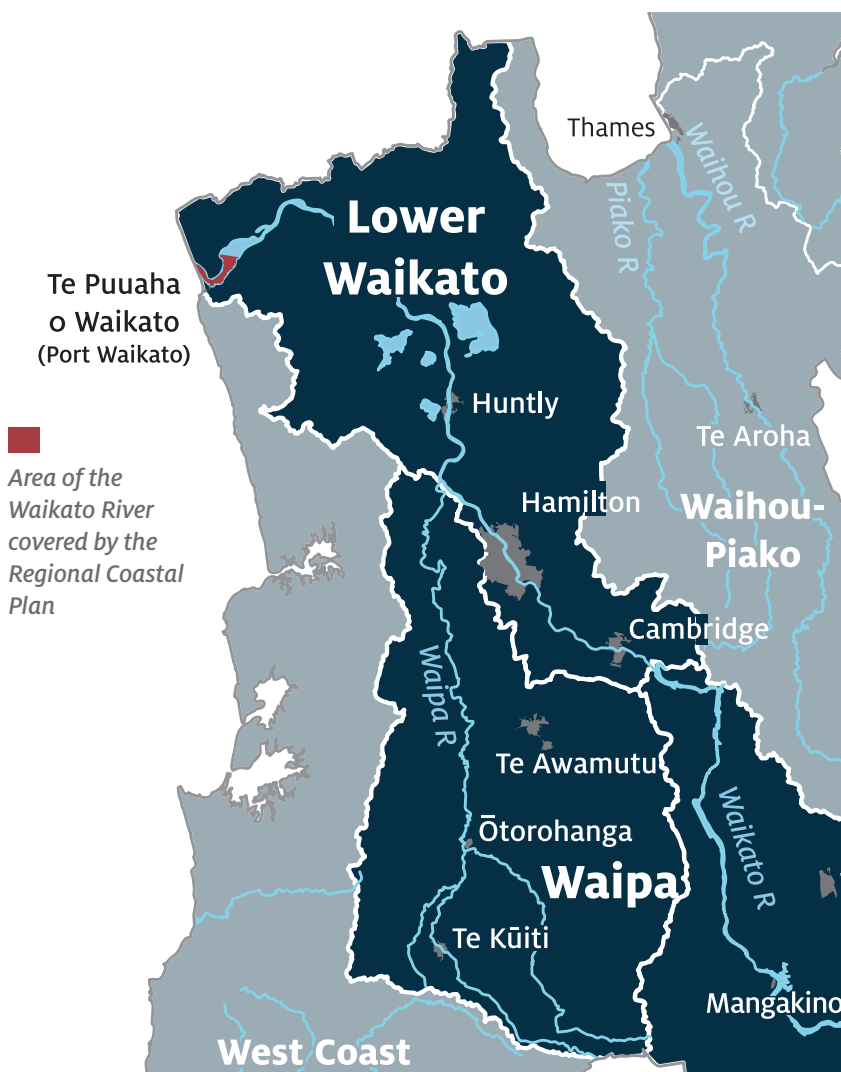


Coastal marine area of the Waikato and Waipa river catchments

What is it

The 'coastal marine area' refers to the coastal area that starts at the line of mean high water springs and extends to 12 nautical miles offshore.

In the Waikato River mouth, the coastal marine area boundary is approximately 10km up the river. The water quality in this part of the river is generally good. River-borne contaminants are diluted with 'clean' sea water that moves upstream at high tide. As the fresh river water mixes with clean sea water, the concentrations of most contaminants are generally reduced.



Te Puuaha o Waikato (Port Waikato)

Area of the Waikato River covered by the Regional Coastal Plan

What this means

As the coastal marine area is covered by the *Regional Coastal Plan*, this small part of the Waikato and Waipa river catchments is not subject to the proposed regional plan change. The remainder of the catchments is covered by the *Waikato Regional Plan*.


When the proposed plan change comes into effect, it will not cover the Waikato River's 10km of coastal marine area. It will cover all the land in the catchment right up to the coast, but not the river itself in that 10km zone.

What happens to this area


The Waikato River's coastal marine area will be part of the review of the *Regional Coastal Plan*, starting late 2015 and notified between 2018 and 2020. The *Regional Coastal Plan* review will develop water quality standards for discharges into the sea, based on different sea water's ability to assimilate discharges. The review will also give effect to the *Vision and Strategy* in the river's coastal marine area.

Until the *Regional Coastal Plan* change comes into force, the current *Regional Coastal Plan*, and the *Vision and Strategy*, will cover activities in the river's coastal marine area.

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