of GAP schemes as a pathway to meet regulation, environmental outcomes and achieve good management practice

## WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [HortNZ Submission](#)
- [Auckland Council Freshwater](#)