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RURAL DRINKING WATER FUNDS

1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2026



Parapara Marae, Northland

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 programme consists of two funds being the rural drinking water fund and Marae drinking water fund. NIFF has also partnered with Te Arawa Lakes Trust to support the provision of safe drinking water within their rōhe as an extension of the Marae Drinking Water Programme.

The programme provides treatment systems alongside training and maintenance to provide safe drinking water while meeting new regulatory requirements from the 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 programme 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 131 new water treatment plants for communities at end of FY25.

OUR TARGETS

INSTALLED



RDW*: 92
MDW*: 39 (Including TALT**)

GOVERNMENT FUNDING



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

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

INSTALLATION SATISFACTION



85%

* 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: 0
MDW: 0

INSTALLATIONS



RDW: 0
MDW: 11

COMMISSIONED



RDW: 1
MDW: 12

GOVERNMENT FUNDING



RDW: \$5.4m
MDW: \$6.1m

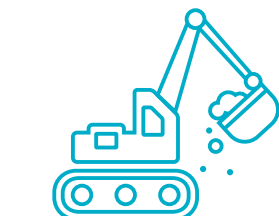
OVERALL PROGRESS

REGISTERED



RDW: 217
MDW: 189

INVESTIGATED



RDW: 119
MDW: 59

INSTALLATIONS



RDW: 92
MDW: 39

COMMISSIONED



RDW: 90*
MDW: 39

TANKS INSTALLED



RDW: 145
MDW: 31

GOVERNMENT FUNDING



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

INSTALLATION SATISFACTION



RDW: 85%
MDW: N/A*

* One installed site is unable to be commissioned under this Programme and One site is due to be commissioned once required services are in place.

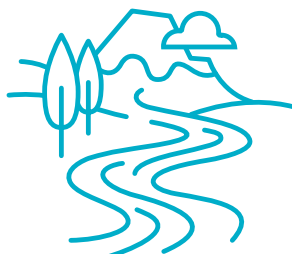
SITE WATER SOURCE PROGRESS TO DATE

DAM OR LAKE



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	5	2
INSTALLED:	4	2

RIVER OR STREAM



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	42	18
INSTALLED:	31	12

BORE SUPPLY



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	28	21
INSTALLED:	26	12

SPRING



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	24	9
INSTALLED:	18	8

ROOF WATER



	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	6	1
INSTALLED:	4	0

OTHERS

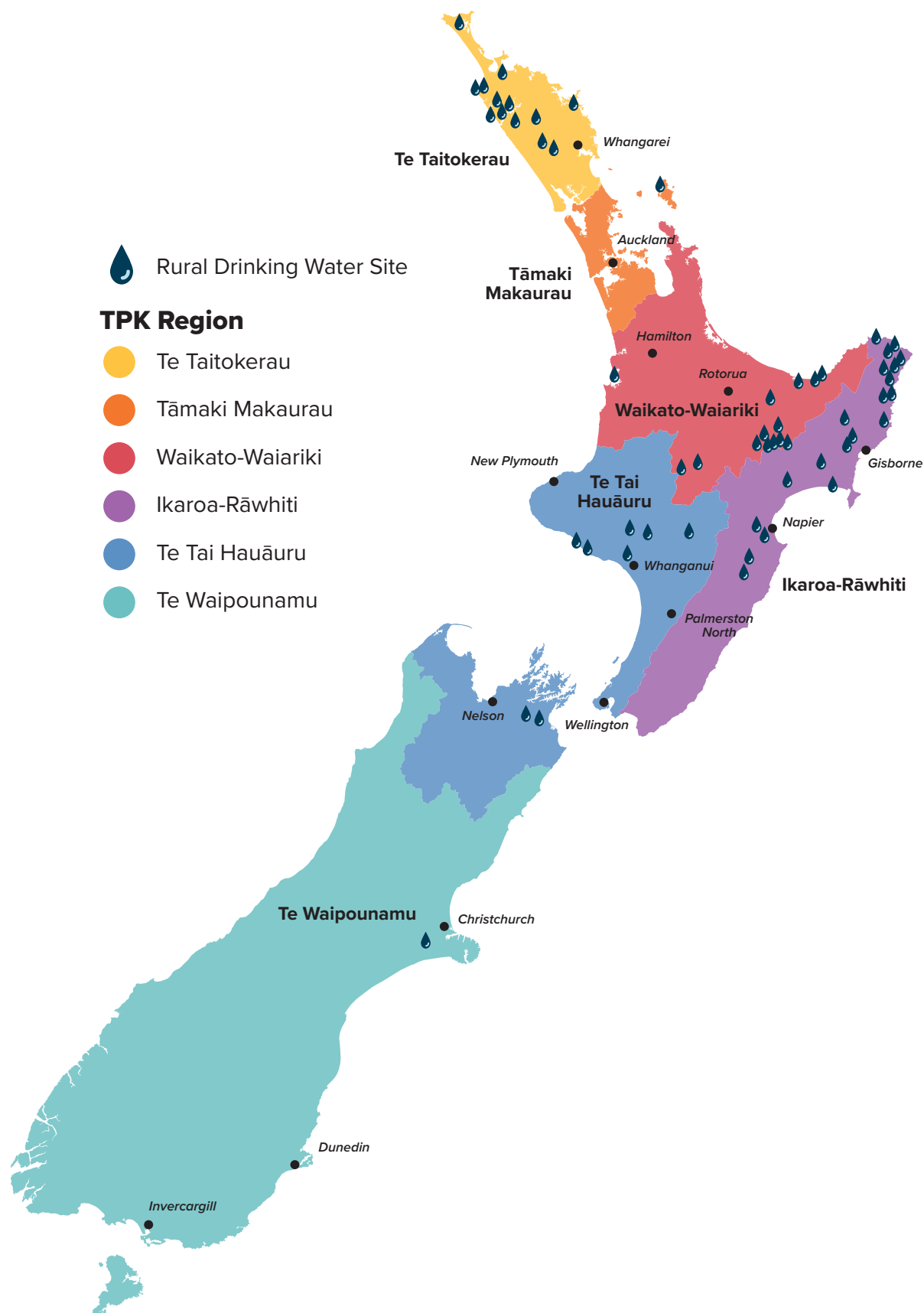


	RDW	MDW
INVESTIGATED:	14	8
INSTALLED:	9	5

WATER TREATMENT PLANT SIZE

INSTALLATIONS	RDW	MDW	TOTAL
25 cubic metres per day	6	4	10
50 cubic metres per day	47	22	69
100 cubic metres or more per day	39	13	52
TOTAL	92	39	131

DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS INSTALLED



PROGRAMME FEEDBACK

THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAS SEEN THE DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME SUCCESSFULLY INSTALL DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANTS ALL AROUND NEW ZEALAND. BELOW IS A SAMPLE OF FEEDBACK THAT THIS PROGRAMME HAS RECEIVED FROM MARAE AND OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITIES:

“It means so much to us, we have been in water poverty for many years and now we are proud to awhi our haponi and be in a state of resilience”

Te Hiku o Te Ika Marae

“We can drink it! Manuhiri don’t need to bring their own water. School kids can use their containers and come and fill up with water for their needs. We feel confident about our water quality, we don’t have to buy it in. It’s open to the community, and the timer is set for 3pm when they can come in and share the water.”

Betsy Young, Wai ora Marae

“Thanks for everything - the team has been amazing, your system has been a game changer”

Robyn Waldrom, YMCA Camp Kaitoke

“Capability, quality and manākitanga are among the many increased benefits the water plant has brought to both Tuamātene Marae and Ūkaipō Cultural Centre. From initial design and layout to installation and maintenance, it was a well-run project and one that has been greatly received by our whānau, but also the wider community who utilise our facilities.”

Will MacDonald, Tuamatene

“We are also grateful to have the Maintenance Plan for the next 4 and a bit years. We are happy that water leaving the WTP is Clean and Safe to drink.”

Anne Te Wake, Mitimiti

“We are so pleased with the amazing water treatment project. It has helped us work towards our marae development plan goal: ‘Future Proofing Our Marae / Te Puna Wai Oranga o Pariroa Pa Marae’. We would like to thank National Infrastructure and Filtec for the success of this project.”

Jo Hopkins, Pariroa Marae
