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RURAL DRINKING WATER FUNDS

1 JANUARY to 30 JUNE 2025



Kahuranaki Marae, Hawkes Bay – Rural Drinking Water Fund

RURAL DRINKING WATER FUNDS OVERVIEW

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND FINANCING (NIFF) WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (DIA) TO DELIVER A \$44M DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME.

This programme primarily supports providing safe, affordable, and reliable rural drinking water to marae, Te Kōhanga, and Papakāinga, and other rural communities that are in areas of high deprivation and not connected to a council drinking water supply.

The Fund provides treatment systems alongside training and maintenance to provide safe drinking water while meeting new regulatory requirements from Water Services Authority. The sites have a range of water sources, including lakes, streams, rivers, springs, and roofs. Very few have any form of water treatment, meaning communities are drinking untreated and possibly unsafe water.

The Fund also equips local communities with the necessary knowledge to maintain and operate the treatment plants themselves. Following installation, all equipment will be owned by the rural drinking water supplier.

NIFF has delivered the programme in partnership with Filtec who design and build the infrastructure. The Programmes have completed 90 new water treatment plants for communities at end of FY25. NIFF has also partnered with Te Arawa Lakes Trust to support the provision of safe drinking water within their rohe as an extension of the Marae Drinking Water Programme.

OUR TARGETS

INSTALLED



RDW*: 89
MDW*: 30

GOVERNMENT FUNDING



RDW: \$30.0m
MDW: \$11.5m

(\$30m RDW, \$11.5m MDW
and \$2.5m TALT)**

INSTALLATION SATISFACTION



80%

* RDW: Rural Drinking Water and MDW: Marae Drinking Water

** Te Arawa Lakes Trust is funded from Iwi funding provided under other government sources

1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

INVESTIGATED



RDW: 8
MDW: 41

INSTALLATIONS



RDW: 15
MDW: 0

COMMISSIONED



RDW: 14
MDW: 0

GOVERNMENT FUNDING



RDW: \$5.9m
MDW: \$1.2m

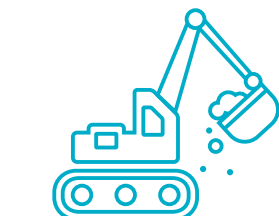
OVERALL PROGRESS

REGISTERED



RDW: 218
MDW: 167

INVESTIGATED



RDW: 119
MDW: 41

INSTALLATIONS



RDW: 89
MDW: 0

COMMISSIONED



RDW: 79
MDW: 0

TANKS INSTALLED



RDW: 119
MDW: 0

GOVERNMENT FUNDING



RDW: \$22.9m
MDW: \$1.2m

INSTALLATION SATISFACTION



RDW: 80%
MDW: N/A*

* No satisfaction surveys have been issued for MDW at this stage

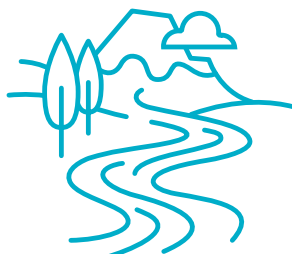
SITE WATER SOURCE PROGRESS TO DATE

DAM OR LAKE



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	5	2
INSTALLED:	4	0

RIVER OR STREAM



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	42	14
INSTALLED:	31	0

BORE SUPPLY



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	28	20
INSTALLED:	26	0

SPRING



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	24	3
INSTALLED:	16	0

ROOF WATER



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	6	1
INSTALLED:	4	0

OTHERS

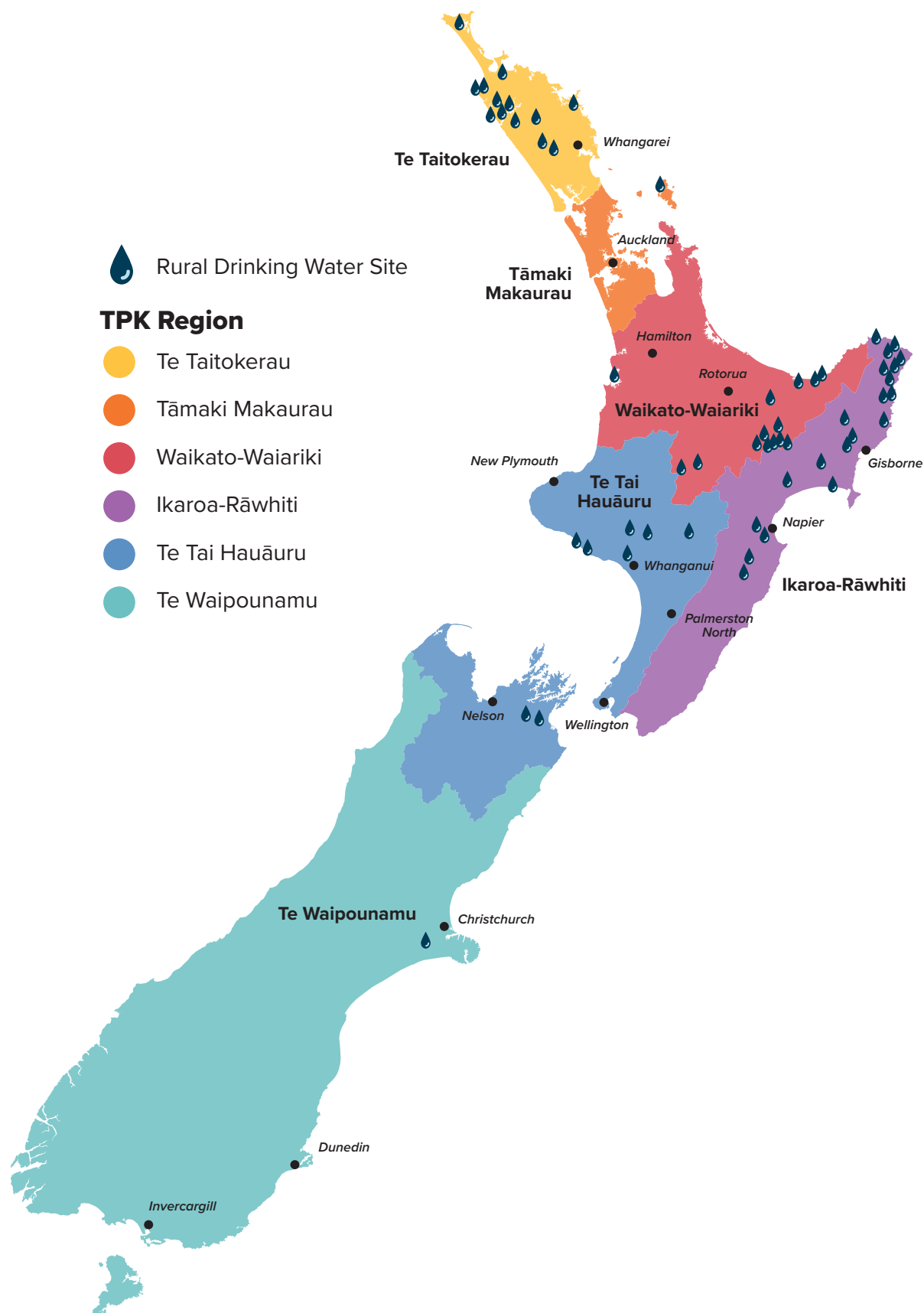


	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	14	1
INSTALLED:	8	0

WATER TREATMENT PLANT SIZE

INSTALLATIONS	RDW	MDW	TOTAL
25 cubic metres per day	6	0	6
50 cubic metres per day	47	0	47
100 cubic metres or more per day	36	0	36
TOTAL	89	0	89

DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS INSTALLED



RURAL DRINKING WATER CASE STUDY

CAMP RAUKAWA, WHANGANUI

CAMP RAUKAWA IS AN OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR NORTH OF WHANGANUI. IT PROVIDES AN EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE PROVIDED WITH SAFE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

The camp is not-for-profit and hosts schools and other educational and respite facilities from around the region and has up to 80 overnight guests at any one time.

The water infrastructure at the camp was non-compliant with current drinking water standards. The only source of water for the camp is rainwater collected from the roof, which has made it ideal for treating while keeping ongoing costs to the camp to a minimum.

The Rural Drinking Water Programme has provided a drinking water treatment plant alongside new tanks to replace the existing ones that were at the end of their lives. This means that the camp has clean, safe drinking water for all those who use the camp, both as day or overnight visitors.

“The impact has been wonderful - we now have clear, wonderful tasting water. We were often given sideways glances when people filled water bottles, or jugs of water for meals. Now nobody questions the water, it’s beautiful.”



YMCA Raukawa Adventure Centre