

Submission Form

Te Rautaki Wai ki Tarawera



TARAWERA
AWA RESTORATION STRATEGY GROUP

We would like your feedback on the proposed Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua document. The Document sets out why we value the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua catchment, our concerns for it (the issues) and a vision for its future.

Please note your submission can become information available to the public. You may attach additional information if required. Information submitted here will be held by Bay of Plenty Regional Council on behalf of the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group.

If you prefer, you can email your feedback directly to restoringtarawera@gmail.com.

- 1 I understand that if I submit this form, any information will be held by Bay of Plenty Regional Council on behalf of the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group** Required

☐ Yes

- 2 First name** Required

- 3 Last name** Required

- 4 Organisation or group**

Please name the organisation or group you are representing, or leave blank if responding as an individual

- 5 Email address** Required

- 6 Contact phone number**

- 7 There may be an opportunity to be heard by the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group. This will be determined after submissions close. If hearings are held, would you like to speak to your submission?**

☐ Yes

Vision and desired outcomes

Proposed vision

The waters of Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua flow in a state of mauri ora. Their restored life and vitality, from source to sea, have enticed the majestic kōtuku to return to its home waters.

8 Do you support or oppose the proposed vision, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only

☐ Support

☐ Oppose

9 Vision: Share any comments

Desired outcomes

Thriving ecosystems and communities

- Kai can be gathered from the Tarawera Awa — from Tapahoro to Te Awa o Te Atua — to sustain Iwi, our communities, and manuhiri
- Our mokopuna will inherit a healthy, vibrant awa.
- Infrastructure decisions in the catchment reflect opportunities for sustainable growth and economic development.
- Te Awa o Te Atua and Matatā is recognised as a gateway to the Eastern Bay of Plenty, a visitor attraction of exceptional beauty and significance — a taonga and tourism asset.
- The awa is safe to swim in, free from contaminants that threaten health.

10 Thriving ecosystems and communities: Do you support or oppose this proposed desired outcome, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only
☐ Support
☐ Oppose

11 Thriving ecosystems and communities: What do you think about the proposed desired outcomes for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Resilient Taiao

- Te Awa o Te Atua has a healthy flow regime, with intermingling wai māori and wai tai
- We can see, feel, hear, and sense that the Tarawera Awa, its tributaries, and Te Awa o Te Atua are well.
- Mātauranga Māori is acknowledged, respected, and actively used in collective knowledge-based decision-making.
- Flora and taonga species have returned to Te Awa o Te Atua, indicating ecosystem recovery

12 Resilient Taiao: Do you support or oppose this proposed desired outcome, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only	
☐	Support
☐	Oppose

13 Resilient Taiao: What do you think about the proposed desired outcomes for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Strong relationships

- The cultural and historical significance of the Tarawera Awa and Te Awa o Te Atua is known, visible, and celebrated.
- Tangata whenua, councils, communities, industry, and near-by land and river users share a united purpose to restore Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua, and this purpose is widely supported and understood.
- Whānau are proud to call Matatā, Kawerau, and all communities along the Tarawera Awa home, feeling safe, connected, and empowered to thrive in place

14 Strong relationships: Do you support or oppose this proposed desired outcome, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only
☐ Support
☐ Oppose

15 Strong relationships: What do you think about the proposed desired outcomes for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

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Proposed Objectives

For a full description of the proposed objectives, please see the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy document, section 2.3.

Objective 1

Protect and improve water quality, ecosystem health, and flow across the Tarawera catchment towards a state of mauri ora.

16 Objective 1: Do you support or oppose this proposed objective, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only
☐ Support
☐ Oppose

17 Do you have any feedback on Objective 1?

Objective 2

Enhance, protect, and provide for the relationships of tangata whenua and the community with Tarawera Awa and Te Awa o te Atua.

18 Objective 2: Do you support or oppose this proposed objective, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only
☐ Support
☐ Oppose

19 Do you have any feedback on Objective 2?

Objective 3

Integrate mātauranga Māori and science to drive adaptive, evidence-based decision-making.

20 Objective 3: Do you support or oppose this proposed objective, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only
☐ Support
☐ Oppose

21 Do you have any feedback on Objective 3?

Objective 4

Establish Kōtuku agreements with all major land and water users in the Tarawera Catchment.

22 Objective 4: Do you support or oppose this proposed objective, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only	
☐	Support
☐	Oppose

23 Do you have any feedback on Objective 4?

Objective 5

Build climate-resilient communities, infrastructure, and ecosystems across the Tarawera Catchment.

24 Objective 5: Do you support or oppose this proposed objective, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only	
☐	Support
☐	Oppose

25 Do you have any feedback on Objective 5?

Objective 6

Enable sustainable economic development aligned with Te Rautaki Wai ki Tarawera.

26 Objective 6: Do you support or oppose this proposed objective, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only	
☐	Support
☐	Oppose

27 Do you have any feedback on Objective 6?

Objectives led by the Iwi Collective

Given the statutory foundations of this Strategy Document, the following three objectives are led by the Iwi Collective. They reflect customary rights, and Treaty settlement commitments and the unique role of iwi and their tikanga in relation to the Tarawera Awa catchment. Additionally, Te Awa o Te Atua has been identified within those statutory foundations as a priority waterway of particular significance within the catchment. The Iwi Collective includes iwi who hold settlement commitments and maintain an ongoing relationship with the Crown in respect of these matters. However, the following three objectives are also objectives of the Strategy Group as a whole to the extent it has the power to contribute to them.

Objective 7

Revitalise the waterways and mana of Te Awa o Te Atua, ensuring its protection and returning it to a state of ecological and cultural abundance for present and future generations.

Objective 7 focuses specifically on Te Awa o Te Atua as a priority waterway and recognises its unique cultural, spiritual and ecological importance within the wider Tarawera catchment. Over time, the mauri and mana of this waterway have been significantly diminished. This objective seeks to restore Te Awa o Te Atua to a healthy, functioning ecosystem that supports native species, cultural practices, and community use. It also ensures that its protection is prioritised in planning and decision-making so that future generations can experience a waterway that is abundant, resilient and respected.

28 Objective 7: Do you support or oppose this proposed objective, for the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

Select one answer only	
☐	Support
☐	Oppose

29 Do you have any feedback on Objective 7?

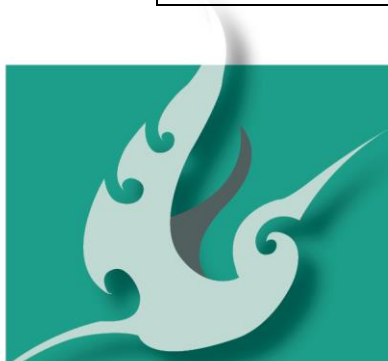
33 Do you have any feedback on Objective 9?

Other feedback on the Strategy

34 What other goals would you suggest to the Strategy Group for the future of the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua Catchment?

35 Do you have any general comments about the future direction of the Tarawera Awa ki Te Awa o Te Atua?

36 **Optional** - Attach any supporting materials here



Please return your submission form by 25 May 2026
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