



Know our coastal story

We are a coastal community. We either live or love to play on the beach. Our coast stretches some 98km from the Mokau River in the north to the Hangatahua (Stony) River in the south. Central government wants to ensure that our coastal areas are protected, especially those areas which are less developed.

Our coastline is ever-changing. We have updated our coastal information so we better understand these changes. We want to share this information with our community.

WHAT IS THE NEW INFORMATION TELLING US?

Coastal Hazards

- From Oakura north the coast is showing a long-term trend of coastal erosion. Coastal flooding also affects our low lying river mouths.
- Parts of the coast are affected differently by erosion and flooding and need localised responses such as for the coastal towns of Oakura, Waitara and Onaero.
- We need to make sure that housing and buildings are built in a way that considers coastal erosion and flooding.

Coastal Landscapes

- The coastal environment has important landscapes that contribute to the character of our district.
- We need to make sure that housing and buildings are built in a way that is sensitive to the coastal environment.

The coast is very important to tangata whenua, who have a kaitiaki (guardianship) role in protecting our coast.



BEACH WALK AND TALK

Come and join Dr Tom Shand and NPDC staff on the beach and learn more about what is happening on your beach. Walks will take approximately one hour. Phone 06-759 6060 or email enquiries@npdc.govt.nz to let us know if you are coming on a walk.

Waitara

Thursday 15 February. Meet at 10am at the Waitara West Beach river mouth, Marine Park. (Wet-weather venue: Waitara Library and Service Centre.)

Onaero

Thursday 15 February. Meet at 2pm at the Onaero Beach car park. (Wet-weather venue: Urenui Community Centre.)

Oakura

Friday 16 February. Meet at 2pm at the Oakura Boardriders Club. (Wet-weather venue Oakura Boardriders Club.)

If you can't make the beach walk check out our website after 20 February for information on what happened on the day.

What can I do on my property?

We want to talk to you about how we want to apply the updated coastal information in the new District Plan.

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT AREA?



Good to go

Activities that are allowed and may not require a resource consent are:

- Building small buildings.
- Renovating existing buildings within their existing footprint.
- Minor earthworks and clearing indigenous vegetation under 100m².
- Installing underground pipelines and cables.
- Maintaining existing flood protection and drainage work.

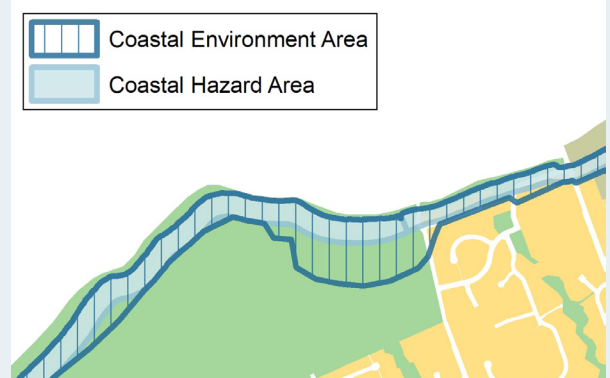
Resource Consent

Examples of activities that require resource consent are:

- Building a house or subdividing land in a coastal hazard area and/or rural area.
- Building community facilities such as new hospitals and schools in a coastal hazard area.
- Installing new above-ground network utilities.
- Undertaking new quarrying, petroleum activities or large-scale renewable electricity generation activities.
- Building new sea walls.

We are testing these changes with you so it is important you find out more or get involved in the process by letting us know what you think.

You can continue to do what you are doing despite any new rules that may be introduced. However, if you intend to change what you are doing then you may be subject to new rules. This only applies once the new plan is approved.



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

- Identify and update maps of the coastal environment in the Draft District Plan.
- Identify areas at risk from coastal hazards within the next 100 years and update our hazard maps.
- Identify outstanding landscapes and natural features within the coast.
- Protect the natural character of our coast, including controls to restrict the removal of coastal vegetation.
- Provide stronger direction as to where development and building can take place on the coast.
- Keep refining information about hazards in some of our more affected communities.

FEEDBACK

This is your chance to tell us what you think.

Refer to the following link to provide feedback:
<https://districtplan.npdc.govt.nz/eplan>

Alternatively you can phone us on 06-759 6060 or email: enquiries@npdc.govt.nz.

OPEN DAYS

Please come to an open day in New Plymouth, Inglewood, Oakura or Waitara. Details are in the Know Your Plan brochure or on our website: www.newplymouthnz.com.



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