



Taranaki Regional Council Coastal Plan review:

Surf breaks

and the 'Nationally Significant Surfing Area'

What's in the Draft Plan and what it would mean for surfers and others

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 review is an opportunity to make a great place even better. Our coastline is a physically rugged and special environment that is prized for the recreational opportunities it offers, with surf breaks second to none.

In particular, Taranaki's coastline is unique for its numerous high quality surf breaks and as part of the review, the Council has been looking at the best ways to protect them.

Four surf breaks, Waiwhakaiho, Stent Road, Backdoor Stent and Farmhouse Stent, are protected at a national level through the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. A further 76 surf breaks have been identified as regionally significant in the Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki.

The Council has prepared a Draft Coastal Plan that, among other things, provides a high level of protection to all 80 surf breaks, with the four nationally significant surf breaks having the highest level of protection. The Draft Plan also identifies a stretch of surf breaks from Kaihihi Road to Cape Road as a 'Nationally Significant Surfing Area'. The idea is to recognise and protect their special nature while not interfering with non-surfing activities.

In a nutshell

A NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT SURFING AREA



- ✓ Increase protection for the surf breaks, because no development or activity would be allowed to have an adverse effect on them. This is the same level of protection as for nationally significant surf breaks, and a greater level of protection than for other regionally significant surf breaks.
- ✓ Ensure the seascape (views) along this stretch of coast are also more protected than most other areas of the coast.
- ✓ Help to ensure public access and amenity values along this stretch of coast are protected and enhanced.
- ✓ Continue to allow access for other recreational activities.
- ✓ Provide protection for other values including cultural, biodiversity and historic heritage.
- ✓ Be managed with input from interested parties including iwi, surfers, district councils and adjacent land owners.



- ✗ Give surfers or surfing activities any extra precedence over other coastal users or coastal activities.
- ✗ Restrict access to or use of the coast for recreational activities other than surfing.
- ✗ Give the area 'reserve' status under any legislation.
- ✗ Interfere with cultural rights and usages.



Nationally Significant Surfing Area

Creating a Nationally Significant Surfing Area would be just a small part of a much larger project to protect the area. **Interested parties within the community, including iwi, surfers, district councils and adjacent land owners, will be looking at how this area should be managed as a whole.** The long-term goal is to not only protect surfing values but work with others on initiatives and works to actually enhance recreational experiences in the area. We are keen to hear what you think.

Do you support the creation of a Nationally Significant Surfing Area?



KEY

- Nationally significant surfing area
- Nationally significant surfbreaks
- Regionally significant surfbreaks
- Outstanding value
- Indicative CMA landward boundary line as defined by LINZ coastline layer, altered to include agreed CMA river mouth boundaries
- Roads

Name of surfbreak





- Shark Pit
- Kumera Patch
- Lupins
- Komene Road Beach
- Punihos
- Puniho Road Beach
- Graveyards
- Boat Ramps
- Rocky Lefts
- Rocky Rights
- Bird's Nest
- Sluggo's
- Ronga Mai Road
- Three Amigos
- Brazils
- Back Of Stent
- Stent Road
- Farmhouse Stent
- Crow's Nest
- Bayly Road North
- Crushers
- Fin Whaka
- Sundays

Feedback and more information

Go to www.trc.govt.nz/coastal-plan-review/ to find:

- The Draft Coastal Plan in full.
- This summary and background document.
- Other information sheets and background papers.
- An online form for sending feedback to the Council.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

-  www.trc.govt.nz/coastal-plan-review/
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-  Private Bag 713, Stratford 4352
-  0800 736 222 - we can give you more information, take your feedback or arrange a meeting.



Our deadline for feedback is Friday 18 November 2016.

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