

# Waikato



REGIONAL COUNCIL

*Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Waikato*



# 2012 UPDATE

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# Policy

- 2G Waikato Regional Policy Statement operative
  - Same policies, different format
  - Appeals close Dec14
- International interest in our policy
  - EPA CEO, Luzern visit, Dec 2011
  - Santiago, Chile – advise on AEE regs, Dec 2011
  - Mexican Env Minister visit, Aug 2012
  - PNG ministers visit, December 2012



Healthy environment

Strong economy

Vibrant communities



# Science

- Quarterly features monitoring – now done by WRC staff
- Regional Geothermal Resource Size & Capacity
- Geothermal and biomass processing
- Links with MSI and MBIE

# Technical Reports published

<http://waikatoregion.govt.nz/Services/Publications/Geothermal/>

- Environmental costs of Electricity Generation
- Geochemistry
- Geothermal features annual monitoring report
- Geothermal vegetation survey
- Geothermal vegetation management priorities

# Technical reports planned

- Ohinewai Geothermal Resource – Institute project
- Te Aroha Geothermal Resource – Institute project
- Worms in geothermal ground – Institute project
- Insects in geothermal ground – Bruce Willoughby
- Geyser recording analysis – Massey student
- Geochemistry and isotopes – with Canterbury student

# Consents

- PRP Review
- PRP Governance / Management / Administration
- PRP Wk-Th, Ohaaki, Mokai, Rotokawa
- Staff recruitment
- Initiation of the Ngatamariki PRP
- Ngatamariki Construction
- Te Mihi Construction

# MOU with BOPRC

- Alignment of Regional Policy Statement
  - General alignment
  - Still some tidying up to do
- Cooperation
  - Waimangu Monitoring
  - Monthly staff video conference
  - Quarterly senior management meeting
  - Occasional TVZ meeting including DOC, GNS, etc
  - Monitoring guidelines – led by BOP & GNS



# 2013

- Pilot application of Resource Size Methodology
- Geothermal Resource Data
- Ohaaki Reconsenting