

Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta Upper Hutt

Pūrongo ā Tau
Annual Plan 2026/27

What we do to make
our region a great
place to live, work
and play



Plan our
region's future



Protect our
environment



Look after
regional parks



Grow the
economy



Prepare for
and respond to
emergencies



Create flood
protection



Manage public
transport



Look after our
harbours and
coasts

Ko ā mātou mahi mō Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta me tō tātou rohe hei te 2026/27 What we have planned for Upper Hutt and our region in 2026/27

- Progressing the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility programme, which will replace aging trains on the Manawatū and Wairarapa lines.
- Managing Hutt River to reduce flood risk for Upper Hutt communities.
- Protecting our taonga from the impacts of pests throughout the rohe including protecting New Zealand's largest rata trees from possums in the Akatarawa forest.
- Supporting economic development through the mahi of WellingtonNZ and Te Matarau a Māui our region's economic development agencies.
- Supporting the risk reduction, planning and adaption to a range of hazards including climate risk to help Wellington communities prepare and recover from future emergencies.



Our pest team at Akatawara



Toxic algae monitoring at Kaitoke Regional Park

Te mahi tahi ki ngā mana whenua

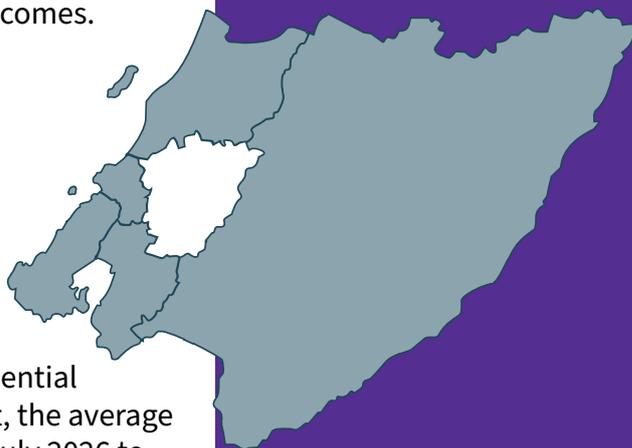
Partnership with mana whenua

Te Pane Matua Taiao works hard at partnering. We value our relationships with mana whenua of the region and show this through creating opportunities to grow all iwi, hāpori and whānau. Trust and understanding across 30 years enable our innovative partnerships to create better environmental outcomes for community benefit.

Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o Te Ika continue to provide strategic insight, collective decision making, co designed approaches and Tiriti based leadership across their rohe through regular engagement.

This approach relies on strong collaboration with local and neighbouring councils, community groups, landowners, Crown agencies, and our delivery partners. Together, we focus on shared priorities, such as biodiversity restoration, climate adaptation, flood resilience, emergency management, public transport, and harbour management, to ensure projects are grounded in place, partnership, and long-term outcomes.

Read our full proposed Annual Plan 2026/27 or give feedback on anything you have read.



Mō āu rēti | About your rates

We've reviewed our work to balance delivering essential services with the cost to our ratepayers. As a result, the average proposed rates increase across the region from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 is 9.7%. The table below shows the average rates for Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta Upper Hutt. Your individual rates may differ due to local factors, so they may not match the regional average or your neighbours' rates. For a personalised estimate, visit our rates calculator - www.gw.govt.nz/rates-calculator

Upper Hutt Average Rates		Average Rates 2026/27	Average increase per annum	Average increase per week	Increase %
Residential (incl. GST)	Upper Hutt City	\$1,088.48	\$97.76	\$1.88	9.9%
Business* (excl. GST)	Upper Hutt City	\$3,021.64	595.42	\$11.45	24.5%
Rural (excl. GST)	Upper Hutt City	\$933.39	\$38.86	\$0.75	4.3%

*The business values for Upper Hutt exclude council utilities.

Business rates in Upper Hutt are increasing because business property values have gone up while house and rural values have gone down. As a result, businesses now pay a larger share of the rates.