

Tasman District Council: Environmental Outcomes Submission

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Summary of HortNZ's submission

What is the Environmental outcomes consultation about?

The Tasman District Council has been seeking community views on draft environmental outcomes and value descriptions as part of their NPSFM 2020 plan preparation. The Environmental Outcomes will inform the target attribute states, limits and level of ambition in the plan.

Key changes /provisions

Horticulture is an important industry in the Tasman Region. There are two prominent and distinct subsets. Orcharding (largely of pipfruit crops) and commercial vegetable production on the Waimea Plains.

Each subset has its own specific needs and pressures.

Draft visions

It is important that freshwater for horticultural needs is included in the draft visions for FMU with horticulture. Horticulture supports the overall health of the population as well as is an important industry in areas such as Tasman.

Draft Environmental outcomes

HortNZ would like to see greater emphasis on water for irrigation, cultivation, growing and post-harvest treatment of horticultural crops, and crops that are for human consumption. The current outcomes place an equal focus on water for a wide range of farming and irrigation purposes which does not distinguish the importance of providing water for crops that support human health.

WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Tasman District Council info page: [Freshwater Environmental Outcomes | Freshwater from the mountains to the sea | Shape Tasman](#)
- Keep an eye on HortNZ's website [Home | Horticulture New Zealand – Ahumāra Kai Aotearoa \(hortnz.co.nz\)](#)
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