

Sarah Keogh.

Today I'd like to talk about a great opportunity to enhance something that we all care deeply about – our town and its HighStreet.

I believe that we all want the same thing for our town: we want it to be a place that evokes positive emotions and good memories, somewhere that visitors return to over and over again and a place with a distinctive memorable image that draws people back. I also believe that this is an issue that is important to the majority of locals, an issue that is too important to ignore.

I am of course talking about planting big trees on our High Street, and not just replacing the trees which will be removed, but planting many more big trees. I am not advocating to keep the existing trees. I understand the reasons for their removal. I am making an urgent plea to give Motueka's townscape a higher priority within this project, and for our local council to understand the depth of feeling within the community about this issue.

We already have plans in place to improve safety and traffic flow with NZTA's upgrades. I believe we have a chance to take those improvements further, but I also foresee a danger that if we do not act on this opportunity we will be missing out on the potential to become a real destination town and condemning Motueka High Street to a fate worse than Huntley (which was once voted New Zealand's worst town) by leaving it with a harsh, uninviting landscape.

NZTA have done a great job with their safety plans, but their priority is just that – safety and traffic flow. Do we really want the fate of Motueka's townscape to be left in their hands? NZTA have made one small concession in their upgrade plan that recognizes the danger of their project adversely affecting the character of Motueka Town Centre. They state that they "are looking at what low maintenance greenery we could plant."

However there is nothing in their information leaflets or on their website to indicate that they have made any landscaping provision for "low maintenance greenery" or to show that any serious thought has gone into this statement. Because of this I imagine that the best we can hope for would be planter boxes with flax or shrubbery. Paradoxically I believe that anything at this level would actually be dangerous and obstruct motorists' view of pedestrians. There has been much talk about the existing trees causing a hazard to visibility, but I would argue that it is the **parked cars** near the crossings that obstruct visibility, having driven down the High Street many times early in the morning when there are no parked cars I have been able to see all pedestrians very clearly.

So if NZTA put in planter boxes or any kind of "low maintenance greenery" that is not as tall as a tree I foresee that we will be left with the problem of having to remove them all because of safety issues. Further more, 'low maintenance greenery' would reap none of the benefits that large trees have been found to give. There is much research going back to at least the 1980's with information about these benefits, but in order to remain brief I will just read you this quote:

"Trees are an indispensable component of good neighbourhoods. When the right species are planted in the right place and are cared for properly, many benefits are realised. Street trees soften the built environment, buffer pedestrians from moving vehicles and create outdoor 'rooms' that are pleasing to walk through. They help to reduce traffic speeds, reduce the load on drainage infrastructure by absorbing precipitation, remove millions of tons of CO2 emissions annually and extend pavement life with their shade. There is even compelling research that motorist road rage is less in green versus stark urban areas."

I would also like to point out that current government legislation has committed New Zealand to taking action on climate change. Government departments have been given a

responsibility to ensure sound environmental practice in everything they do. As the effects of climate change become better understood, it is becoming increasingly clear that one of the best ways in which we can make our towns and cities more hospitable over the next few decades is to increase the number, and size of trees in urban areas. If this does not happen, we risk creating harsh urban landscapes that are unable to mitigate the predicted effects of climate change. Trees have been identified as being a key element of any urban climate change strategy. Cutting down large trees with no solid plans to replace them is NOT sound environmental planning .

And So, back to Motueka and NZTA's plans. Since low level greenery is inappropriate, if we do not plant more big trees, if we do nothing, we will be left with a townscape that is bare, barren, harsh and unwelcoming.

We want to be a destination town, we want to keep Motueka's profile high. Motueka is one of the gateways to the Abel Tasman and we are competing for tourist dollars. We want to be a fixture on the map for visitors, not just a pass-through town but a place where people stop, and shop, and eat.

Please do not overlook this issue, our Town scape is too important to too many of us.

Motueka Community Board Meeting, 18.05.2021
From: Ian Williamson.

To: Mr Chairman + Members of the Community Board.

1/ In the Agenda for this meeting under the title "Reserves and Facilities Update" specifically in the section on page 55 with the project name "Nga Piko Place Reserve" under the Comments Column it is mentioned "Park Furniture + planting installation May 2021. I would like to draw the Board's attention to Glenn Thom's letter of 12th Dec 2018 to "our" local community where he advised once he had received feedback from us he would develop a concept plan and share it with "our" community and the Motueka Community Board for consideration. I had discussed this project with "our" local community especially the owner-occupiers of the "Brown Acre Villas" through their custodian as they total in excess of 100 aged persons all required to be aged over 50yrs, and then posted a submission letter to Glenn with suggestions for the project on 7th Jan 2019 (close off was 30 Jan 2019). To date I have heard nothing further from Glenn. As these residents frequently walk on the nice new footpaths or ride their mobility scooters it will be important for suitable seating for aged people be provided in this reserve. Has our Community Board received any feedback?

2/ Has any progress been made on the provision of a "Dog Park" in a suitably convenient location? Are any potential sites currently being considered?

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7th January 2011

Glenn Thorn
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Dear Glenn, Re: Nga Piko Place Reserve Development
Ph 03 5438465.

Thank you for your letter of 12 December 2011 regarding the development of this Reserve & the provision of an opportunity to assist with thoughts and ideas. I have had a discussion with several of my neighbours as they know I support our Motueka Community Board with practical suggestions through the Public Forum and we suggest as follows: -

- a) Definitely support the undertaking of drainage work to improve stormwater removal within the reserve.
- b) Please could the path be asphalted to avoid the temptation of young ones skidding on their bikes and making an uneven surface for elderly persons to walk on & prevent ^{pose} ~~pose~~ ^{Rubbish bins} spreading onto the grassed area.
- c) Seating is essential as a lot of elderly persons walk in this area because of the flat footpaths of suitable width. Mention Westport Catalogue
- d) Small shrubbery plantings near to the seating would enhance the restful atmosphere and small trees strategically placed to break the prevailing wind
- e) Play equipment could be limited to swings & a slide and please could a rubbish bin with lid be included as persons will lunch in the area.

As a separate suggestion, could I suggest outside the front of our Museum here in Motueka that an "Outdoor Chess Set" be provided?

Yours sincerely,
Ian Williamson

(Glenn,
You no doubt remember me calling when I worked
with Kerdeliet Highring Ltd.)
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12 December 2018

Hi there

NgaPiko Place Reserve Development

The Tasman District Council has funds approved through the Annual Plan 2018/2019 for the development of the NgaPiko Place Reserve for the 2018/2019 year.

I am looking for thoughts and ideas to assist in the development of this reserve from the local community and users of the reserve.

Some items to consider might be:

- Seating
- Shrubbery plantings
- Small trees
- Play equipment (limited due to budget)
- Path (gravel) to link streets *now done in concrete*
- Open lawn area.

We will be undertaking drainage work to help improve stormwater within the reserve. This will result in some shaping, re-grassing, drainage installation and working up of the reserve.

Once I receive feedback, I will develop a concept plan and share it with the community and the Motueka Community Board for consideration. An aerial map of the reserve is attached.

I will be starting work on this development around late February/March and the work will be completed in April/May 2019.

Please send any comments and suggestions back to me either via email or in the pre-paid envelope provided by 30 January 2019.

Yours sincerely



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Re: Thorp Bush Playground Upgrade

Dear Motueka Community Board.

We the Motueka Youth Council are writing to you, as we are very disappointed by the paint job that has been undertaken from NELMAC at Thorp Bush. We were very excited to see fencing up in late February in preparation for the paint but after visiting Thorp Bush in the recent weeks to find that the job has been poorly done we are very frustrated.

Our hope for this upgrade was that it would be completed to a high standard and add value to the park. At this point in time it has actually made the playground look worse. We contacted Lynne Hall from parks and reserves to raise our concerns as they had been over sprayed onto plastic components and in places, parts had been missed all together.

The response we received is as followed:

From: Lynne Hall <Lynne.Hall@tasman.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 29 March 2021 12:27 p.m.
To: Jody Maru <Jody.M@sporttasman.org.nz>
Subject: Thorp bush playground

Hi Jody

Messages from the contractor as follows.

The carpenter said he had got over spray on some of the pipe work so we are going to repaint them on our playground check rounds (Tuesdays and Thursdays) We are waiting for the paint to arrive as it comes from the playground company (and is a dangerous goods) so takes longer to get here.

We will be doing a touch up after we have installed the new playground equipment, And will paint after old stuff is removed . So hopefully should look good.

I think it best to wait until they have completed the job and we can then meet on site if there are still concerns.

Cheers, Lynne



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From this email it raised some concerns, firstly why was a carpenter painting the playground not a painter? Secondly, how long is this process going to take as we are now weeks on from the initial paint and nothing has been fixed?

In response to this email, we did ask for the timeline on this project as we want this upgrade to add value not degrade the playground. In response, we received the following:

Hi Tiegan – not really, Nelmac are waiting on the parts. I am presuming they need to be brought into the country and shipping is very slow at the moment.

Regards, Lynne

The Motueka Youth Council hope that there can be some clear timelines set and have this fixed as soon as possible. We realise that at this current point in time international shipping is unpredictable but we hope to have a timeline for the painting. Our hope was to organise a newspaper article to celebrate the success of the youth council and let the community know this playground has had some love but as this stage, this will not be happening with the condition of the playground.

With this visit, we also notice the lack of love in this park again. We were disappointed to see graffiti on the social seating that has been there for a couple of week now and that the Maori Po still hasn't been fixed after damage last year (Photos Attached). We realise that council and community board have invested a lot of money into this park with recommendation from the Youth Council so we just want it to look the best it can.

We hope you can help resolve this issue. Please find attached photos of the playground.

Kind Regards

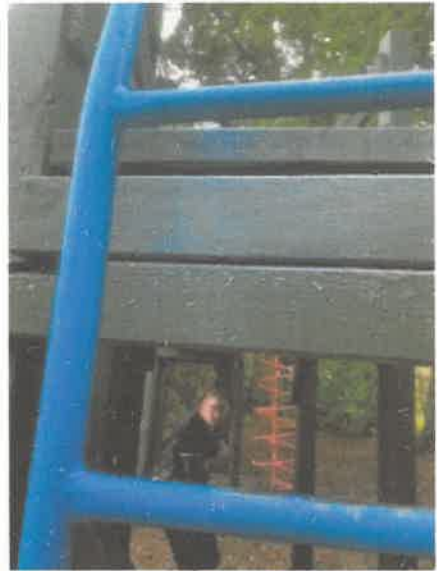
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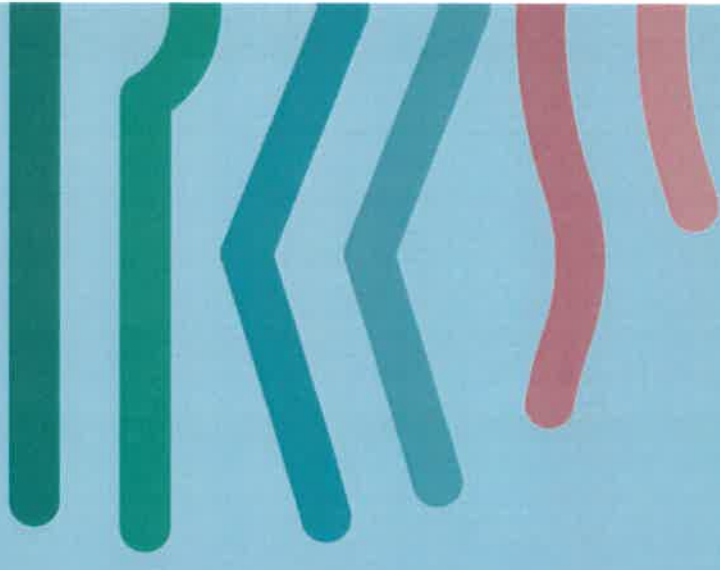
Barry Johnson – Environmental Policy Manager



Te Kaunihera o
te tai o Aorere

Our District

- Diverse urban, rural & coastal areas provide us with a great lifestyle
- These environments are the foundation of many livelihoods
- Lots to offer & towns and local centres are growing



Why review?

- Meeting legislation and responding to case law
- Changing environment, community, and issues
- Improving functionality and making technical changes to create a single, user-friendly plan
- Improved management of Tasman's resources
- Greater shared understanding of the key issues in our district and the role of plans



Big Challenges



Biodiversity &
biosecurity



Freshwater

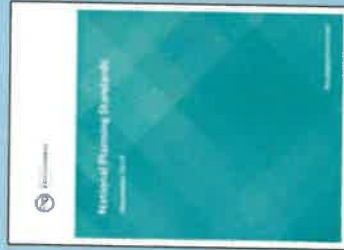


Population
growth



Climate change &
natural hazards

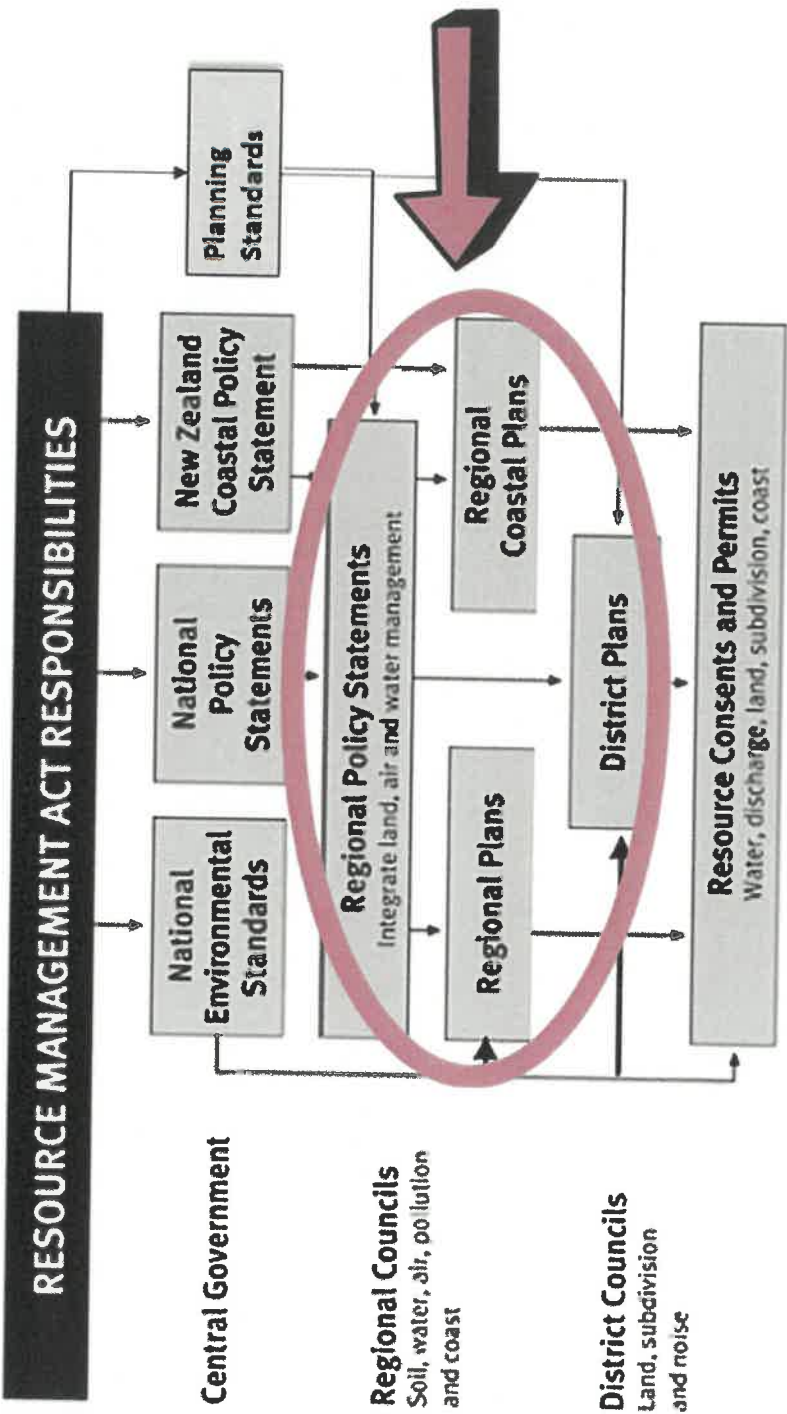
Legislative change/ plan review



Key themes

- Our towns and local centres
- Our coast and marine environments
- Our rural areas
- Biodiversity
- Freshwater
- Air quality
- Climate change
- Natural hazards
- Special Places





Timeframes and Decisions



2021 - issues & options

- Confirm issues & options (preferred option) for community consultation

2021-2022 - final option/drafting instructions

- Confirm preferred option to be drafted into plan content (subject to clarity on new plan requirements)

2022-2023 - plan content – Objectives/Policies/Rules

- Start to review new plan content

Governance & Decision-making

Role of community boards?



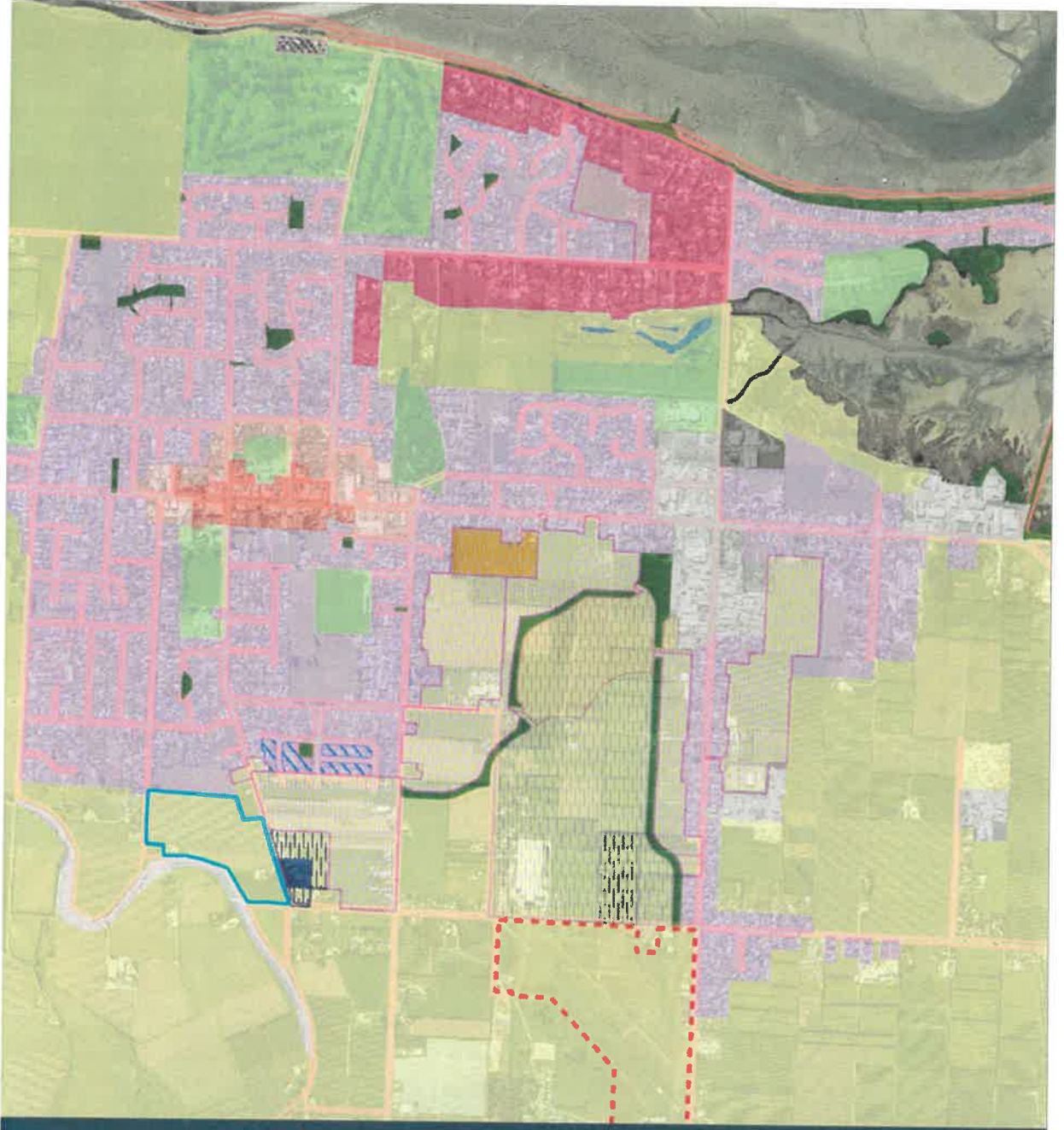
Governance and Decision-making

What roles do Community Boards want to have in TEP process and direction setting?

Opportunities to contribute include:

- Written feedback on papers and workshop material
- Attendance at workshops – discussion and feedback
- Community perspective – testing options



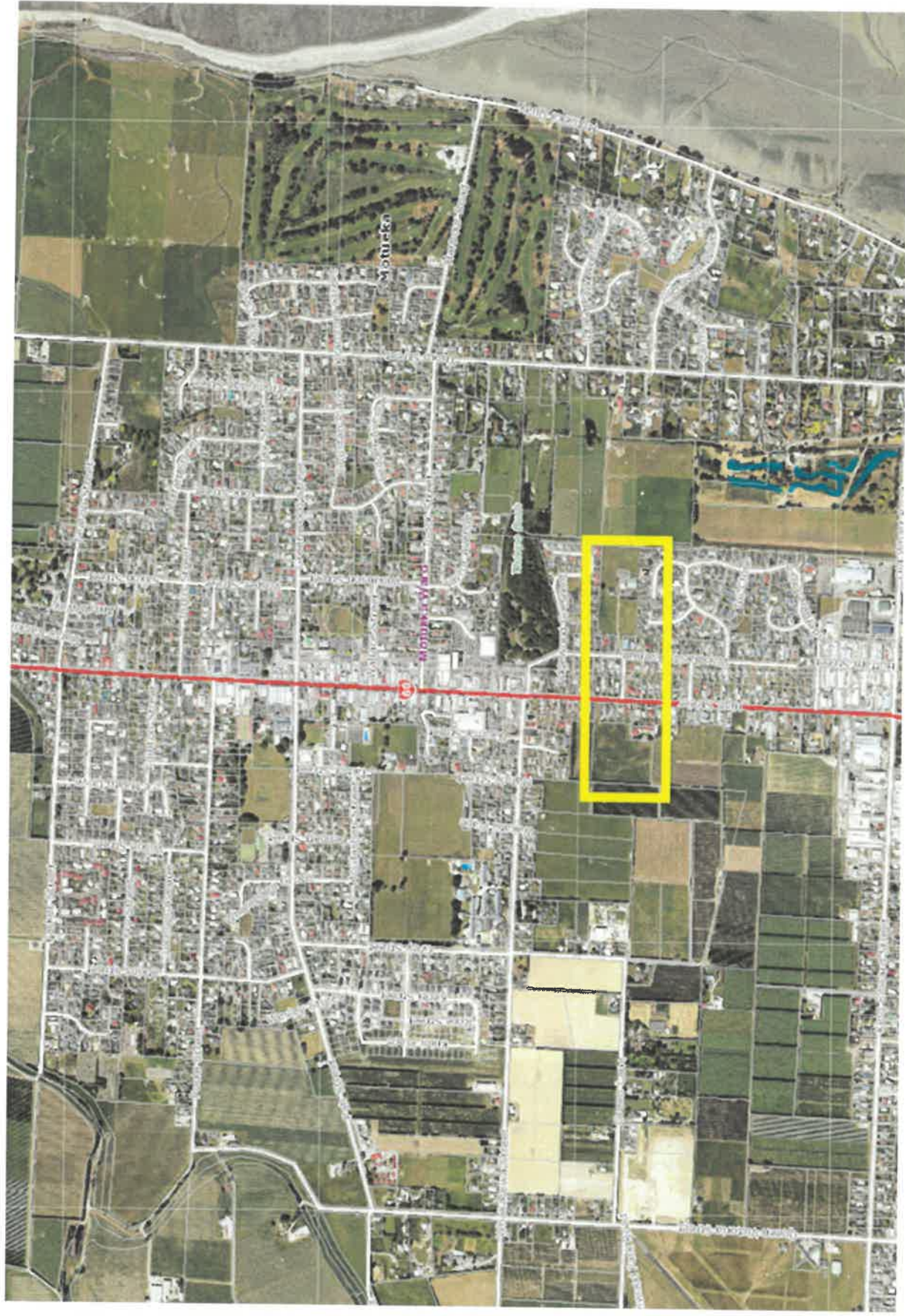


Current zoning

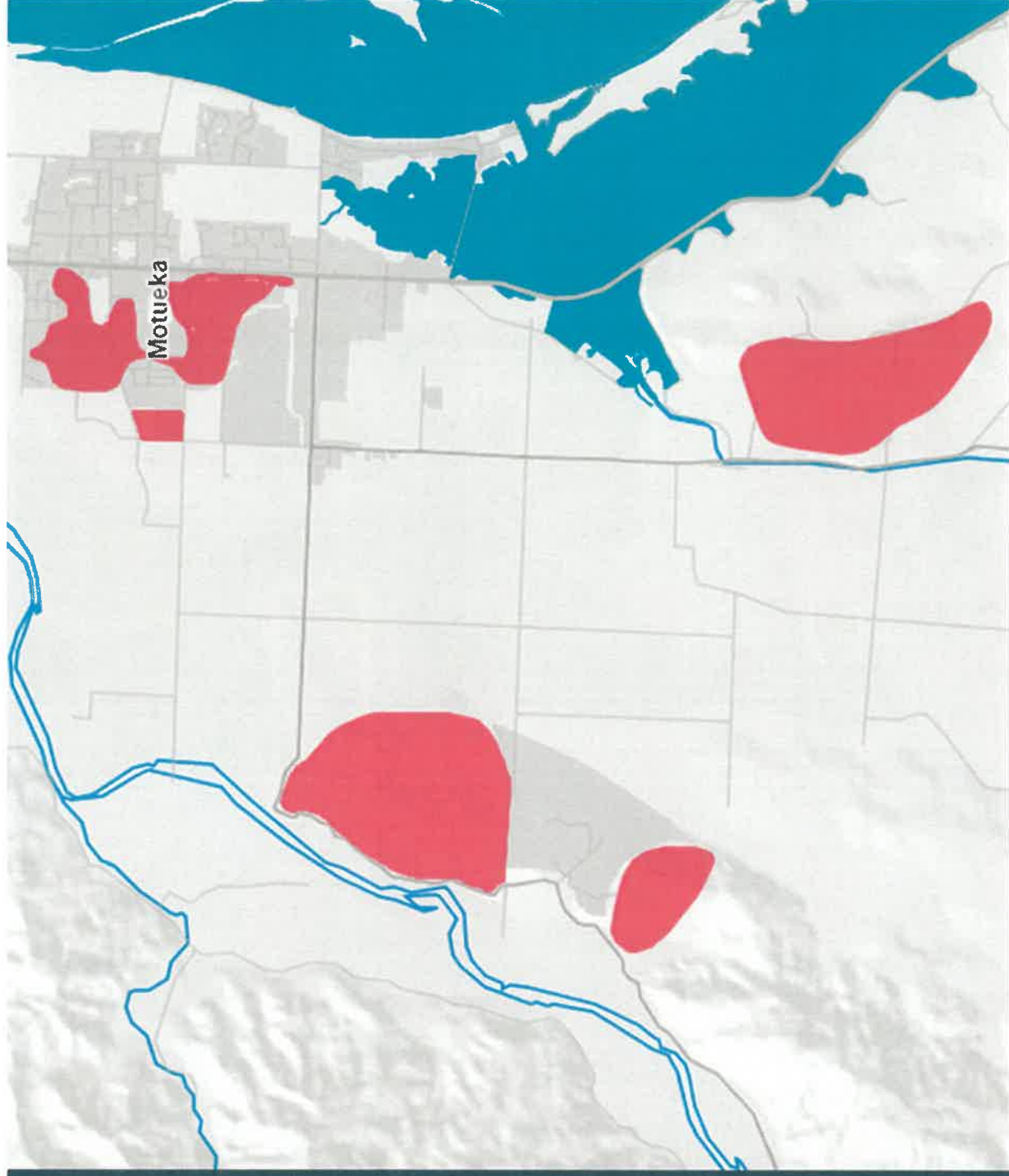
Current Water and Wastewater Projects



Storm water



Future Zone changes?



Thank You

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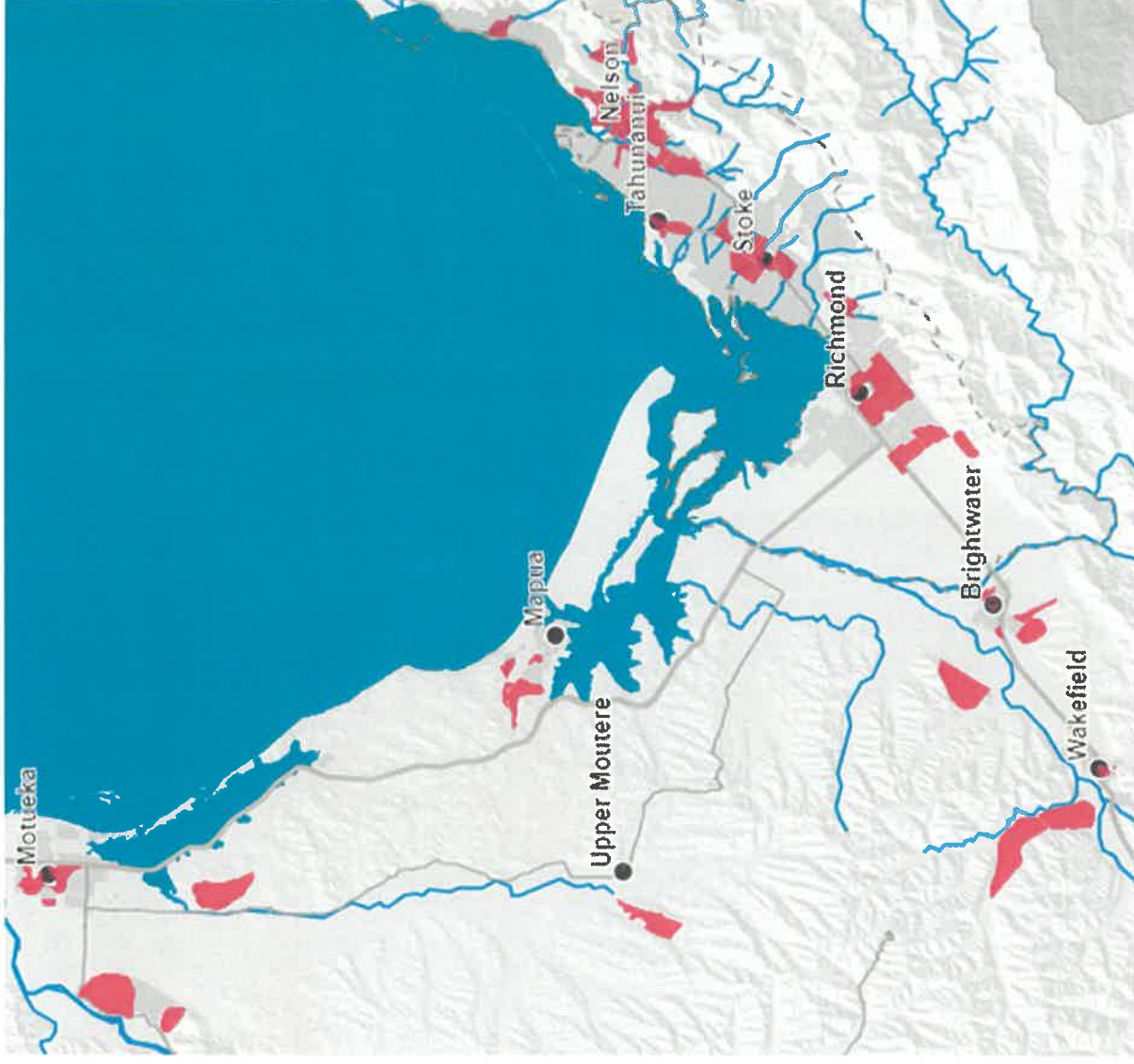


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Key messages from FDS

- Building up: FDS encourages intensification of key growth nodes where possible
- Building out: But with managed & phased expansion. Some rural residential to provide sufficient capacity & choice
- 60% of future housing growth in NUA provided for by intensification – change from past patterns of growth



Making RMA plans in local communities...

- Community/land owner aspirations and environmental data shape outcomes
- Political decisions on resource allocation vs public good; short and long timeframes; certainty vs precautionary
- Iwi Trust roles in plan making
- Wide range of competing views to balance
- Political decision-making in direction setting and hearings
- Quasi and full legal processes along the way
- Environment Court and higher courts ultimate decision-makers

Zoning land

Requires a plan change under the RMA

1. Land identified – Future Development strategy
2. Detailed assessment of suitability, serviceability
3. Early discussion with land owner, community, Iwi etc
4. Draft plan change for community feedback
5. Proposed plan change
6. Submission hearings decision
7. Appeals
8. Operative – land rezoned



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Deferred Zones – What are they?

Deferred zones are areas of zoned land that cannot be developed due to a lack of services.

Once services are available then the zone is “activated” and can be developed. Deferment uplift

Deferment uplift is by council resolution – purely administrative

TEP Direction Principles

Principles for TEP development:

- To recognise the interconnectedness of the environment and people, ki uta ki tai
- To enable healthy and resilient communities by achieving healthy and resilient environments (Te Mana O Te Taiao)
- To meet the present and future needs of our communities, council work in partnership iwi
- To enable community development within environmental limits
- To support and enable the restoration of at risk environments
- To recognise and provide for the wellbeing of individuals, where this is not at the expense of the public good
- To take a precautionary or responsive management approach, dependent on the nature and extent of the risk, and where there is uncertainty or a lack of information
- To ensure the TEP provides strategic leadership for Council's key planning documents.

RMA

Future Development Strategy

Regional Policy Statement

Resource Management Plan

Structure Plans

LGA

Financial Strategy

Infrastructure Strategy

Long Term Plan

Annual Plan

Asset Management Plans

Regional Land Transport Plan

