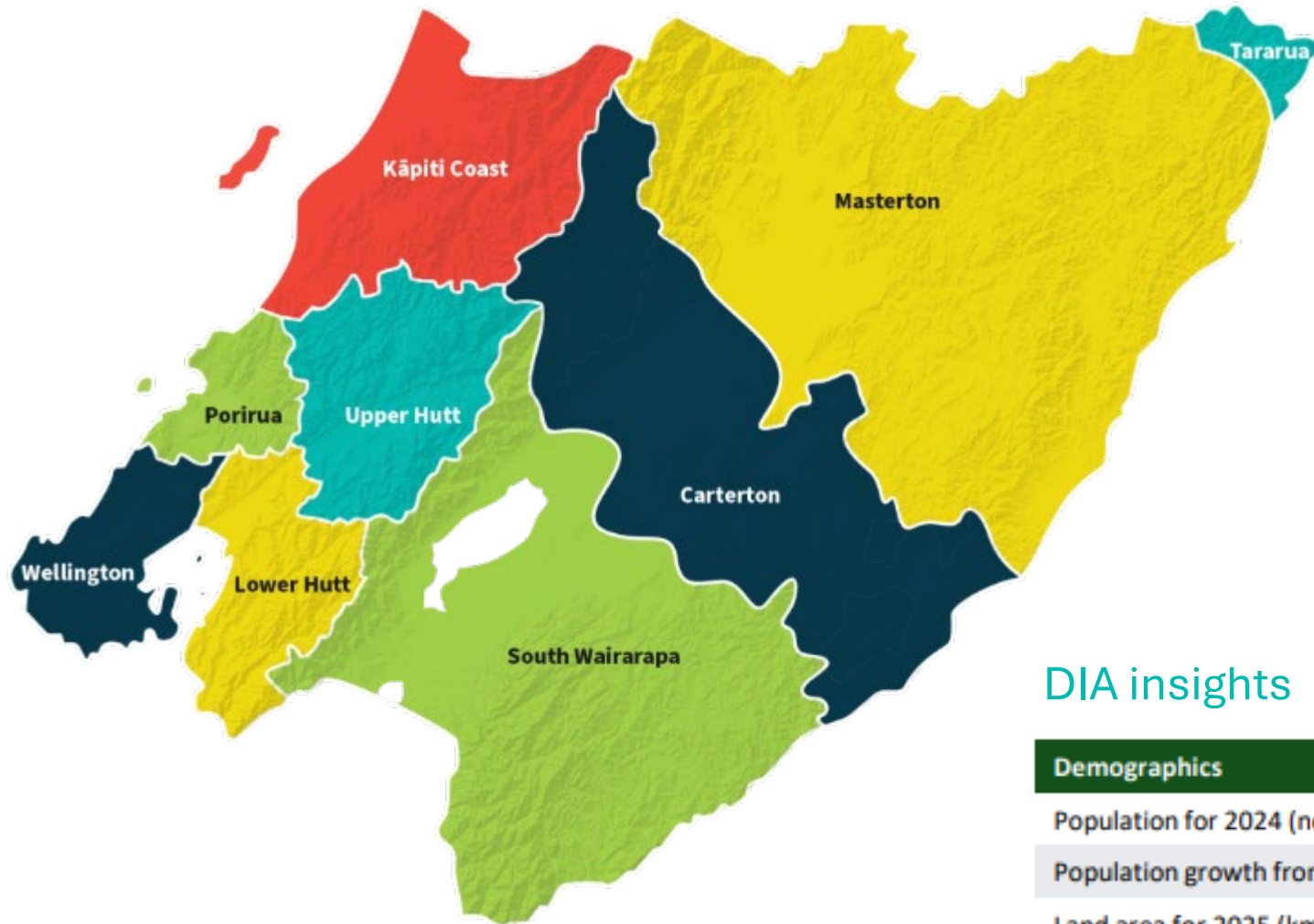


Greater Wellington

Who we are and what we do

Our region

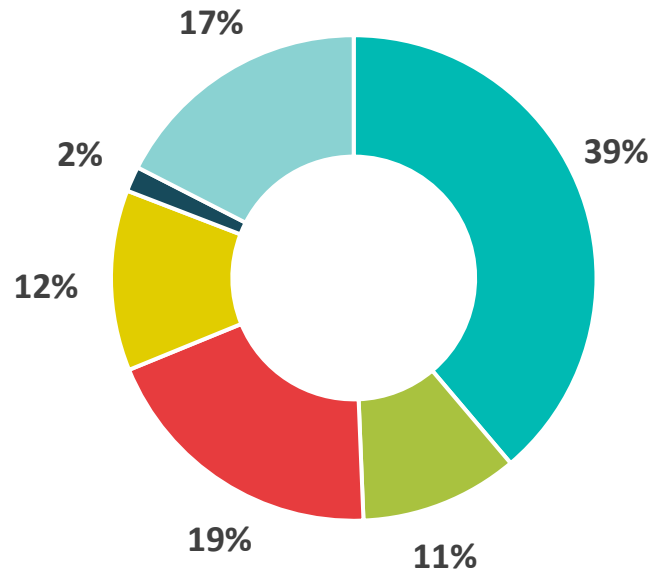


DIA insights

Demographics	Result
Population for 2024 (no.)	541,500
Population growth from 2023 to 2024 (%)	0.7
Land area for 2025 (km ²)	8,049

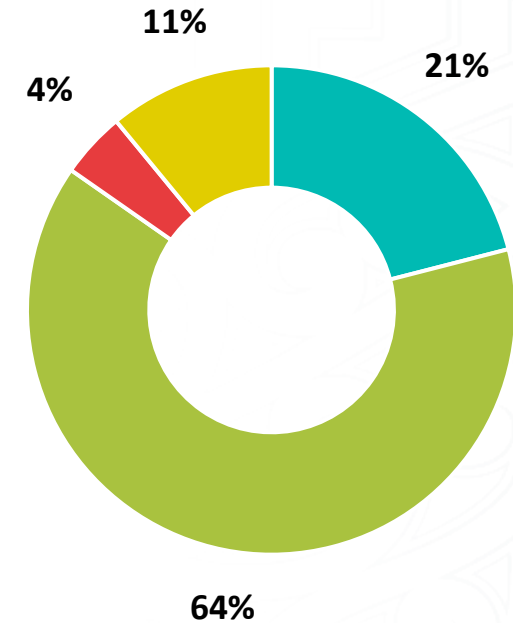
Operating context

Funding Sources



- Regional rates
- Water supply levy
- Government subsidies
- Transport improvement grants
- Interest and dividends
- User charges, fees, and other operating revenues

Activity Spend



- Environment
- Metlink
- Regional Strategy and Partnerships
- Water Supply

Environment

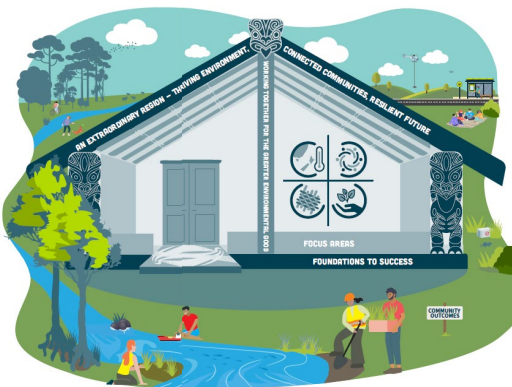


Environment

We work with mana whenua and our communities, to deliver multiple integrated outcomes for te taiao and our region.



- 813,500ha regional land area
- 33,000 hectares in 12 regional parks
- 12,300 km of rivers and streams
- 14 lakes
- 497km of coastline, incl harbours
- 8000sqkm of coastal marine area



Our work delivers on Greater Wellington's Direction (LTP 2024-34)

Nui te ora o te taiao

Thriving environment

Healthy waterways and coastal waters, clean and safe drinking water, unique landscapes, indigenous biodiversity, sustainable land use and a prosperous low emissions economy.

He hapori kotahi

Connected communities

A vibrant and liveable region in which people can move around on safe, sustainable, and effective public transport, there is inclusive and equitable participation, and our sustainable rural and urban centres are connected to each other.

He manawaroa te āpōpō

Resilient Future

Safe and healthy communities, a strong and thriving regional economy, adapting to the effects of climate change and natural hazards, community preparedness and modern robust infrastructure.



GW vision: An extraordinary region, thriving environment, connected communities, resilient future

RŌPŪ TĀIAO OUTCOMES

Improving outcomes for mana whenua and Māori

Proactively engage mana whenua in decision making, and incorporate te ao Māori and mātauranga Māori perspectives, so we can achieve the best outcomes for Māori across all aspects of our region

Te taiao is enabled to thrive

Te taiao is enabled to thrive to ensure the capacity of air, land, freshwater and coastal marine ecosystems to sustain all life and future generations.

Our region flourishes

Our region is welcoming, with access to our natural environment that is safe and people friendly, offering unique and diverse experiences to support our communities and the broader regional economy. We support people to live in ways that value, restore, and enhance our environment.

Regional resilience and sustainability

The Wellington Region is a low-emission and climate-resilient region, for both people and the natural environment, with climate mitigation and adaptation being an integral part of our decision making. We work to protect our communities from the consequences of drought, flooding and sea level rise.

10-YEAR OUTCOMES



Safeguarding and restoring ecosystems and natural environments across our rohe

Air, land, ecosystems, freshwater bodies, the coastal marine area and the indigenous species that live in these environments throughout catchments are enabled to thrive in an integrated and connected way.



Fostering connection to nature, recreation and safe harbour navigation

Mana whenua and communities across the region are connected to te taiao and know the stories of their home. Everyone can safely access and connect to nature across our regional parks network, river corridors and harbours.



Strengthening regional resilience and supporting our communities

Mana whenua and communities are becoming more resilient to the effects drought, flooding and sea level rise in ways that support a thriving environment. Net greenhouse gas emissions in the Wellington region are reduced.

What we have done

Triennium Highlights 2022–2025

Nature Restoration



Pest Control



Marine Biosecurity

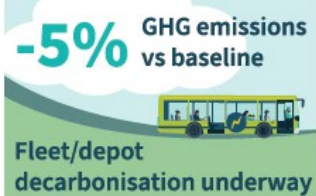
- Joined Top of the South Partnership
- Surveillance & boatie education scaled up.

Rōpū Taiao Strategic Framework

Integrated long term direction informs clearer and more consistent decisions on where we focus our efforts for the environment, and the important shifts we need to make in how we do our work.



Climate action



Flood Resilience

16 co-funded projects

RiverLink upgraded the Mills Street stopbank to a **1 in 200 year** standard of protection

Freshwater Progress

- Plan Change 1 notified (Oct 2023), hearings were underway and Council has paused the plan to consider the new NPS-FM
- Whaitua programmes embedded
- Freshwater monitoring by mana whenua (NHoŌ) initiated.

Environmental Protection

1579 consents processed (all within statutory timeframes),
6888 consents monitored,
3387 environment incidents responded to,
387 formal enforcement actions and
4 successful prosecutions.

Working together for partnership

- Predator Free Wellington citywide roll-out
- Wairarapa Moana bird recovery
- Te Awarua-o-Porirua Accord signing - our commitment for delivering on what matters with mana whenua
- Wairarapa Catchment Collective establishment supported
- Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board - continuing to deliver on our settlement commitments through our work with the Board
- Hura Whenua a Rangitāne-led initiative for co-design with GW - a space for innovating for delivery
- Waikanae Ki Uta Ki Tai continued.

Submissions Made

Regional Policy Statement

Change 1 we received:

156 submissions and **31** further submissions, comprising more than **5,000** individual submission points

Natural Resources Plan Change

1 (PC1) we received:

288 submissions and **46** further submissions, comprising more than **10,000** individual submission points

2022

- Expanded restoration & predator control programmes

2023

- Te Rōpū Taiao - He Tīmatanga Hou
- PC1 notified
- RiverLink procurement
- RiverLink demolition starts
- Predator Free Miramar complete.

2024

- LTP adopted
- 320k+ plants established
- Govt co-funding secured.
- MSSB Stage 1 complete November 2024 (Riverlink)

2025

- Freshwater hearings paused
- RiverLink river works commence (July)
- Wairarapa Moana projects funded.

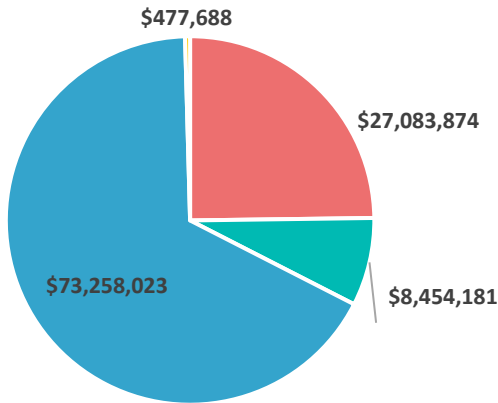
What we are doing

Our investment focus

10-year outcomes

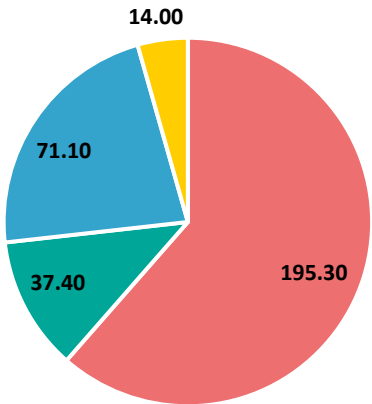
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-  **Strengthening regional resilience and supporting our communities**
-  **Supporting functions and continuous improvement**

Investment by 10-year outcome



The majority of our expenditure is focused on regional resilience

FTE Allocation by 10-year Outcome



The majority of our people are focused on safeguarding and restoring te taiao

2024-34 LTP focus areas



Enhancing flood risk management from mountains to sea



Protecting our most important places from the impacts of pests



Future of natural resources plan changes



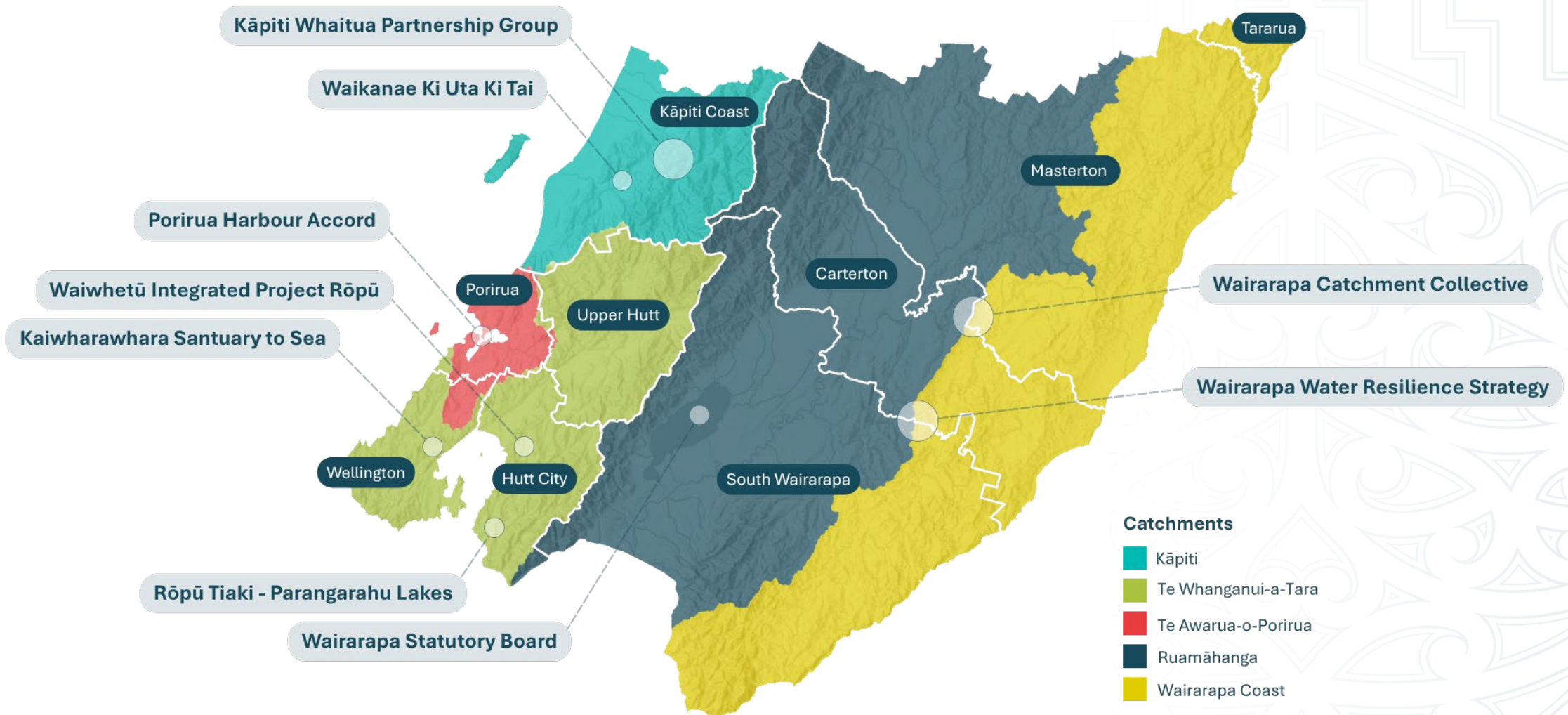
Restoration in our parks – Recloaking Papatūānuku



Deliver catchment-scale environmental solutions

Key partnerships/stakeholder relationships

Deliver catchment-scale environmental solutions through a collaborative and integrated approach



Activities vary reflecting places differences



Wairarapa priorities



Enhancing our **flood risk management** from mountains to sea

- **Enhancing our existing flood protection infrastructure** (stop banks, rock structures, planted areas) in the face of identified risk and rising costs
- **Lower Valley:** complete flood risk and environmental investigations to establish a strategic management plan.
- **Delivering on the Regional Infrastructure Fund's Flood Resilience funded projects** work at 14 sites across the Wairarapa, and preparing for future government investment
- **Reviewing the community catchment schemes along Wairarapa Coast** to ensure sustainability and strategic alignment



Protecting our most important places from the **impacts of pests**

- **Expand pest control on private land around Wairarapa Moana** to achieve better habitat protection
- **Joint council and community pest management** initiatives to target possum and other invasive species
- **Implement the review of the regional predator control programme**, focusing on high-value sites



Deliver catchment scale environmental solutions

- **Wairarapa Coast Whaitua Development** working with landowners, mana whenua and key partners on integrated action plans to improve freshwater and other outcomes
- **Ongoing investment in Wairarapa Moana reserves** working to the new Statutory Board and collaborating with landowners and others to improve cultural, environmental and other outcomes.



Resource Management Reforms

- **Responding to fast-track applications** within timeframes
- **Responding to the replacement Acts to the RMA** including positioning regional council on our functions in the new system and preparing for spatial planning
- Making Regional Policy Statement Change 1 **operative**