

# Horizons (Manawatū-Whanganui) Region Water Allocation Framework

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## What is the Water Allocation Framework

Horizons has recently evaluated the One Plan's water quantity and allocation policies in the context of the NPS FM 2020 and Te Mana o te Wai and identified areas for improvement. One of these areas is the One Plan's Water Allocation Framework.

Horizons' current water allocation framework has generally guided the distribution of the region's freshwater effectively, sustaining the well-being of waterways and everything that relies on them.

## Summary of HortNZ submission

- Horticulture New Zealand is aware that there are other high-level consultations which will inform the Horizons NPSFM 2020 plans that will likely further inform and influence documents and frameworks such as the Water Allocation Framework.
- Horticulture is diverse and spread out across the region. Outside of the Specified Vegetable growing area in Horowhenua, there is production in the Ohakune area and Whanganui - Rangitikei areas of the region. Water sources, and requirements in operations vary depending on crops grown and whether the water is required for irrigation or post-harvest use.
- Horticultural produce grown in the region supports the health and well-being of the population. Further to this there is greater levels of efficiency and more considered use of freshwater to meet crop demand. Recognition of this should be given to horticulture through the Water Allocation Framework
- A considerable amount of allocated water is used for hydroelectric generation. There needs to be greater understanding and discussion about when water is taken and diverted from one water body to another, and the impact this has on other users of freshwater that contribute to the health and well-being of the population.
- We welcome the opportunity to speak with Horizons (Manawatu-Whanganui) Regional Council further, especially as other NPSFM 2020 consultations occur that may impact the Water Allocation Framework.

### WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

- [Water allocation | Oranga Wai \(horizons.govt.nz\)](https://horizons.govt.nz)
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