

Regional Air Quality Plan For Taranaki

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DATED at Stratford this 28th day of June 2011.

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

This document – the *Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki* – is the second Air Quality Plan 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 promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources insofar as these resources are affected by discharges to air. The Regional Air Quality Plan also sets out the strategic direction for integrated management in Taranaki between the Taranaki Regional Council and the three district councils.

The Regional Air Quality Plan draws on the comprehensive state of the environment monitoring programmes put in place by the Taranaki Regional Council subsequent to the adoption of the first Regional Air Quality Plan in 1997.

Air quality within Taranaki is of a high natural standard. Clean fresh air is an important and valued part of the quality of life all residents enjoy. However, a number of activities within the region have the potential to cause air pollution with unwanted and undesirable effects on the environment and on human health and wellbeing.

Industries, intensive farming, agriculture and waste management processes may all affect air quality in the region. The Regional Air Quality Plan puts a process in place to prevent and/or minimise the effects of these activities on air quality whilst at the same time enabling their contribution to our economic and social well-being to continue.

The challenge now is to 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 Air Quality Plan for Taranaki*. The Taranaki Regional Council looks forward to working with you and to continuing our efforts towards a sustainable and prosperous Taranaki.



D N MacLeod
Chairman
Taranaki Regional Council