

Waikato Regional Council overview

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532,100
people in
the Waikato



More than **16,000km** of
rivers and streams and
more than **100 lakes**



10,000km²
of coastal marine area
450 marine farms



1200km
of coastline



Māori asset base

\$21.51b
in the Waikato

↑ 88%
from 2018
to 2023

Popular visitor destinations

1. Coromandel Peninsula
2. Hamilton Gardens
3. Raglan
4. Karāpiro
5. Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari
6. Te Waihou Blue Spring
7. Waitomo Caves
8. Hobbiton
9. Lake Taupō

25,000km²
of land



70% of NZ's
geothermal
resources



Waikato's contribution to farming, food and forestry GDP

14% of NZ's forest products industries



- Forestry and logging
- Wood product manufacturing
- Pulp and paper

18% of NZ's food manufacturing

- Meat and meat product manufacturing
- Seafood processing
- Dairy product manufacturing



22% of NZ's farming



- Sheep, beef and grain
- Dairy farming
- Poultry, deer and other livestock

Exports

NZ \$95 billion



**Waikato
\$12.1 billion**

12.7%
of NZ's total
exports

19% of NZ's food industry

- Farmers, growers and aquaculture plus food manufacturing



32% of NZ's dairy manufacturing



**NZ's most
important
dairying
region**

Leader in electricity production



Thermal
1,379MW



Geothermal
1,074MW



Wind
64MW



Hydro
1,531.5MW

37%
of NZ's
electricity
capacity

More than any other single region

Critical national transport, freight and logistics corridor

40% of NZ's freight movements



Flood infrastructure



Valued at
\$1.1 billion



Protecting land that contributes
\$2.5 billion to regional GDP

Significant mineral producing area



Waikato contributes

~20%
of NZ's mining GDP

Critical producer of aggregates

Supplying a large proportion of material that supports economic growth in both the Waikato and Auckland regions

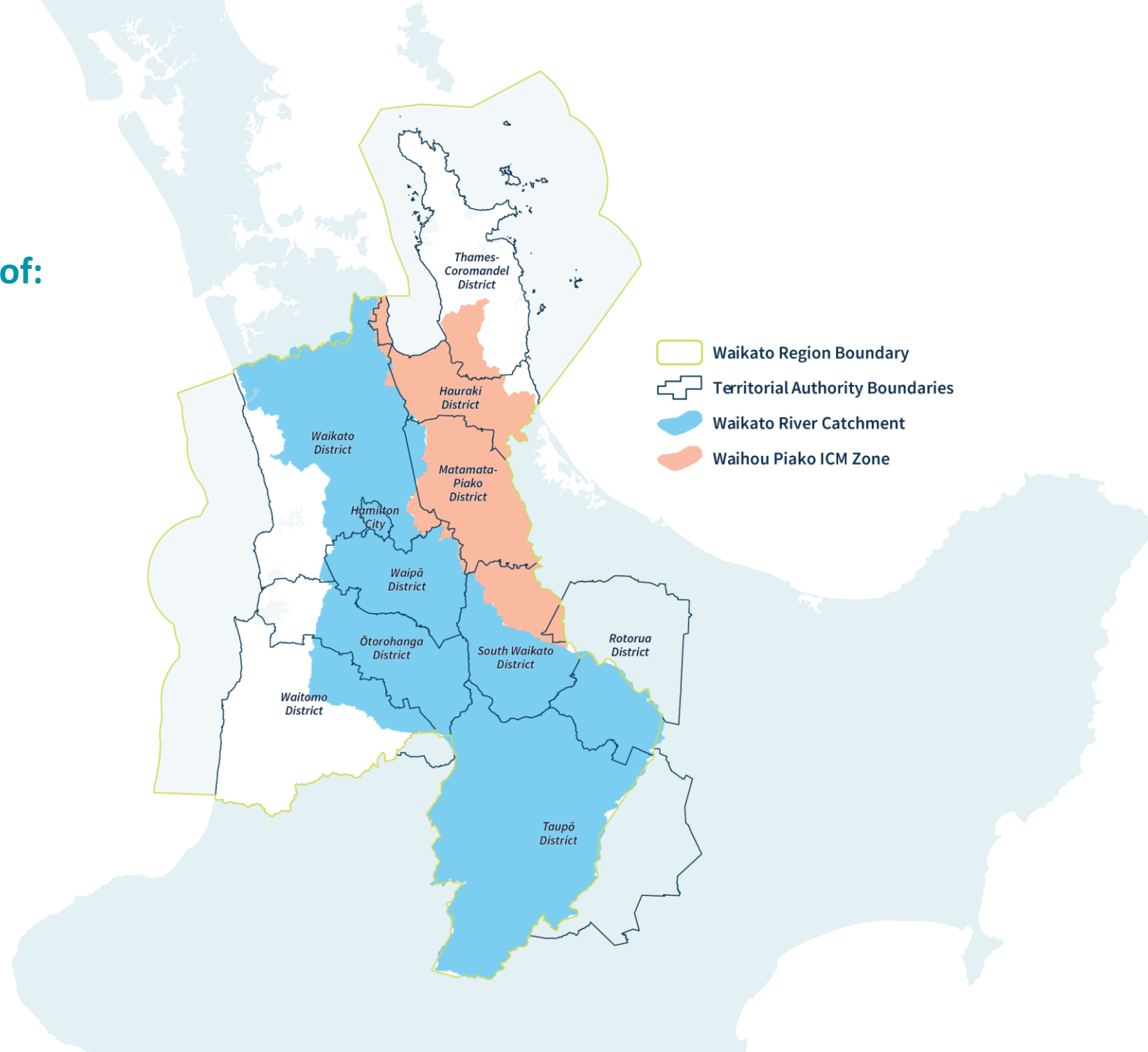
Waikato
15.2 tonnes
per person



NZ wide
7.1 tonnes
per person

The Waikato region is made up of:

- **two** large river catchments
- **one city** (Hamilton)
- **ten districts**



Statutory obligations to iwi authorities

178

Current Treaty settlement obligations

215

Current Joint Management Agreement obligations

27

Current Co-managed Lands Agreement obligations

77

Upcoming Treaty settlement obligations

7

Treaty settlements not yet at Bill stage

7

Pending Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements

80

Statutory acknowledgement areas

Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa o Waikato – The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River has legal status as the primary direction-setting document relating to the Waikato and Waipā rivers, trumping all other plans.

Principal iwi groups

The principal iwi groups in our region are Waikato, Maniapoto, Raukawa, Hauraki, Te Arawa and Tūwharetoa.

Within these iwi groups there are numerous iwi and hapū. The iwi areas shown in this map are overlapping and are provided as an approximate guide only.

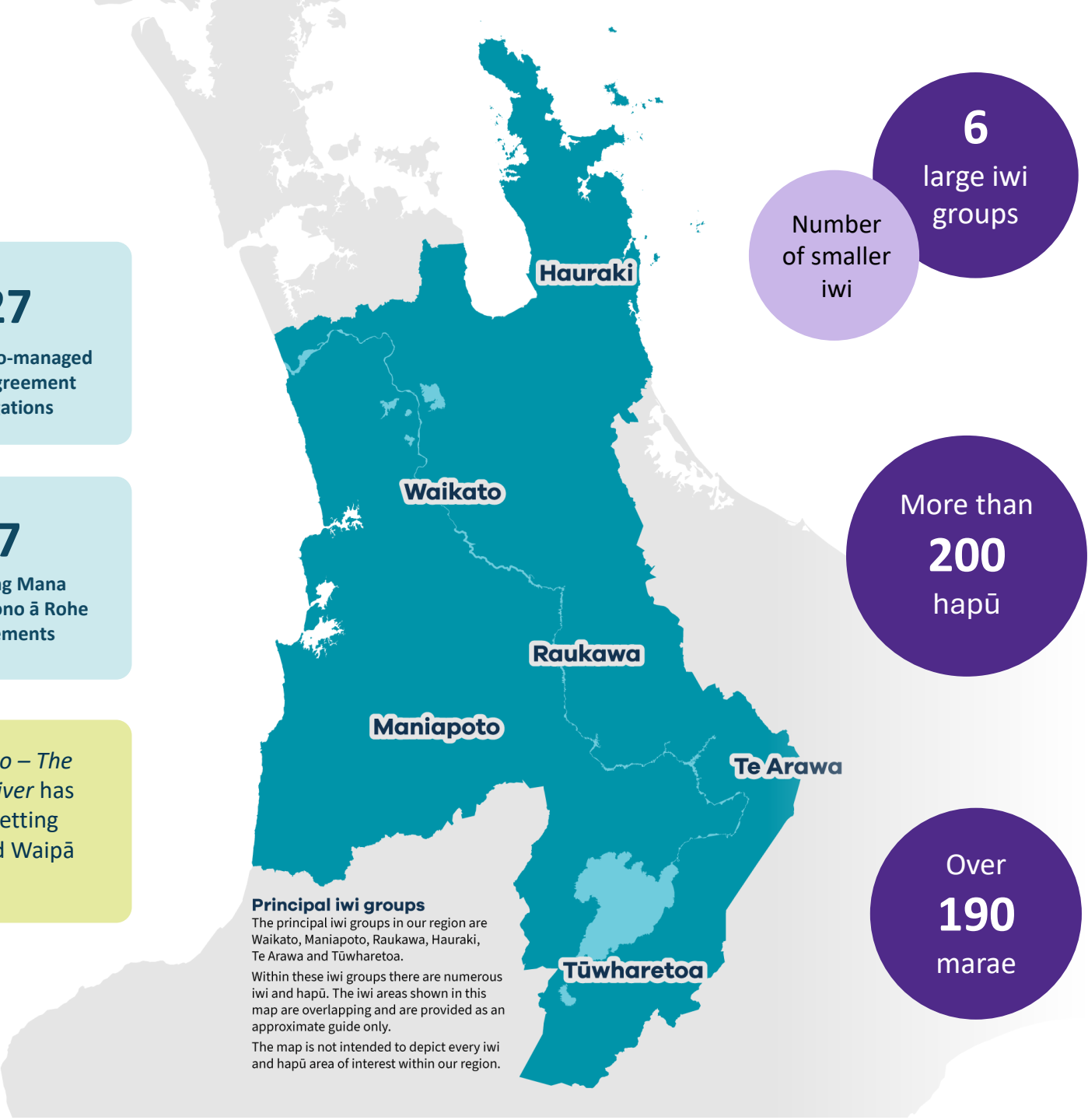
The map is not intended to depict every iwi and hapū area of interest within our region.

Number of smaller iwi

6
large iwi groups

More than
200
hapū

Over
190
marae



Regional council functions

State of the Environment

Our reporting interprets decades of data on the region's natural environment.

Environment (air, land, water, coastal and marine)



Consenting and permitted activities

13,805 current consents



Environmental monitoring

>1000 monitoring sites



Regional and spatial planning, policies and inter-regional strategies



Compliance, monitoring and enforcement

>1400 reported environmental incidents
>1000 compliance inspections



Science, data and information

Regional council functions

Regional public transport and transport policy

\$11.8b land transport priorities

Our land transport plan identifies key priorities to 2030 for funding considerations by central government.

Transport policy



Interregional rail



Road safety

6900 children learning road safety with Ruben

4 million public transport journeys



Buses



Total Mobility and community transport

50,000 Total Mobility journeys



Regional council functions

\$1.1b in assets, including: more than 600km stopbanks, 468 floodgates, 116 pump stations.

Catchment management

Catchment planning and management		River management 952km rivers and streams		Biosecurity 75 declared pests	
	Flood protection		Land drainage		Biodiversity

2017-2025: **>5 million** plants and trees | **>1,700km** of fencing | **>9000ha** of land retired

Regional council functions

**Iwi partnerships
and obligations**



**Regional
resilience –
natural hazard
risks, emergency
response**



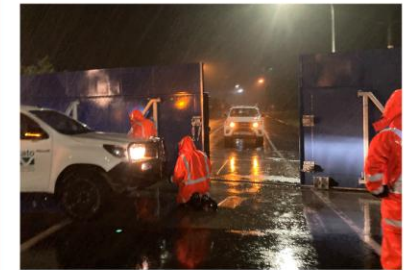
**Civil Defence
and Emergency
Management**



**Community
leadership
and economic
development**



**Maritime
navigation
services**



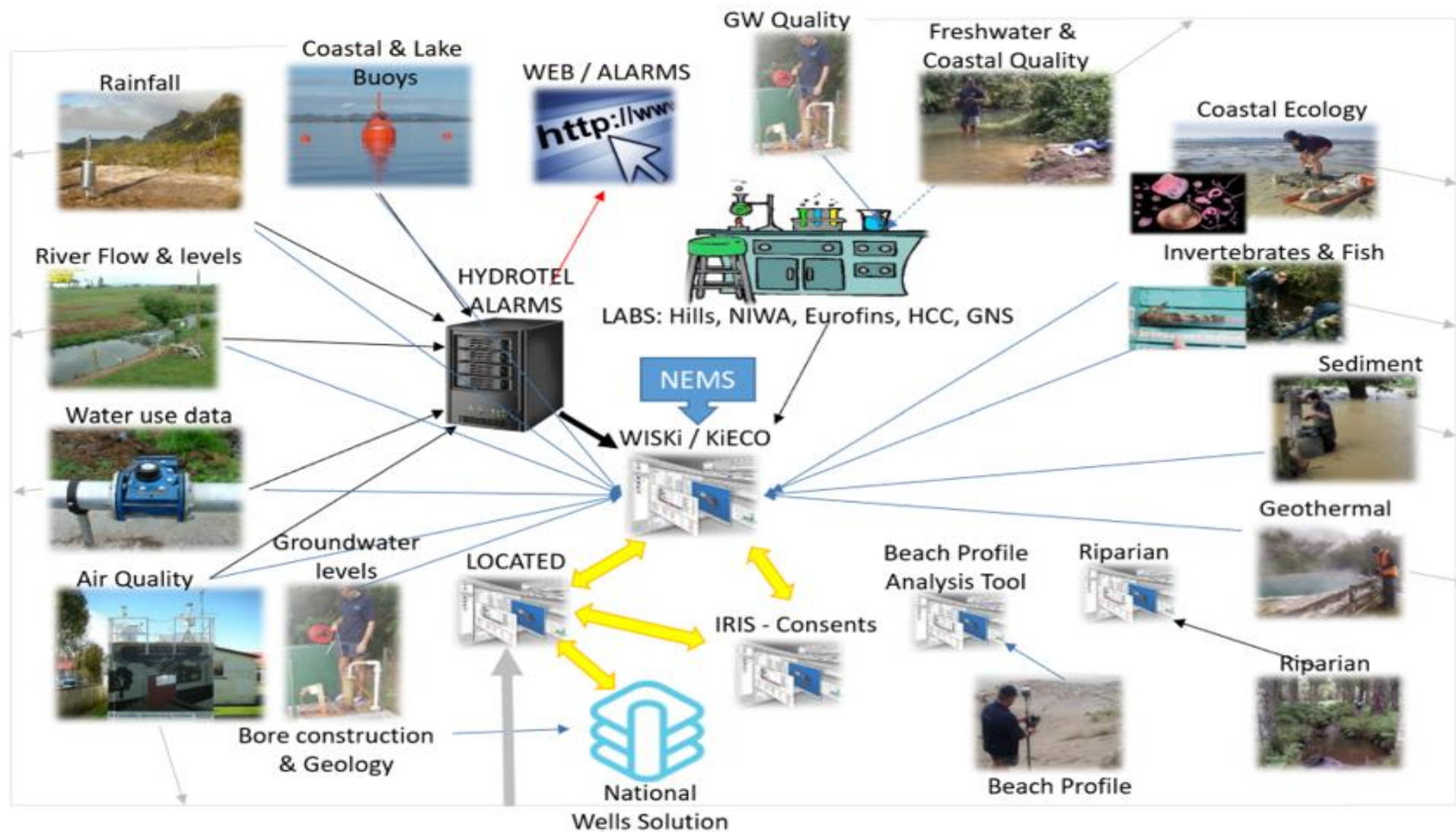
Environmental monitoring

Monitoring sites

- 115 rainfall and water level (including flood warning)
- 185 freshwater quality (lakes, rivers and summer safe swim)
- 275 groundwater (levels and water quality)
- 185 terrestrial
- 125 geothermal
- 100 coastal (ecology and water quality)
- 250 ecology (fish and invertebrates)

Partner with territorial authorities (TAs) and other organisations to access and share data.

43
staff



In-house science expertise

- Coastal and marine, geothermal, air, land ecology and contamination, soil and land, groundwater and hydrology, water quality and ecology, and mātauranga Māori.
- Evidence-based State of the Environment (SOE) reporting.
- Technical and statutory reports.
- Digitally enabled.
- Support policy, regulation, catchment management.
- Work alongside central government, science institutes, universities, iwi and sectors.



37
scientists

Waikato Regional Council numbers

\$220m operational expenditure

Catchment management – \$72m

Flood/drainage, catchments, biosecurity, biodiversity, hazards, resilience

Transport – \$65m

Buses, Te Huia, policy

Science & Policy – \$36m

Resource use – \$32m

Regulation, education, maritime, dams

CDEM – \$5m

Community Support – \$10m

\$1.1b

Flood assets

\$20m

Capital expenditure

\$110m

Investment fund

\$150m

Rates

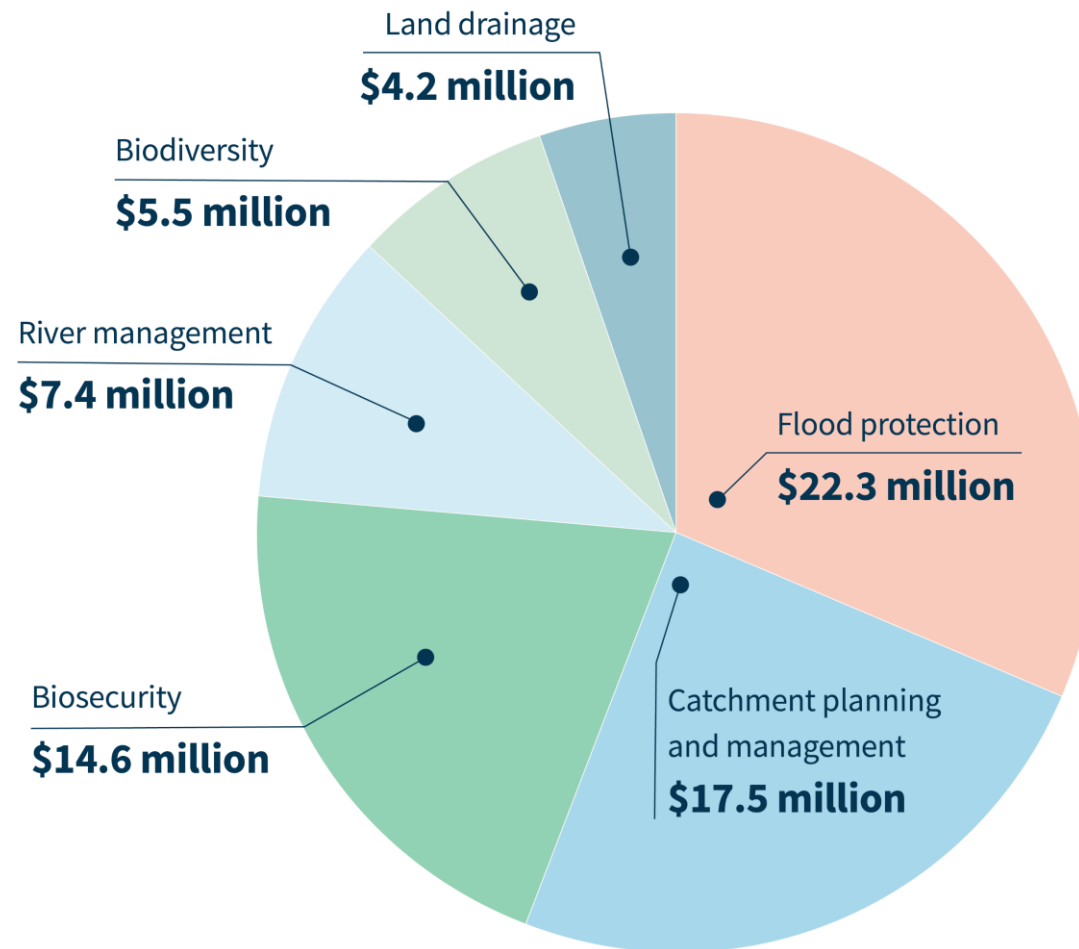
\$85m Targeted rates

\$65m General rates

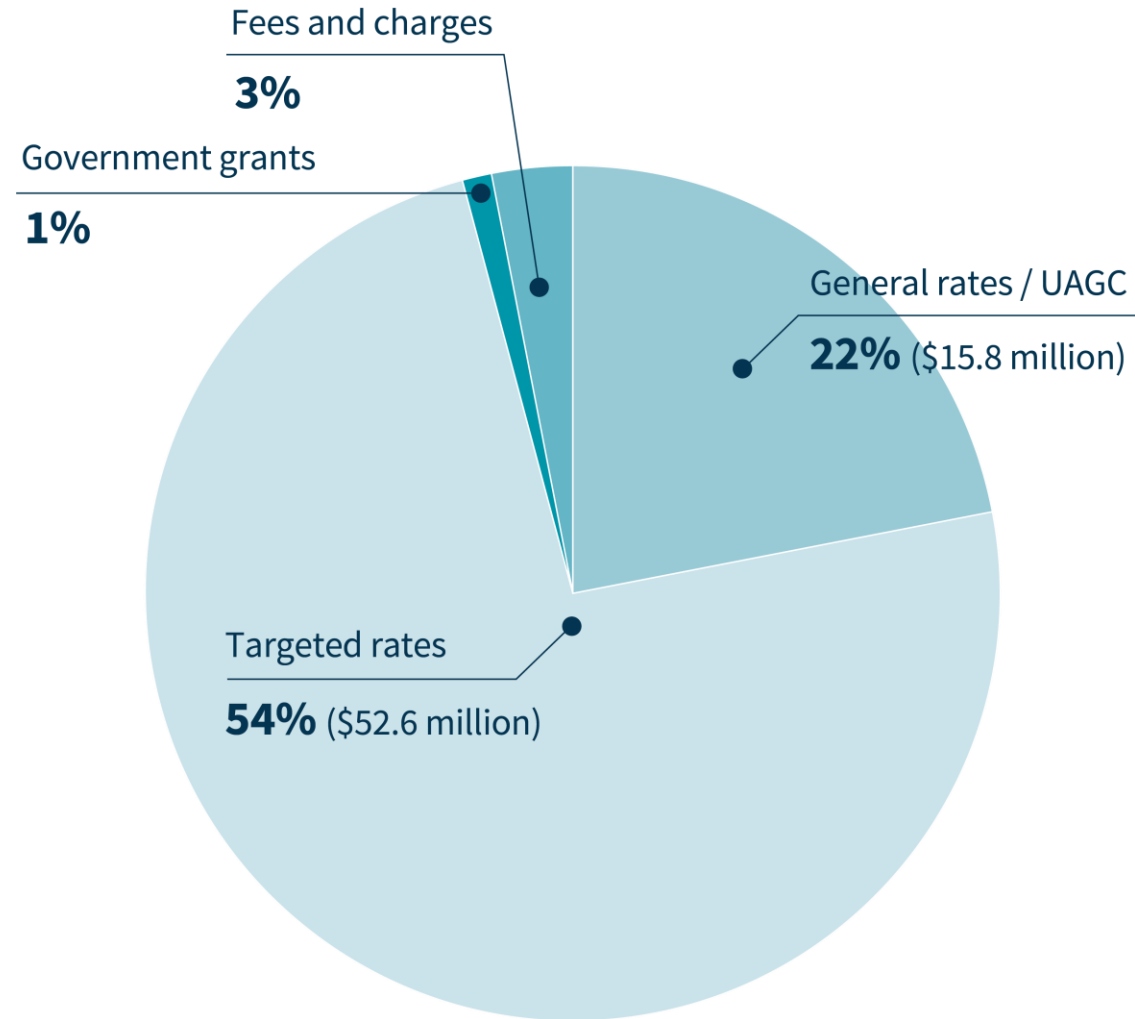
14 elected members

630 FTE

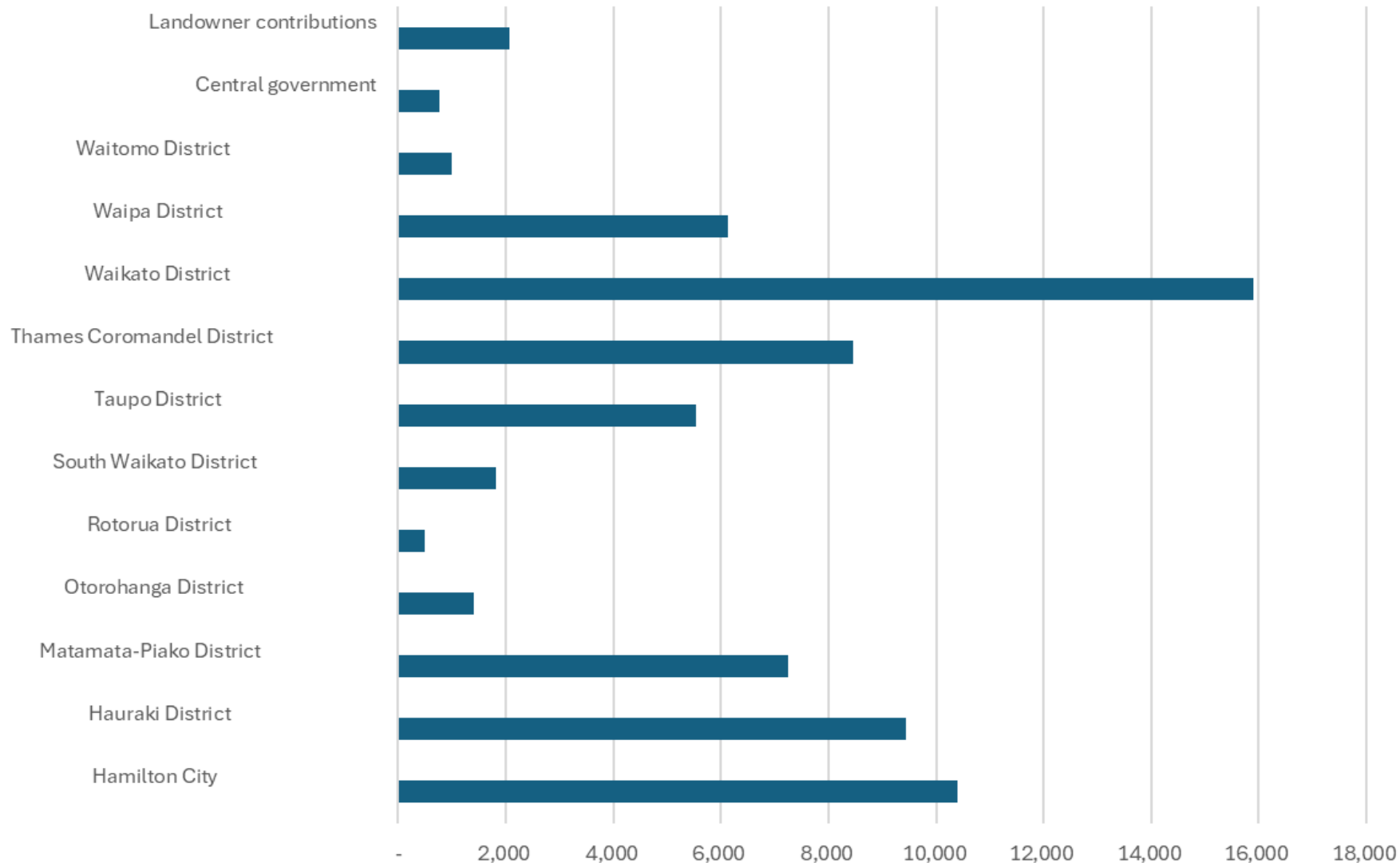
Integrated catchment management – what is it?



Integrated catchment management – how is it funded?



Integrated catchment management – who funds it (\$000)?



Lower Waikato activity rates funding mix

ACTIVITY	RATE TYPE							TOTAL
	General	Zone rates	Catchment rate	Contributor hydro rate	Contributor pastoral rate	Contributor urban industrial rate	Direct beneficiary rates	
Catchment oversight	26.0%	28.0%	28.0%	0.0%	14.0%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Information and advice	26.0%	28.0%	28.0%	0.0%	14.0%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Catchment maintenance	63.0%	22.0%	7.0%	0.0%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Catchment new works	53.0%	26.5%	9.5%	0.0%	5.5%	5.5%	0.0%	100.0%
River management	5.0%	60.0%	15.0%	0.0%	17.0%	3.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Flood protection main channel – main	4.0%	8.0%	2.0%	27.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection main channel – Managawara	14.0%	16.0%	10.0%	2.0%	14.0%	3.0%	41.0%	100.0%
Flood protection community works	14.0%	16.0%	10.0%	0.0%	15.0%	4.0%	41.0%	100.0%
Flood protection Aka Aka/Ohaua	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection Mangawara	13.0%	13.0%	9.0%	6.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection WRC schemes	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection Waikato District	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Flood protection Franklin District	15.0%	11.0%	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%	4.0%	40.0%	100.0%
Zone funding and interest	15.0%	42.5%	42.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

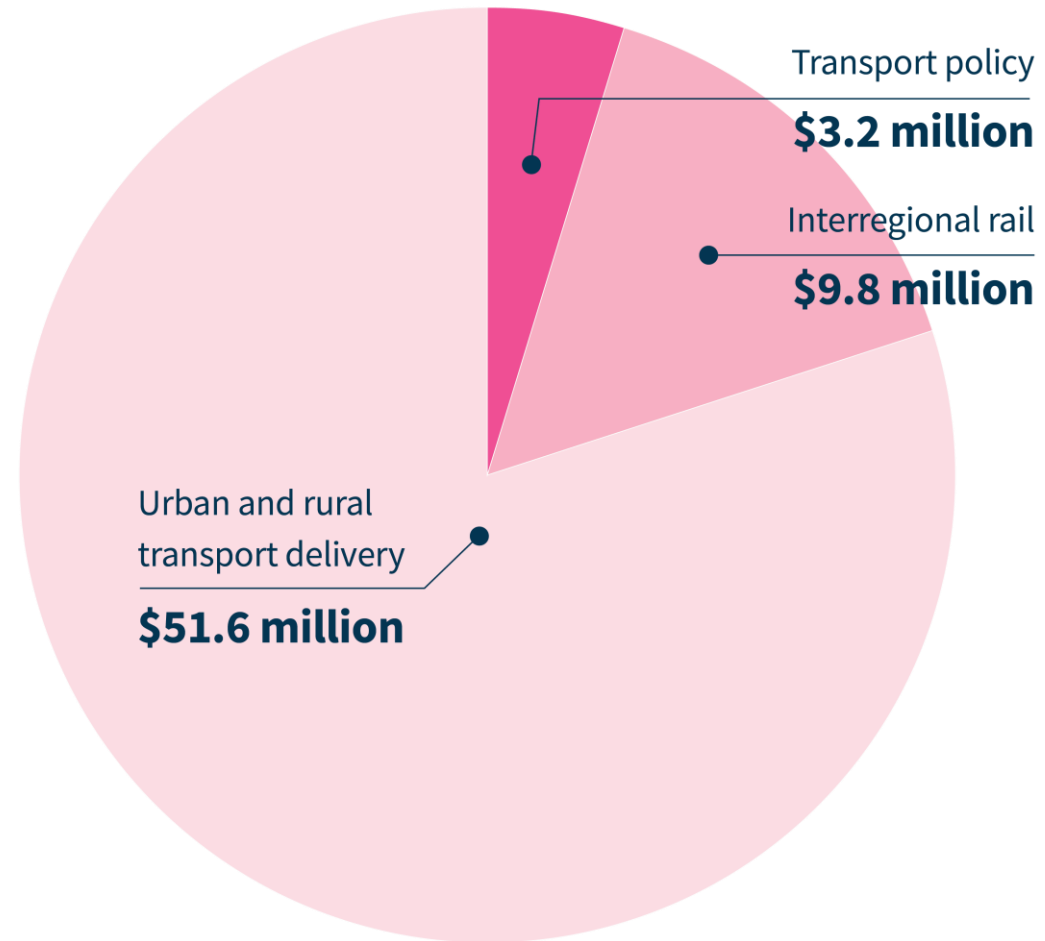
Passenger transport network



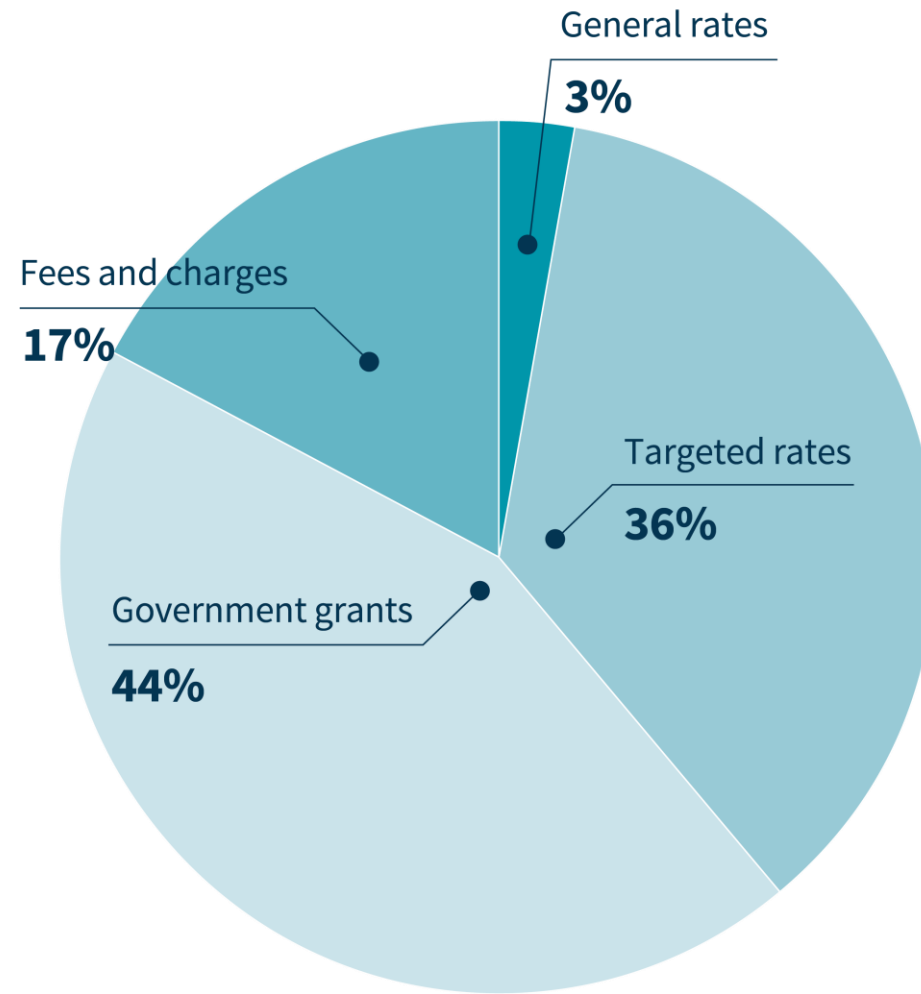
Key roads and rail



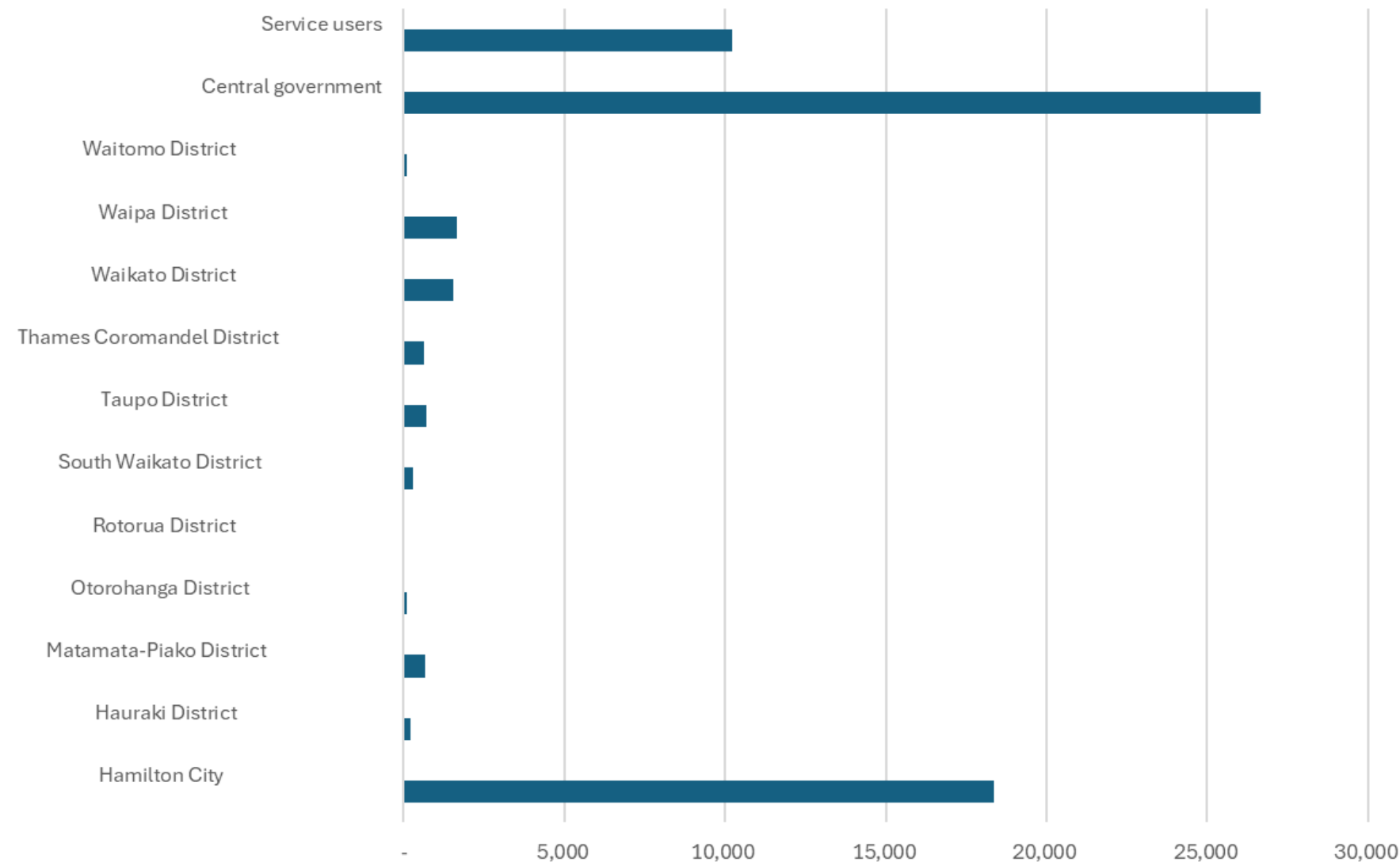
Public transport – what is it?

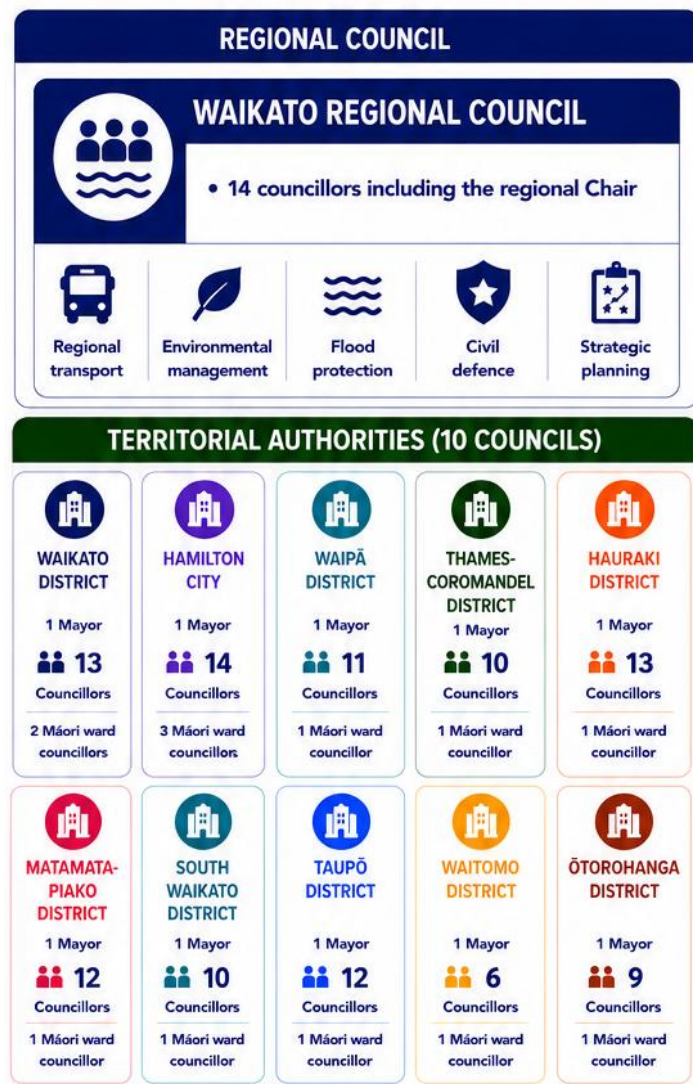


Public transport – how is it funded?



Public transport – who funds it (\$000)?





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