

## Our Places

Eastern
Bay of Plenty
spatial plan



Nau mai, Haere mai

Friends of 'Our Places': Eastern Bay Spatial Plan



## Eastern Bay's unique strengths

- an abundance of natural resources, a favourable climate, and enviable lifestyle
- diversified and growing economic sectors
- a strong and growing Māori economy
- visionary iwi with related strategies
- strong community resilience
- options for how to manage growth

## What Our Places will encompass

- a shared vision and set of objectives focused on the four wellbeings (economic, social, cultural, environmental) and how to achieve these
- great placemaking to support thriving resilient communities
- clear plans for where there will be more houses, more places to work, infrastructure needed
- how we can meet future challenges, like climate change
- where we can next accommodate incoming growth pressures
- how we guide investments to achieve the outcomes



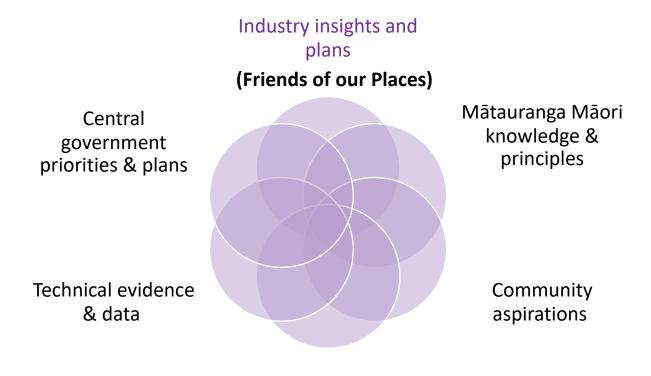
## Partners to the spatial plan

Our Places is unique in that it is being developed in true partnership between Local/Central Government and Iwi Partners from across the subregion

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Ōpōtiki District Council Kawerau District Council Whakatāne District Council Ngāitai
Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Manawa
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whare
Te Whānau a Apanui
Tūwharetoa ki Kawerau
Whakatōhea

Ministry of Education
Waka Kotahi
Kāinga Ora
Ministry of Housing and
Urban Development

## **Key inputs**



Partner priorities

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# We need your help to get Our Places right



- key sub-regional insights and advice
- recognition of your future priorities, actions, and intentions
- resources or data that can assist the plan's development
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## Spatial plans

What they are about

The process

**Emerging insights** 

What we want to know from you



A spatial plan is a picture of where we are now, our vision and a roadmap for the future of places and spaces

Natural environment

People, homes and communities

**Placemaking** 

Economy and jobs

Access and mobility

Development constraints / opportunities

Growth / urban form

Implementation

## Benefits of spatial planning



- an avenue to bring iwi plans and visions to life, including Māori housing / papakāinga
- unlock more Central Government funding, faster
- more attractive to development
- greater civic participation by engaging the community
- drive Council efficiencies and savings
- future proof the economy
- stronger working relationships
- improved reputation as an investment location
- provide focal point for investment conversations



## Hierarchy of spatial plans



#### Regional spatial plan

- Spatial Planning Act
- High level
- Key moves for infrastructure, land use, major activities, big changes



#### Sub-regional spatial plan

- Constraints maps
- Location of growth and density
- Connections / infrastructure
- Community priorities for wellbeing



#### Structure plan

- Framework for development a specific location
- Layout of land use, infrastructure, greenspace, roads



### Community placemaking plan

- Specific to a community or neighbourhood
- Ranges from setting local priorities for projects, to design of projects, or management of public space

## How Our Places is being developed

#### **Current state**

Information that provides a snapshot of where we are now



#### **Future state**

Decided with
Mātauranga
Māori and
additional
information from
the people of the
Eastern Bay of
Plenty



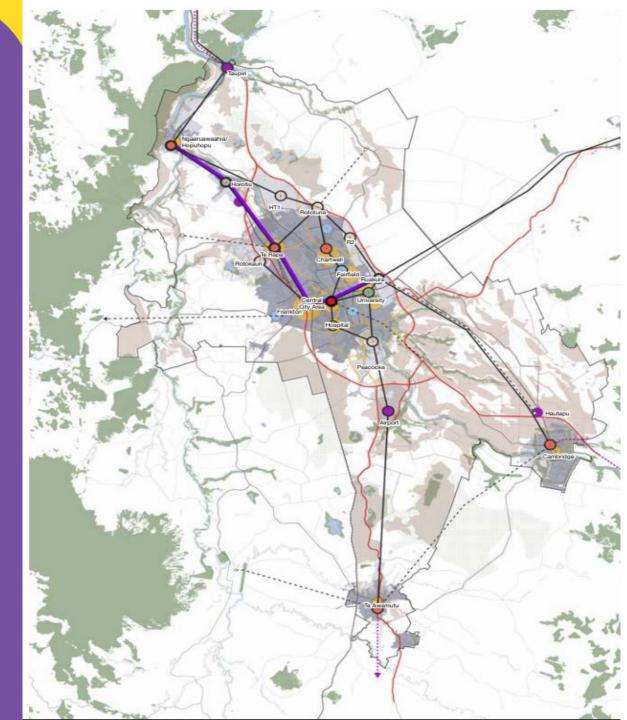
## How we can get there

Guidance to prioritise investing money to improve the wellbeing of people and the environment

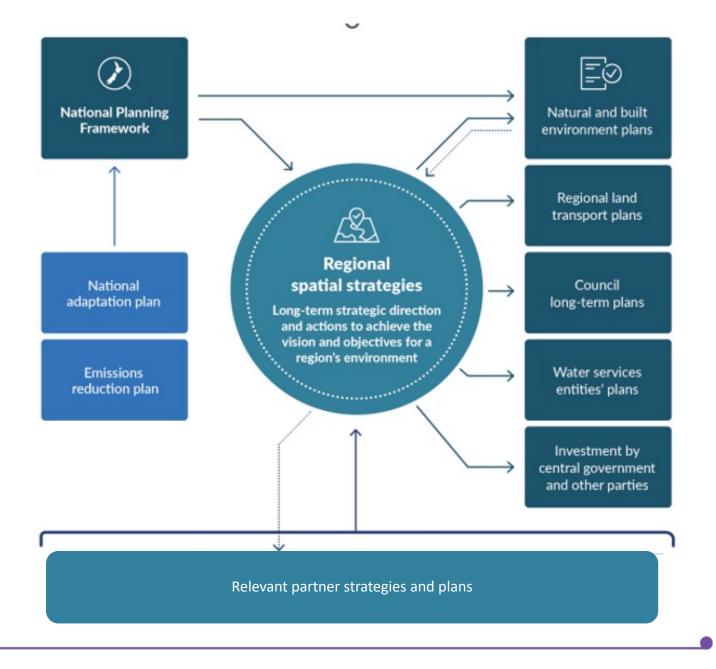
## Waikato example



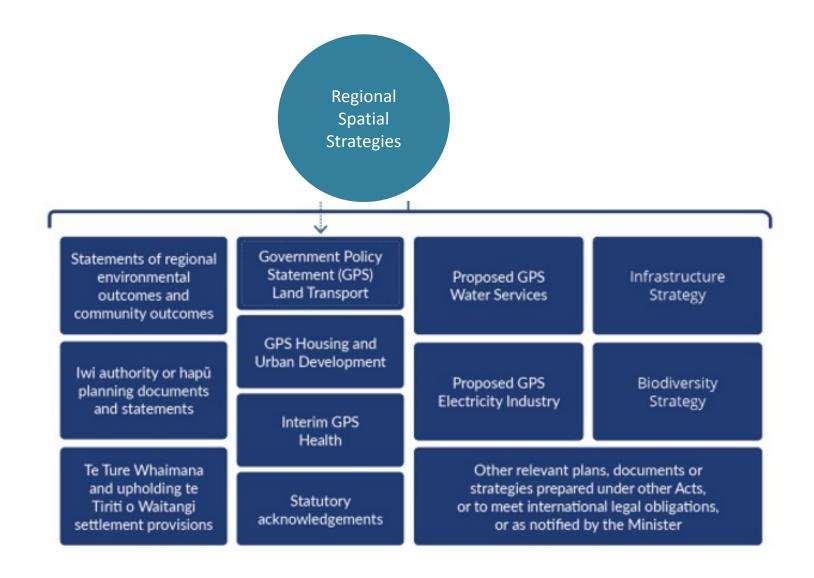
- long term direction, vision and objectives
- integrated view to inform other statutory plans
- areas to protect, restore or enhance
- areas of cultural heritage and areas with resources of significance to Māori
- areas subject to constraints
- areas appropriate for housing and development
- areas where significant land use change is required
- strategic sites and indicative locations for future infrastructure



A tool for integrating decisions of different partners



The New Regional
Spatial Strategies will
be informed by and
inform a wide variety
of key strategic
planning documents





### **Process**

2023

Governance set up
Review existing
data

New work (to confirm goals, constraints, options)

Establish Friends of Our Places.

Community engagement on priorities and options;

Selection of a preferred growth option;

Identify transformational outcomes for well-beings.

Spatial plan;

Implementation plan;

Second round of engagement (if needed)

Approvals by Councils and iwi authorities.

After.

Govern, Action, Monitor, Adjust

## **Working with Friends of Our Places**

#### Looking ahead

- 1:1 meetings with the project team
- Forums to invite your input at key stages of the project
- Grow this group as the project becomes more detailed
- Newsletter will be published to keep you informed
- Other ideas are welcome

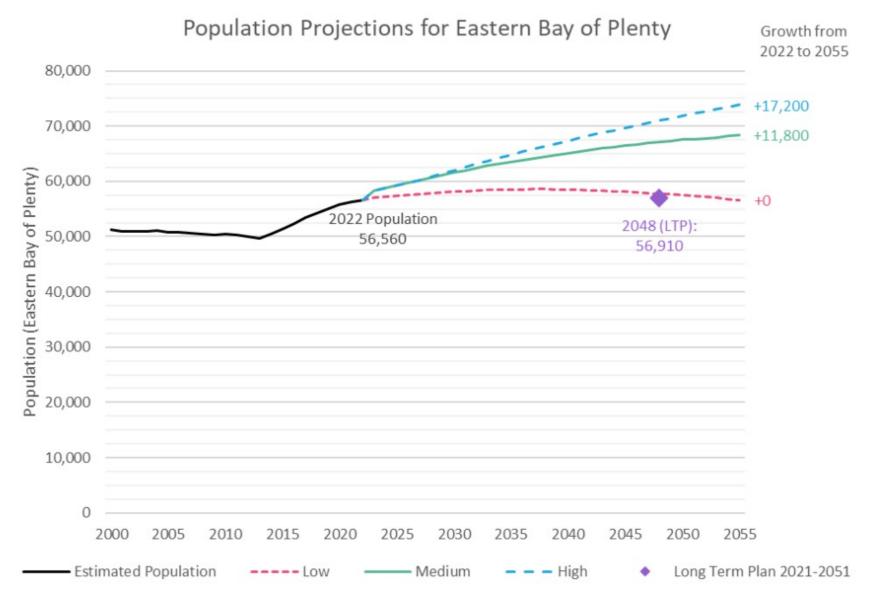


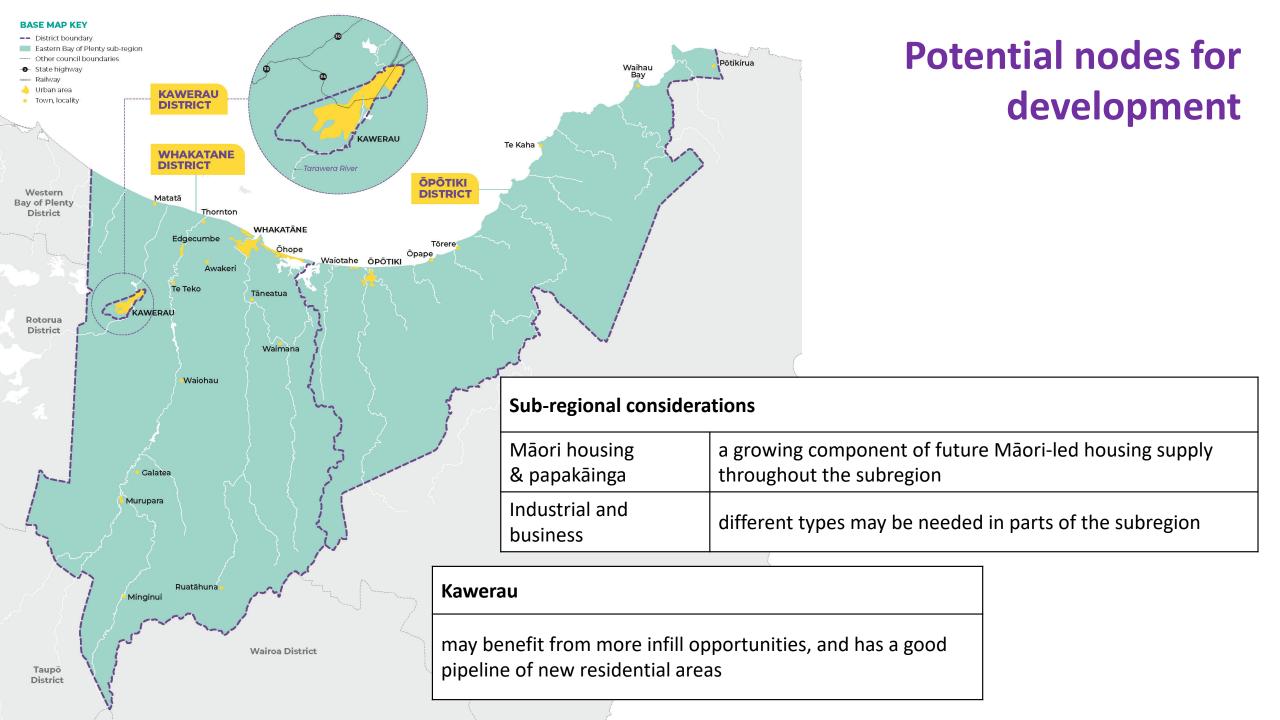
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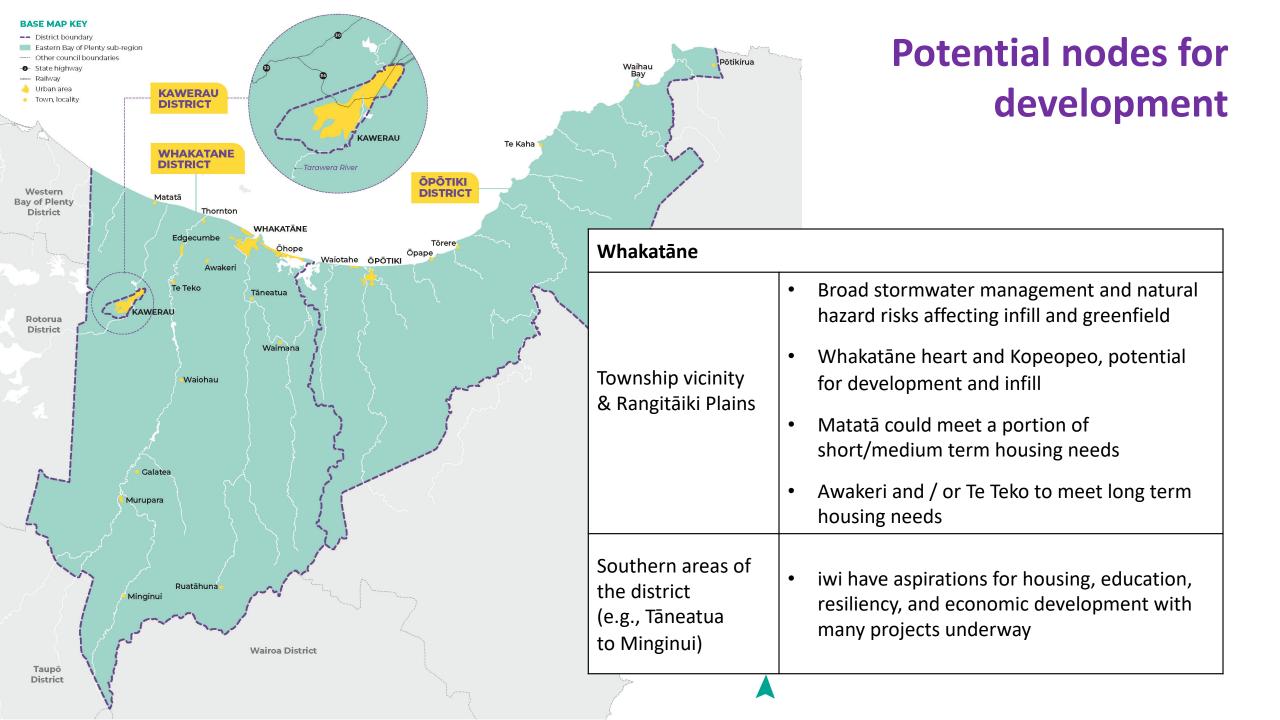
- growth forecast and there are shortfalls of residential land now
- expansion of existing main urban centres is problematic
- terrain, rivers/floodplains, and agricultural productivity also constrain growth more broadly
- no single development location or type of growth can meet all residential or business needs
- iwi visions and strategies include expanded economic, education, and housing opportunities throughout the sub-region
- lifeline routes for goods and people movement need to become more resilient
- climate change risks are broad scale and require careful planning to ensure resiliency
- protect and enhance key environmental areas, and improve environmental performance of new developments

## Planning for a range of growth

(figures may change)







### **Potential nodes for** development

projects underway

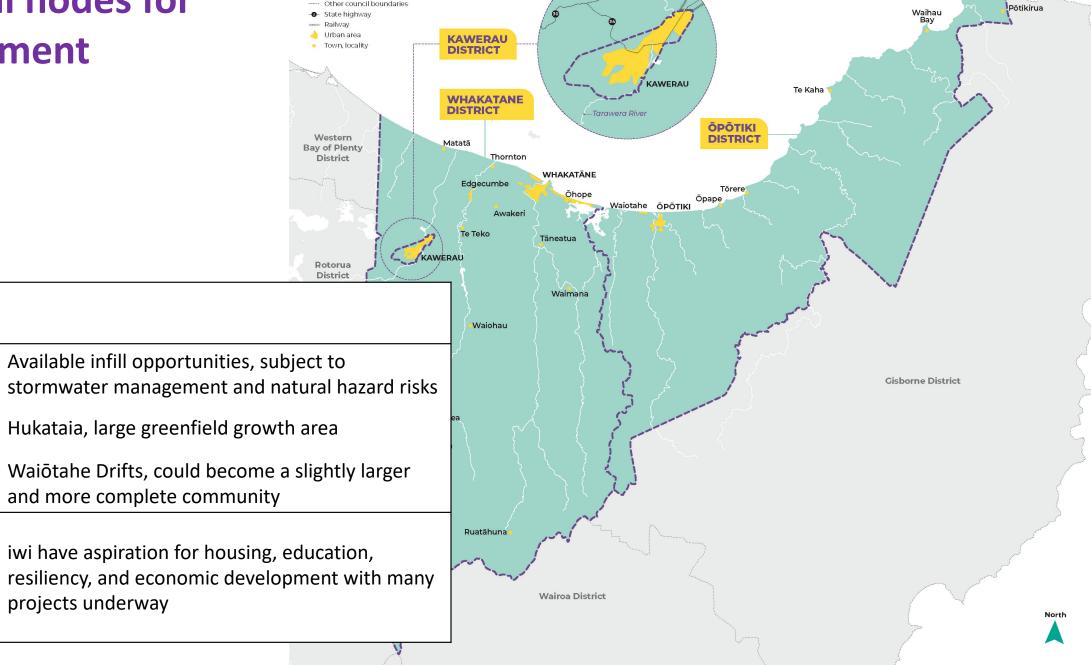
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Township

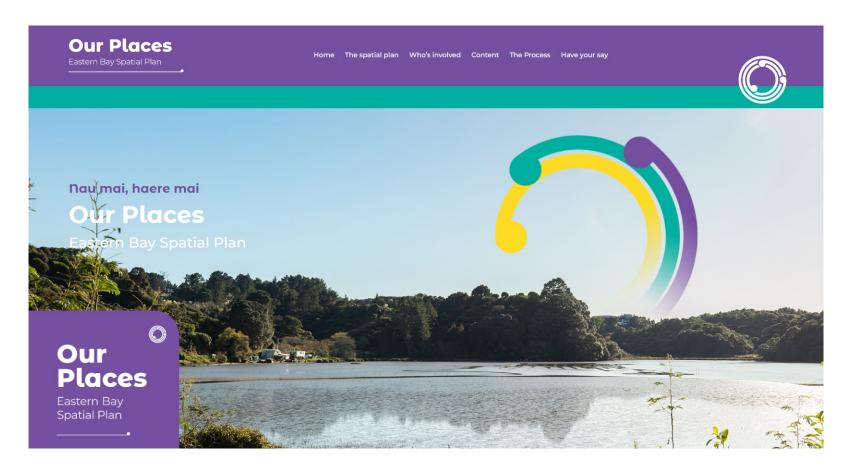
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Eastern

areas



### For project information and updates



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