

NPSFM 2020: Improving our freshwater in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland

Auckland Council: December 2023

Summary of HortNZ's submission

What is the Setting our Direction: Improving our freshwater in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland about?

This consultation is part of the wider NPSFM 2020 plan development process. Auckland Council are consulting on a number of aspects including: how Te Mana o te Wai is defined, Long-term visions for freshwater across the region and by FMU, values and environmental outcomes, and how special areas such as the Pukekohe Specified Vegetable Area will be considered.

Key changes /provisions

HortNZ believes there has been a clear and comprehensive approach by Auckland Council to providing community with consultation information that explains the different aspects of the NPSFM plan preparation and interrelationship between the different parts of the plan.

- HortNZ is concerned the SVGA area needs to be consistent with the gazetted maps and co-ordinates in the NPSFM 2020. The consultation information shows the SVGA to be over an area that straddles two FMU and across the boundary with Waikato Regional Council. HortNZ is interested to understand and have further conversations to understand how the requirements of the SVGA will be made consistent over the many boundaries.
- HortNZ would like to have recognition of the unique value of the importance of domestic food supply and maintaining food security as a value, distinct from the general irrigation, cultivation and production of food and beverages value. Recognising the particular issues associated with domestic food supply as they relate specifically to the wider Auckland region and its contribution to maintaining food security for New Zealanders.
- HortNZ advocates working closer with the horticultural community to understand how the industry works. HortNZ advocates a toolkit approach to managing freshwater and believe through the adoption of freshwater farm plans, and grower supported tools and research there can be better understanding of grower practice, impacts and mitigations.

WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [Setting our direction for improving freshwater in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland | AK Have Your Say \(aucklandcouncil.govt.nz\)](https://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ak-have-your-say)
- Keep an eye on HortNZ's website [Home | Horticulture New Zealand – Ahumāra Kai Aotearoa \(hortnz.co.nz\)](https://hortnz.co.nz/)
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