

# Mountains to the Sea Engagement

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The next round of engagement as part of the process of developing new rules and regulations for land and freshwater management is now open, and you can **give us feedback until 30 November**.

All the information about the draft Environmental Outcomes, and a survey where you can tell us what you think is on Shape Tasman: <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/mountains-to-the-sea/freshwater-environmental-outcomes>

In April through to June this year, we held a round of public engagement on the Visions and Values for each Freshwater Management Unit in the Tasman region.

We wanted to say a big THANK YOU to everyone that provided feedback. A summary of what we heard is available from the 'Mountains to the Sea' section of Shape Tasman: <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/mountains-to-the-sea/previous-engagement>.

We have revised the draft Vision and Values further from your feedback and these are available at <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/mountains-to-the-sea/freshwater-management-units>.

Now we have developed a set of draft Environmental Outcomes, with one for each of the Values that we have identified.

The draft Environmental Outcomes will set the direction for the new Land and Freshwater Plan Change and will directly link to targets and limits for land and freshwater use in the region, and the rules that we need to achieve them. As they define our end goal, it's important we get them right, and that they reflect what the people of the Tasman want the region's land and freshwater to look like in the future.

The outcomes are aspirational, reflecting what we have already heard from the community on the long-term Visions for freshwater. Some will take time to achieve as we adapt how we do things. We will also need to figure out how we achieve all the outcomes and address any conflicting values or outcomes.

The plan change will be significant for both the natural environment in the Tasman region, and any person, business or organisation with an interest in, or connection to freshwater. That is why we want to get as much feedback as possible

It would help us if you could spread the word about our current engagement to as many of your members, customers, contacts etc as possible.

**If you have a newsletter, email list or similar, it would be great if you could put something in it about the engagement. We've included some content below that you use directly or edit to suit your needs.**

**Please note:** we are not currently planning any public engagement events, as our online approach has yielded more feedback to date. We will have three webinars over the engagement period which anyone can attend and ask questions (details on our website), however we are also happy to attend community or industry group meetings if groups would like us to speak to them about the Environmental Outcomes. Just contact us on: [freshwaterplan@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:freshwaterplan@tasman.govt.nz)

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## Suggested Newsletter content

### What do you want freshwater in the Tasman region to look like?

Tasman District Council is working on the development of a Land and Freshwater Plan Change, and they want your help to get it right.

They have already defined the Freshwater Management Units, the catchment areas the region will be broken down into under the new plan and set draft Visions and Values for each FMU. Now they need to define the Environmental Outcomes for each of those values.

The draft Environmental Outcomes will set the direction for the new plan change and will be used to set the targets and

limits for land and freshwater use in the region, and the rules that they need to achieve them. As the Outcomes define the end goal, it's important they get them right, and that they reflect what the people of Tasman want the region's land and freshwater to look like in the future.

At each stage of the process, they have been engaging with the public to make sure that people agree with what they are doing. They also recognise that any changes to land and freshwater use will mean changes for people working in the rural and environmental sectors, so really want to hear from those people.

The engagement on the Environmental Outcomes is open now and closes 30 November 2023. You can find out more, and have your say at: <https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/mountains-to-the-sea/freshwater-environmental-outcomes>

They aren't doing any engagement events this time, as they have found they get much better results online but are holding three webinars (details on the website) where people can get all the information and ask questions.

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