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DATED at Stratford this 8th day of December 2009

SIGNED by the TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL by the affixing of its common seal in the presence of



D N MacLeod (Chairman)



B G Chamberlain (Chief Executive)



Preface

Under the Resource Management Act 1991, regional councils are required to have in place a regional policy statement for their regions.

This document – the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki 2010* – is the second Regional Policy Statement to be prepared by the Taranaki Regional Council. It is an important document because it sets out the strategic direction that the Council and the wider community will take to achieve the purpose of the Act. The Regional Policy Statement provides an overview of the resource management issues of regional significance and the policies and methods that will be adopted to address those issues. The Regional Policy Statement also sets out the strategic directions for achieving integrated management in Taranaki – not just across land, water, air and the coast – but also between the Taranaki Regional Council and the three district councils.

Much of the information in this document draws on comprehensive state of the environment monitoring programmes put in place by the Taranaki Regional Council subsequent to the adoption of the first Regional Policy Statement in 1994. Generally, environmental quality is high and has been maintained or improved over the last decade. The previous Regional Policy Statement built a solid foundation for resource management in Taranaki. This review of the Regional Policy Statement shows that the Taranaki Regional Council, the region's three territorial authorities, industry, landowners, other organisations and the community at large have implemented or are implementing the Statement.

The challenge now is to build on the success of the past, continue with our successful policies and programmes and identify opportunities to further improve environmental standards and conditions.

With that in mind, I have great pleasure in presenting the *Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki*. The Taranaki Regional Council looks forward to working with you and to continuing our efforts towards a sustainable and prosperous Taranaki.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D N MacLeod', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

D N MacLeod
Chairman
Taranaki Regional Council

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