

Coastal Plan review:

# Where does the

## Proposed Coastal Plan apply?

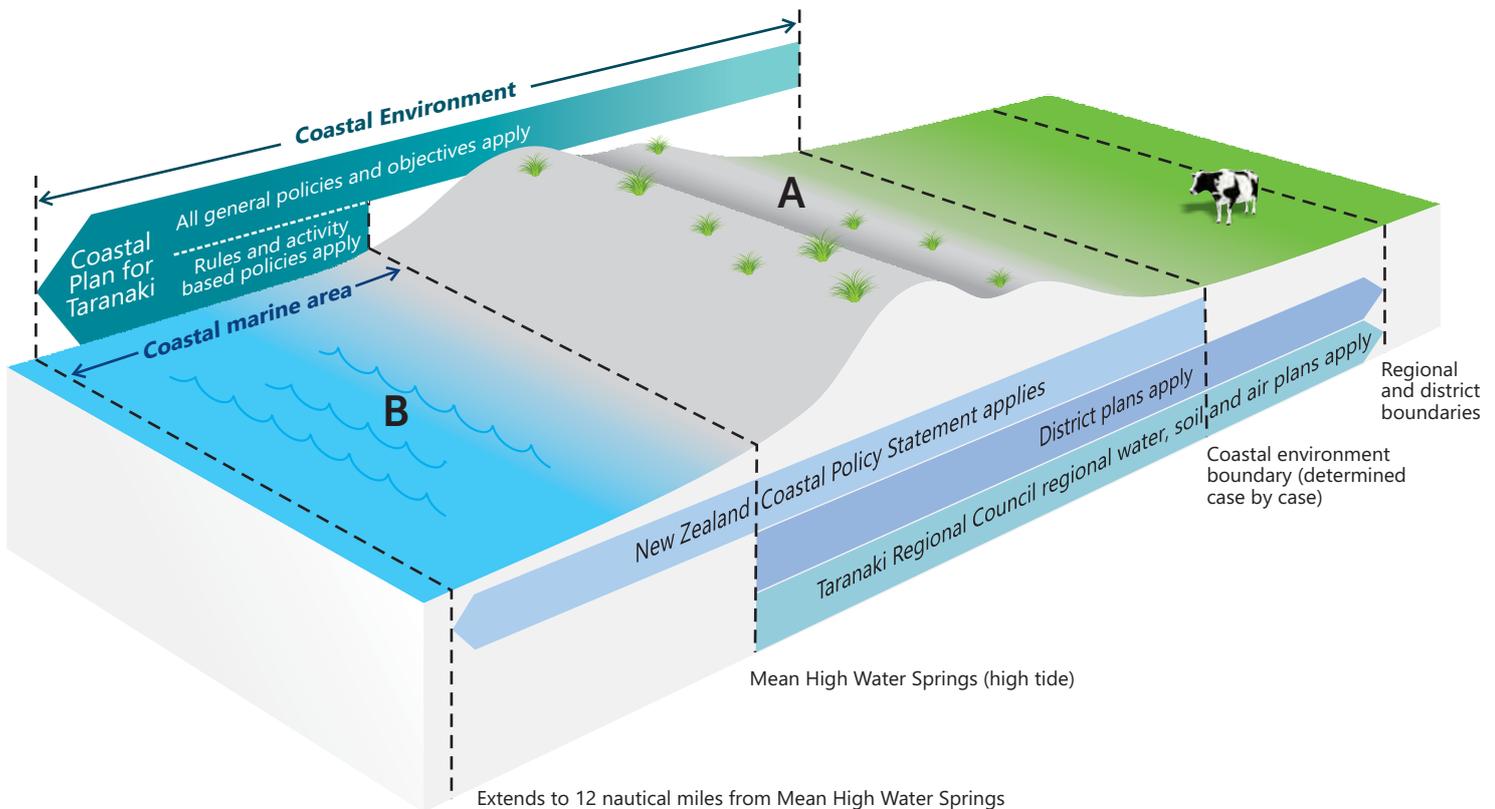
*How do we define the coast? Do other plans and rules cover the same areas?*

The Taranaki Regional Council is reviewing its Coastal Plan, which is the 'rule book' governing the use, development and protection of what's known as the coastal marine area. The Proposed Coastal Plan extends the scope of the current Coastal Plan to cover the broader coastal environment. This is to account for

cross-boundary effects, where activities in the coastal marine area may impact on land in the coastal environment or vice versa.

This information sheet explains the meaning and implications of these terms. It also looks at other plans and rules that apply to the coast.

### The big picture the coastal environment



Some aspects of the Proposed Coastal Plan – the objectives and general policies – apply to what's called the coastal environment.

The coastal environment is defined as the area where 'coastal processes, influences or qualities are significant'. As the diagram above shows, this extends inland. One obvious example would be sand dunes.

## The wet bit: The Coastal Marine Area

All aspects of the Proposed Coastal Plan, including the rules and activity-based policies, apply to the coastal marine area (CMA). The CMA is part of the coastal environment, the seaward side of the mean high water springs (the highest high-tide mark), the 'wet bit'.



## Other plans and rules

- The Government's *New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement* (NZCPS) covers all of the coastal environment. Regional and district plans must give effect to the NZCPS.
- The Taranaki Regional Council's other regional plans address activities impacting on fresh water, soil conservation and air quality within the coastal environment but outside of the coastal marine area.
- New Plymouth and South Taranaki District Plans address subdivision and land use activities in the coastal environment, outside of the coastal marine area.

Examples in the table below show which plans apply where and relate to locations A and B in the diagram:

Coastal Environment		
Activity	Location A: Dry bit	Location B: Wet bit
Discharge of wastewater	TRC Freshwater Plan Proposed Coastal Plan (objectives and general policies only) NZCPS	Proposed Coastal Plan NZCPS
Build a structure	District Plan Proposed Coastal Plan (objectives and general policies only) NZCPS	Proposed Coastal Plan NZCPS
Discharge of contaminant to air	TRC Air Plan Proposed Coastal Plan (objectives and general policies only) NZCPS	Proposed Coastal Plan NZCPS
Dig a large hole	District Plan Proposed Coastal Plan (objectives and general policies only) NZCPS	Proposed Coastal Plan NZCPS

*We are keen to hear what you think*

## Feedback and more information

Go to [www.trc.govt.nz/coastal-plan-review/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/coastal-plan-review/) to find:

- The Proposed Coastal Plan in full.
- The Section 32 Evaluation Report.
- Other technical and background papers.
- An online form for making a submission.

### LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

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-  0800 736 222 - we can give you more information or arrange a meeting.



**Our deadline for making a submission is 4pm Friday 27 April 2018.**