



# What's our future, Canterbury?



# Engagement on the Regional Policy Statement

We have been asking about people's **visions** for freshwater and the **outcomes** they want to see across the region.

In October/November we will be back to test how we have reflected the aspirations of our Waitaha communities, and their ideas on how we will begin to meet national environmental bottom lines for freshwater

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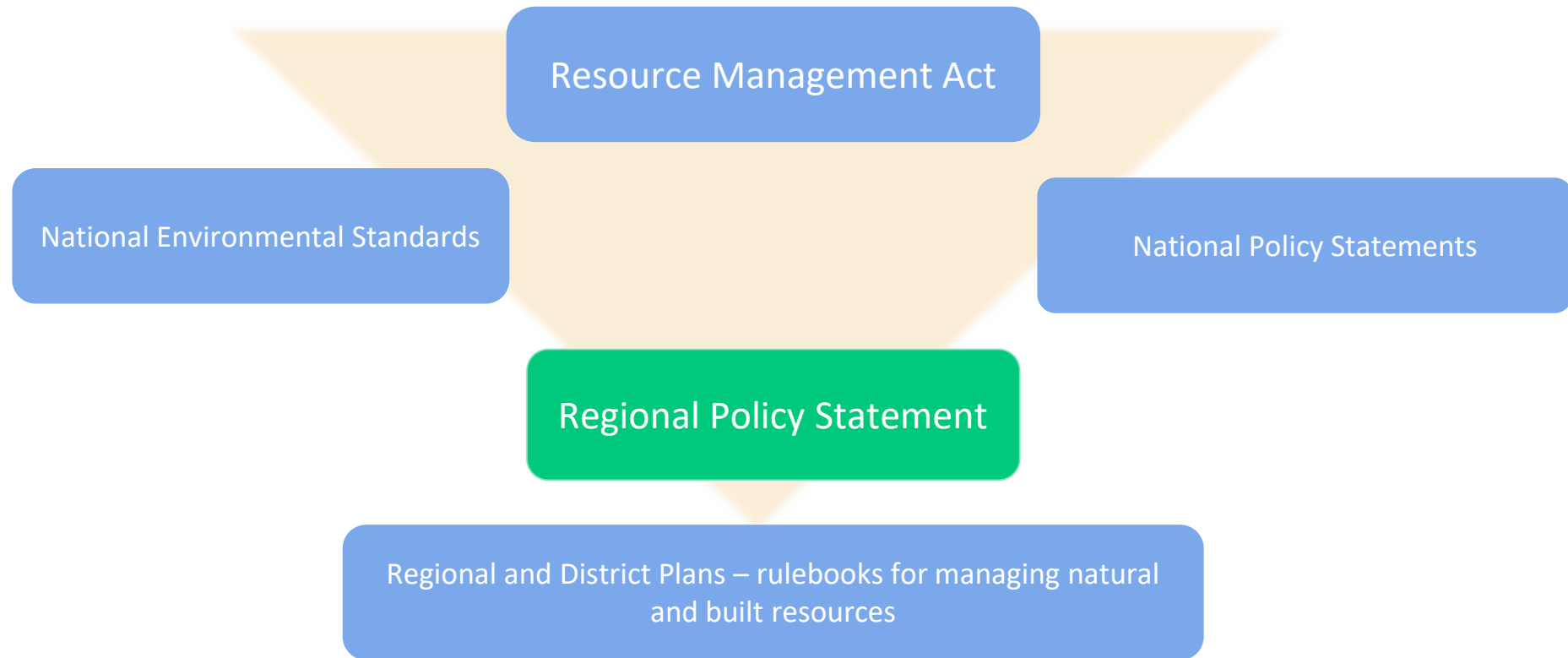
# Overview

- How the RPS fits within the planning hierarchy.
- What are the next steps/ How do Councillors stay involved?
- What factors might influence progression of the RPS?

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# What is a Regional Policy Statement ?

Resource Management Document Hierarchy



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# What's in an RPS?

- **Issues**

eg Risks from naturally occurring hazard events

- **Objectives**

eg Avoid new development that increases the risk posed by natural hazards

- **Policies**

eg Avoid high hazard areas and mitigate risk in others

- **Methods**

eg District plans to avoid subdivision in high hazard areas and require adequate floor levels in others

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# What's in an RPS?

- Significant resource management issues
- Resource management issues of significance to Ngāi Tahu
- Integrated Management
- Air
- Coastal environment (& coastal marine area)
- Land
- Freshwater
- Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity
- Energy, infrastructure and transport,
- Hazards and risks
- Historic and cultural values
- Natural character, features and landscapes
- Urban form and development

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# Why are we reviewing it now?

Statutory requirement (10 years), plus things have changed:

- RPS must give effect to new national policy, including Urban Development, Highly Productive Land and Freshwater
- Focus on the RPS now will put us in a good position as the RMA and Local Government reform rolls through

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# Timeframes and opportunities to engage



## Regional Policy Statement (RPS) Review:

Initiated with an 18-month timeline

Notify December 2024



## Community Engagement:

Part 1: Identifying outcomes

Part 2: Options for achieving outcomes

Drafting of the RPS to occur in first half of 2024



## Formal consultation under the RMA:

Beginning the formal RMA consultation process in late 2024 with notification in December

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# What's next?

## Canterbury Regional Policy Statement 2023 Engagement Programme

### Campaign #1

Sharing your visions for  
freshwater and  
outcomes for the  
environment and  
community wellbeing

**3 July – 27 August**

### Campaign #2

Testing draft visions and  
environmental  
outcomes, developing  
options and actions to  
meet them

**October - November**

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**Air / Hau takiwā**



**Coast / Takutai**



**Built environment /  
He taiao kua  
hangahanga whare**



**Water / Wai**



**Land / Whenua**



**Climate change / Te  
huringa āhuarangi**

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# Public campaign

- Regional paid advertising – print, online and radio
- Non-paid media – media release, columns etc
- Social media campaign – ads and organic posts
- Direct messages to our interest groups
- Stories in existing newsletters
- 18 x public webinars and 7 x in-person drop-in sessions
- Youth event
- Stakeholder focussed webinars and meetings
- Information for TAs

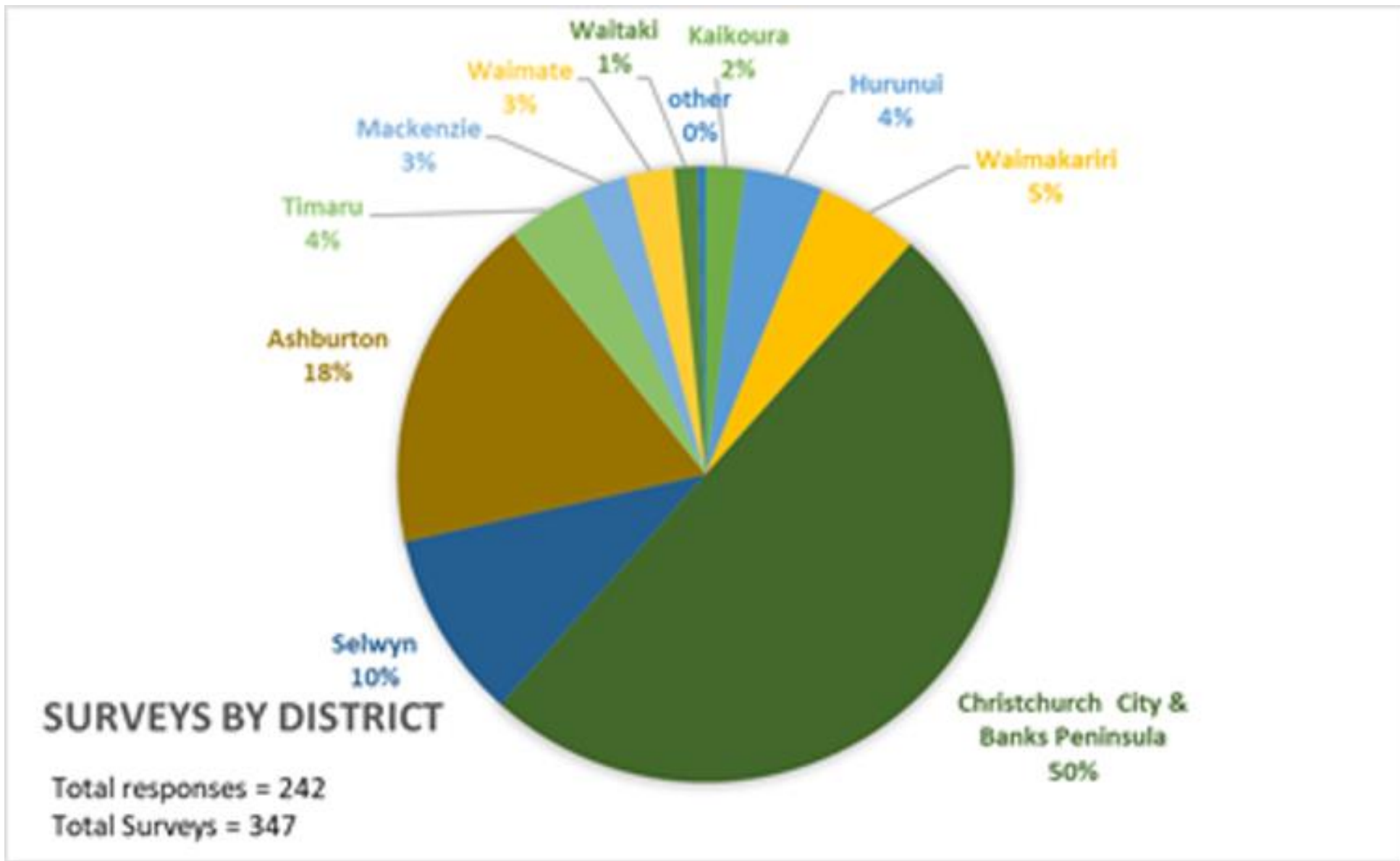
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# Engagement components

- Stakeholders motivated to engage
- The public right to know, things have changed for them too – we need them onboard/committed for lasting change to happen
- Specific sessions for Territorial Authority staff
- We are working with Papatipu Rūnanga throughout

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# What might influence progression of the RPS?

Risks include:

- Resourcing  
(Environment Canterbury and Papatipu Rūnanga partners)
- Changing national direction or politics  
(or both)



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He Pātai?  
Questions?

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