

Regional rivers water quality monitoring programme: Data report 2012

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

To effectively manage water quality, the regional rivers monitoring programme addresses the following questions:

1. What is the quality of the water now?
2. Why is the water of the observed level of quality?
3. Is water quality getting better or worse? If so - what makes it change?
4. How can we improve the quality, ecological health and integrity of the region's rivers and streams?

The monitoring information allows Waikato Regional Council to:

- determine compliance with classification standards
- assess the suitability of the resource for various beneficial uses and values of the water
- monitor the impact of major discrete point source discharges on water quality
- monitor the impacts of diffuse discharges on water quality
- provide a basis for evaluating the effectiveness of resource management measures.

This dataset is invaluable for the evaluation of the region's rivers: their state, the pressures on them and our response to these pressures. We need to continue to gather comprehensive, reliable and good quality data on the region's rivers to protect and enhance their values into the future.

This report is the 17th since the implementation of the regional rivers monitoring programme (RERIMP) in 1993¹ and follows the format of the previous data report (Tulagi, 2012). Copies of reports as described in the list of references (page 30) can be obtained by contacting Waikato Regional Council (the Library) on 0800 800 401, or in electronic format from the publications page of the Waikato Regional Council website: www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/publications or email: inforeq@waikatoregion.govt.nz

1.2 Report content

The report provides information on the routine monthly monitoring of water quality at 100 locations across the Waikato region, and includes:

- year 2012 summary statistics tabulated by parameter and reported together
- spatial contour plots for four water quality parameters using spatial interpolation of the median of the previous 5 years
- summary tables identifying the number of samples meeting 'satisfactory' and 'excellent' water quality guidelines and standards.

1.3 Water quality guidelines and standards

Table 1 lists the physical, chemical (physico-chemical) and microbiological water quality guidelines and standards used to assess the condition of the region's rivers in 2012. The standards relate to either the protection of the ecological health of rivers and streams or to the suitability for direct-contact water-based recreation (for example swimming).

¹ Waikato River reported separately — see Tulagi, 2013.

Table 1: Guidelines and standards for physico-chemical water quality for ecological health and for human uses of water. See Appendix I for a description of the guidelines and standards used.

Water quality measure	Relevance ¹	Satisfactory	Excellent
Ecological health			
Dissolved oxygen (% of saturation)	aquatic life (breathing)	>80	>90
pH	aquatic life (acidity)	6.5–9	7–8
Turbidity (NTU)	plant growth (clarity)	<5	<2
Ammoniacal-N (g N/m ³)	aquatic life (toxicity)	<0.88	<0.1
Temperature (°C) (May-Sep) (Oct-Apr)	fish (spawning)	<12 <20	<10 <16
Total phosphorus (g/m ³)	nuisance plant growth	<0.04	<0.01
Total nitrogen (g/m ³)	nuisance plant growth	<0.5	<0.1
Human uses—recreation			
Baseflow water clarity (m)	visibility	>1.6	>4
<i>Escherichia coli</i> (no./100 mL)	human health	<550	<55
Median <i>E. coli</i> (no./100 mL)	human health	<126	<23

¹ Refer to Appendix II for further information. These guidelines and standards are also described on the Waikato Regional Council Internet site - www.waikatoregion.govt.nz

In each case two values are shown. The less stringent values define water that is “satisfactory” for the desired use; these are mostly based on existing national and other guidelines and standards (Appendix I). The more stringent values identify “excellent” water, and reflect expert opinion.

2 Regional rivers monitoring design

2.1 Sampling locations

Routine water quality monitoring locations of the regional rivers monitoring programme are summarised in *Table 2* and illustrated in *Figure 1*. One hundred sites were sampled monthly by Waikato Regional Council. A further five locations form part of NIWA’s National Rivers Water Quality Network, whose data can be found on the NIWA website (www.niwa.co.nz).

Table 2: Waikato Regional Council's sampling locations

Map No.	Location	Location Id	Map Ref.
Coromandel			
1	Hikutaia River at Old Maratoto Rd	169.2	T12:471-312
2	Kauaeranga River at Smiths Cableway/Recorder	234.11	T12:404-461
9	Ohinemuri River at Queens Head	619.19	T13:576-170
8	Ohinemuri River at SH25 Bridge	619.20	T13:641-213
6	Tairua River at Morrisons Bridge Hikuia	940.10	T12:567-548
3	Tapu River at Tapu-Coroglen Rd	954.5	T11:332-658
4	Waiau River at E309 Rd Ford	1105.3	T11:357-866
10	Waitekauri River at U/S Ohinemuri Confluence	1239.32	T13:566-168
5	Waiwawa River at SH25 Coroglen	1257.3	T11:503-717
7	Wharekawa River at SH25	1312.3	T12:628-478
Hauraki			
12	Mangawhero Stm (Kaihere) at Mangawara Rd	489.2	S13:249-195
20	Oraka Stm at Lake Rd	669.6	T15:536-607
15	Piako River at Kiwitahi	749.10	T14:398-856
13	Piako River at Paeroa-Tahuna Rd Bridge	749.15	T13:318-068
17	Piakonui Stm at Piakonui Rd	753.4	T14:417-719
18	Waihou River at Okauia	1122.18	T14:602-756
21	Waihou River at Whites Rd	1122.41	T15:572-500
22	Waiohotu Stm at Waiohotu Rd (Off SH5)	1173.2	T15:665-513
19	Waiomou Stm at Matamata-Tauranga Rd	1174.4	T15:623-683
11	Waitakaruru River (Hauraki Plains) at Coxhead Rd Bridge	1230.1	S12:194-339
16	Waitoa River at Lansdowne Rd Bridge	1249.15	T14:517-783
14	Waitoa River at Mellon Rd Recorder	1249.18	T13:426-047
Tributaries to the lower Waikato River			
23	Awaroa River (Waiuku) at Otau Rd Bridge opp Moseley Rd	41.9	R12:662-319
34	Awaroa Stm (Rotowaro) at Sansons Bridge–Rotowaro-Hunly	39.11	S14:948-997
44	Karapiro Stm at Hickey Rd Bridge	230.5	T15:331-639
37	Kirikiriroa Stm at Tauhara Drive	253.4	S14:095-817
36	Komakorau Stm at Henry Rd	258.4	S14:091-949
45	Little Waipa Stm at Arapuni – Putararu Rd	335.1	T15:489-462
39	Mangakotukutuku Stm (Rukuhia) at Peacock Rd	398.1	S14:127-743
47	Mangamingi Stm (Tokoroa) at Paraonui Rd Bridge	407.1	T16:588-302
40	Mangaone Stm at Annebrooke Rd Bridge	417.7	S14:159-744
41	Mangaonua Stm at Hoeka Rd	421.10	S14:205-776
42	Mangaonua Stm at Harbutt Rd	421.50	T14:315-732
28	Mangatangi River at SH2 Maramarua	453.6	S12:042-372
27	Mangatawhiri River at Lyons Rd at Buckingham Bridge	459.6	S12:997-427
35	Mangawara Stm at Rutherford Rd Bridge	481.7	S13:084-023
43	Mangawhero Stm (Cambridge) at Cambridge-Ohaupo Rd	488.1	S15:217-653
33	Matahuru Stm at Waiterimu Rd Br	516.5	S13:083-109
25	Ohaeroa Stm at SH22 Bridge	612.9	R12:834-303
24	Opuatia Stm at Ponganui Rd	665.5	R13:773-245
46	Pokaiwhenua Stm at Arapuni-Putaruru Rd	786.2	T15:491-458
31	Waerenga Stm at Taniwha Rd	1098.1	S13:131-217
38	Waitawhirihiri Stm at Edgecumbe Street	1236.2	S14:102-787
26	Whakapihi Stm at SH22 Bridge	1282.8	R12:812-365
48	Whakauru Stm at U/S SH1 Bridge	1287.7	T16:614-282
29	Whangamarino River at Island Block Rd	1293.7	S12:954-308
30	Whangamarino River at Jefferies Rd Bridge	1293.9	S13:084-273
32	Whangape Stm at Rangiriri-Glen Murray Rd	1302.1	S13:950-154

Map No.	Location	Location Id	Map Ref.
Waipa River and tributaries			
50	Kaniwhaniwha Stm at Wright Rd	222.16	S15:985-680
56	Mangaohoi Stm at South Branch Maru Rd	411.9	T15:329-471
61	Mangaokewa Stm at Lawrence St Bridge	414.6	S16:998-162
51	Mangapiko Stm (Pirongia/Te Awamutu) at Bowman Rd	438.3	S15:093-560
58	Mangapu River at Otorohanga	443.3	S16:033-318
55	Mangatutu Stm (Waikeria) at Walker Rd Bridge	476.7	S15:203-422
52	Mangauika Stm at Te Awamutu Borough Water Supply Intake	477.10	S15:980-504
49	Ohote Stm at Whatawhata/Horotiu Rd	624.5	S14:997-794
54	Puniu River at Bartons Corner Rd Bridge	818.2	S15:115-500
62	Waipa River at Mangaokewa Rd	1191.5	S17:233-028
53	Waipa River at Pirongia-Ngutunui Rd Bridge	1191.10	S15:037-529
59	Waipa River at SH3 Otorohanga	1191.12	S16:036-322
57	Waitomo Stm at SH31 Otorohanga	1253.5	S16:022-335
60	Waitomo Stm at Tumutumu Rd	1253.7	S16:938-249
Tributaries to the upper Waikato River			
69	Kawaunui Stm at SH5 Bridge	240.5	U17:021-081
65	Mangaharakeke Stm (Atiamuri) at SH30 (Off Jct SH1)	359.1	U16:733-129
71	Mangakara Stm (Reporoa) at SH5	380.2	U17:996-003
63	Mangakino River (Whakamaru) at Sandel Rd	388.1	T17:486-013
67	Otamakokore Stm at Hossack Rd	683.4	U16:955-166
74	Pueto Stm at Broadlands Rd Bridge	802.1	U17:938-827
66	Tahunaatara Stm at Ohakuri Rd	934.1	U16:785-138
73	Torepatutahi Stm at Vaile Rd Bridge	1057.6	U17:985-965
70	Waiotapu Stm at Campbell Rd Bridge	1186.2	U17:024-082
72	Waiotapu Stm at Homestead Rd Bridge	1186.4	U17:003-000
64	Waipapa Stm (Mokai) at Tirohanga Rd Bridge	1202.7	T17:685-047
68	Whirinaki Stm at Corbett Rd	1323.1	U16:957-171
West coast			
84	Awakino River at Gribbon Rd	33.6	R17:702-918
82	Awakino River at SH3 Awakau Rd Junction	33.9	R18:588-799
81	Manganui River at Off Manganui Rd	410.4	R17:554-831
85	Mangaotaki River at SH3 Bridge	428.3	R17:764-963
79	Marokopa River at Speedies Rd (Off Te Anga Rd)	513.3	R16:708-256
83	Mokau River at Awakau Rd	556.2	R18:601-785
88	Mokau River at Mangaokewa Rd (Off SH30)	556.5	S17:096-017
86	Mokau River at Totoro Rd Recorder	556.9	R17:759-907
87	Mokauiti Stm at Three Way Point – Aria	557.5	R17:828-929
77	Ohautira River at Waingaro - Te Uku Rd	616.1	R14:842-803
78	Oparau River at Langdon Rd (Off Okupata Rd)	658.1	R15:799-494
80	Tawarau River at Off Speedies Rd	976.1	R16:718-249
75	Waingaro River (Pukemiro) at Ruakiwi Rd Off SH22	1167.4	R14:837-837
76	Waitetuna River at Te Uku-Waingaro Rd	1247.2	R14:842-742
Inflows to Lake Taupo			
91	Hinemaiaia River at SH1	171.5	U18:722-567
96	Kuratau River at Te Rae Street	282.5	T18:502-536
95	Kuratau River at SH41 Moerangi	282.4	T18:356-537
89	Mapara Stm at Off Mapara Rd (Whakaipo Reserve)	504.2	T18:681-750
92	Tauranga-Taupo River at 20 Metres U/S SH1 Bridge	971.5	T18:614-506
94	Tokaanu Power Station Tailrace Canal at SH41 Bridge	1491.1	T19:504-435
93	Tokaanu Stm at Off SH41 Turangi	1045.3	T19:517-423
99	Waihaha River at SH32	1106.4	T18:434-747
90	Waitahanui River at Blake Rd	1226.1	U18:781-627
100	Whangamata Stm (Kinloch) at Whangamata Rd	1300.1	T17:649-804
98	Whanganui Stream at Lakeside Lake Taupo	1301.1	T18:473-653
97	Whareroa Stream at Lakeside Lake Taupo	1318.4	T18:515-568

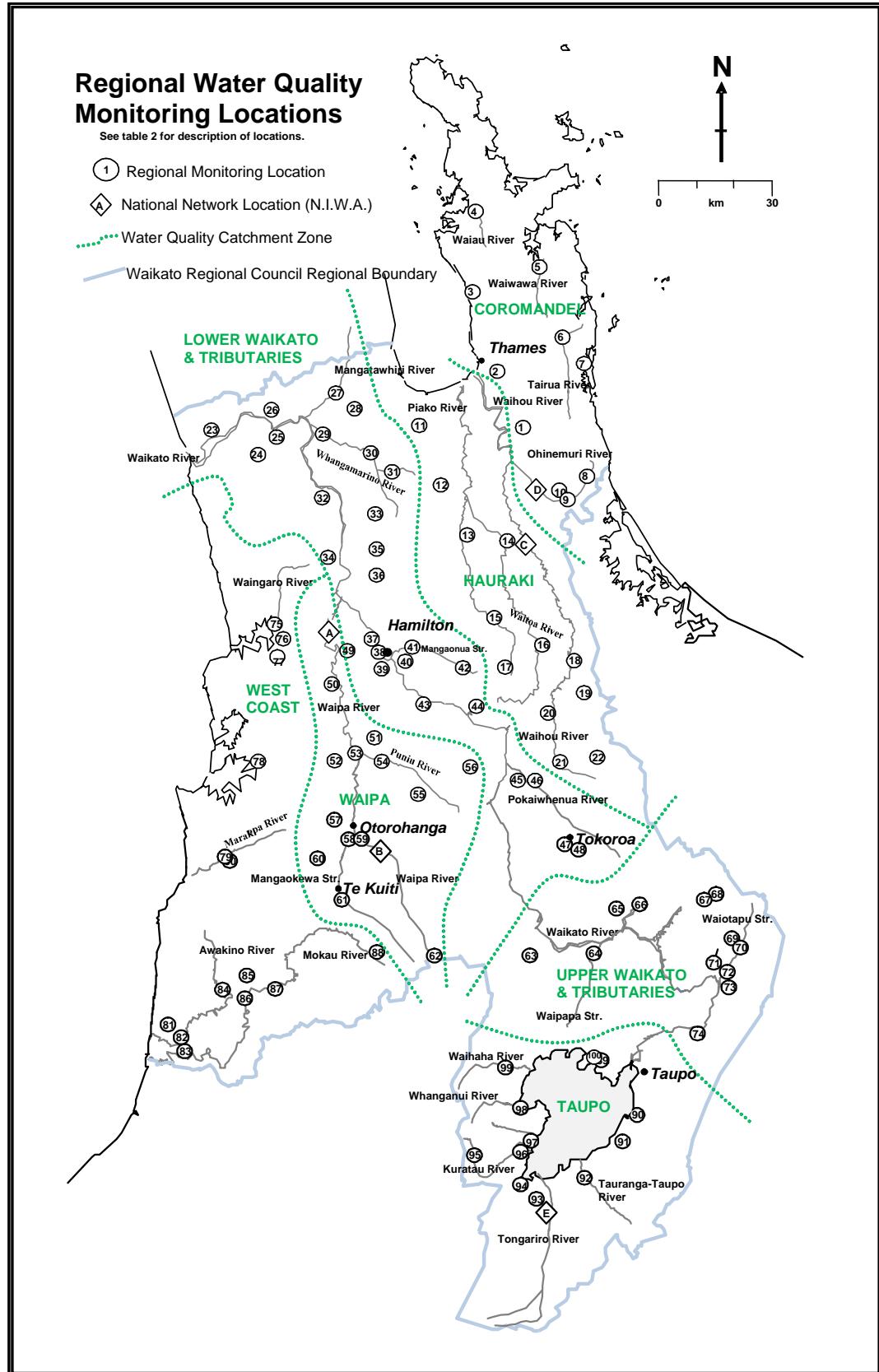


Figure 1: Monitoring locations

The sampling locations are reasonably evenly distributed across the Waikato region (Figure 1). To assist assessment of water quality, sites in the region were divided into 7 water quality zones. This division is based on expert opinion, and reflects river catchments and some broad ecological features, including geology, altitude, winter temperatures, vegetation cover and land use. The boundaries of these water quality zones are shown on Figure 1.

2.2 Sample collection

Sample collection occurs monthly. The 100 locations sampled by Waikato Regional Council staff are divided between 7 sampling runs. The runs are sampled in the same order each month, and by the same group of field staff. Sampling is assigned to either the second, third or fourth week of each month. A similar time of sampling (± 1 hour) is maintained for subsequent visits to a location to minimise the effect of any diurnal variation on water quality parameters, thereby increasing long term trend detection power.

2.3 Water quality parameters

Water quality of the region's rivers is assessed by measuring up to 32 parameters (16 routinely). Seventy-four locations are measured quarterly for enterococci, *E. coli* and faecal coliform bacteria. Some parameters are measured in the field, but most are analysed by laboratories using standard analytical methods. Details of field measurements and analytical methods are given in *Appendix II*.

2.4 Quality control, data storage and analysis

Quality control measures are undertaken in accordance with Waikato Regional Council's ISO 9001:2008 standards including procedures for the collection, transport and storage of samples, and methods for data verification and quality assurance to ensure the consistency of data across the programme. Samples are sent to IANZ registered laboratories for analysis. Back-up samples are held for two months until results have been verified by routine quality assurance procedures. All data from field measurements and laboratory analyses are stored in Waikato Regional Council's water quality archiving database (TimeStudio).

Data analysis was performed using Data Desk (version 6.0.1). For the purpose of data analysis, non-detect results (i.e. results with "less than" values) were assumed to be equal to half the corresponding limit of detection (i.e. $< x = x/2$), and results greater than the value reported were taken as equal to the value reported (i.e. $> x = x$).

The water quality spatial contour plots were created using Surfer (version 8). To present the spatial contour plots the kriging spatial interpolation procedure was used to estimate the variable at unsampled locations, using weighted sums of the variable at neighbouring sample points. The procedure is designed to minimize the variance of the estimation errors. In some cases artificial sites were used at points downstream of lowland sample sites to show a catchment flow-through effect.

2.5 Reports

A report on Regional Water Quality Trends (Vant 2008) summarises the trends and patterns in regional water quality during 1990 to 2007. Waikato Regional Council's State of the Environment Report briefly summarises the state of the rivers in the region, and common pressures (Waikato Regional Council, 1999).

The data contained in these regional rivers reports is updated to the Waikato Regional Council "Healthy Rivers" internet page:

<http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Environmental-information/Rivers-lakes-and-wetlands/>

This page also provides a link to details of the water quality guidelines and standards used to assess the condition of the region's rivers, as well as other information relating to lakes, rivers and wetlands.

3 Results

The results are divided into two sections. Section 3.1 has a statistical summary of routine monitoring of the region's rivers in 2012 and provides the spatial contour plots using water quality data from four parameters, based on median values for the last five years. Section 3.2 compares the results with water quality guidelines and standards for compliance.

3.1 Regional rivers monitoring programme summary statistics

Waipa River and Tributaries										
Kaniwaniwha Stm at Wright Rd	10	0.87	0.90	0.08	1.45	0.75	-0.22	0.70		
Mangaohoi Stm at South Branch Maru Rd	12	1.68	1.58	1.08	3.14	0.32	<u>2.12</u>	1.51		
Mangaokewa Stm at Lawrence St Bridge	12	1.02	0.95	0.38	1.93	1.00	0.25	0.97		
Mangapiko Stm (Pirongia/Te Awamutu) at Bowman Rd	12	0.67	0.56	0.08	1.46	0.36	0.78	0.51		
Mangapu River at Otorohanga	8	0.52	0.35	0.27	0.92	0.57	0.53	0.50		
Mangatutu Stm (Waikeria) at Walker Rd Br	12	1.40	1.36	0.50	3.01	0.92	0.75	1.21		
Mangauika Stm at Te Awamutu Borough W/S Intake	12	3.21	3.51	1.55	4.51	1.86	-0.40	3.31		
Ohote Stm at Whatawhata/Horotiu Rd	12	0.62	0.60	0.20	1.08	0.16	0.30	0.52		
Punui River at Bartons Corner Rd Br	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Waipa River at Mangaokewa Rd	12	1.30	1.17	0.38	2.71	1.10	0.57	1.31		
Waipa River at Pirongia-Ngutunui Rd Br	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Waipa River at SH3 Otorohanga	12	0.96	0.83	0.33	1.86	1.12	0.35	0.95		
Waitomo Stm at SH31 Otorohanga	12	0.60	0.53	0.05	1.50	0.53	0.77	0.50		
Waitomo Stm at Tumutumu Rd	10	0.78	0.71	0.20	1.32	0.49	0.04	0.75		
Tributaries to the upper Waikato River										
Kawaunui Stm at SH5 Br	12	1.09	1.15	0.20	1.88	0.74	-0.13	1.18		
Mangaharakeke Stm (Atiamuri) at SH30 (Off Jct SH1)	11	1.03	1.14	0.26	1.42	0.25	-1.27	1.02		
Mangakara Stm (Reporoa) at SH5	11	0.80	0.83	0.23	1.13	0.29	-0.73	0.73		
Mangokino Stm (Whakamaru) at Sandel Rd	12	1.35	1.50	0.60	2.12	0.72	-0.24	1.55		
Otamakokore Stm at Hossack Rd	12	1.20	1.19	0.36	1.70	0.35	-0.73	1.04		
Pueto Stm at Broadlands Rd Br	12	1.58	1.73	0.68	2.32	0.67	-0.66	1.56		
Tahunaatara Stm at Ohakuri Rd	12	1.20	1.31	0.29	1.85	0.35	-0.92	1.18		
Torepatutahi Stm at Vaile Rd Br	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Waiotapu Stm at Campbell Rd Br	12	1.05	1.14	0.35	1.45	0.29	-1.19	1.14		
Waiotapu Stm at Homestead Rd Br	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Waipapa Stm (Mokai) at Tiropanga Rd Br	12	1.08	1.16	0.42	1.66	0.42	-0.41	0.89		
Whirinaki Stm at Corbett Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
West Coast										
Awakino River at Gribbon Rd	12	1.96	1.73	0.34	4.10	2.07	0.26	1.69		
Awakino River at SH3 Awakau Rd Junction	12	1.22	1.12	0.12	2.61	1.35	0.40	0.99		
Manganui River at Off Manganui Rd	11	1.37	0.93	0.13	4.00	1.69	0.98	0.99		
Mangaotaki River at SH3 Br	12	0.91	0.68	0.22	1.92	0.97	0.37	0.81		
Marokopa River at Speedies Rd (Off Te Anga Rd)	12	1.05	0.94	0.20	1.95	0.65	0.05	0.88		
Mokau River at Awakau Rd	12	0.55	0.32	0.09	1.55	0.78	0.90	0.46		
Mokau River at Mangaokewa Rd (Off SH30)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mokau River at Totoro Rd Recorder	12	0.78	0.44	0.14	1.83	1.02	0.75	0.66		
Mokauiti Stm at Three Way Point - Aria	12	0.54	0.46	0.10	1.33	0.48	0.89	0.55		
Ohautira Stm at Waingaro Te Uku Rd	12	0.78	0.80	0.11	1.36	0.63	-0.28	0.74		
Oparau River at Langdon Rd (Off Okupata Rd)	12	1.29	1.46	0.12	1.85	0.59	-1.06	1.44		
Tawarau River at Off Speedies Rd	12	1.11	1.10	0.26	1.91	0.56	-0.24	0.98		
Waingaro River (Pukemiro) at Ruakiwi Rd Off SH22	11	0.69	0.64	0.11	1.18	0.68	-0.15	0.65		
Waitetuna River at Te Uku-Waingaro Rd	12	0.62	0.55	0.07	1.22	0.56	0.26	0.60		
Inflows to Lake Taupo										
Hinemaiaina River at SH1	12	2.14	2.08	1.41	3.31	0.51	0.69	2.10		
Kuratau River at SH41 Moerangi	12	2.28	2.09	0.99	3.50	1.62	0.27	2.16		
Kuratau River at 43 Te Rae Street	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mapara Stm (Lake Taupo) at Off Mapara Rd (Whakaipo Res)	12	1.44	1.48	0.85	1.92	0.45	-0.38	1.37		
Tauranga-Taupo River at 20 Metres U/S SH1 Bridge	12	2.70	2.55	1.26	4.50	1.39	0.31	2.75		
Tokaanu Power Station Tailrace Canal at SH41 Bridge Over Canal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Tokaanu Stm at Off SH41 Turangi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Waihaha River at SH32	11	2.73	2.89	0.90	3.50	0.89	-1.14	2.96		
Waitahanui River at Blake Rd	12	2.69	2.72	1.79	3.80	0.31	0.36	2.69		
Whangamata Stm (Kinloch) at Whangamata Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Whanganui Stm at Lakeside Lake Taupo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Whareroa Stm (Taupo District) at Lakeside Lake Taupo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

IQR = Inter quartile range; Underlined values indicate parameters having non-normal distributions

Waipa River and Tributaries									
Kanihaniwha Str at Wright Rd	12	88.6	91.1	57.5	107.3	10.6	-1.06	87.7	
Mangaohoi Stm at South Branch Maru Rd	12	101.8	102.5	96.3	105.1	4.2	-0.73	100.1	
Mangaokewa Stm at Lawrence St Bridge	12	98.6	100.6	89.0	107.0	7.3	-0.59	97.5	
Mangapiko Stm (Pirongia/Te Awamutu) at Bowman Rd	12	97.3	94.9	84.3	109.4	13.2	0.07	93.8	
Mangapu River at Otorohanga	11	94.2	96.7	77.5	105.8	13.0	-0.58	93.1	
Mangatutu Stm (Waikeria) at Walker Rd Br	12	99.1	99.2	92.2	114.7	4.9	1.49	95.4	
Mangauika Stm at Te Awamutu Borough W/S Intake	12	102.1	102.3	91.4	110.1	6.7	-0.55	97.8	
Ohote Stm at Whatawhata/Horotiu Rd	12	48.2	42.4	23.9	84.0	26.0	0.61	48.1	
Punui River at Bartons Corner Rd Br	12	95.4	95.6	89.5	101.2	4.5	-0.21	94.4	
Waipa River at Mangaokewa Rd	12	104.3	104.9	93.2	110.9	6.1	-0.64	100.5	
Waipa River at Pirongia-Ngutunui Rd Br	12	91.2	92.6	77.6	98.6	10.9	-0.72	90.3	
Waipa River at SH3 Otorohanga	12	103.0	103.3	89.8	117.0	5.9	-0.11	100.1	
Waitomo Stm at SH31 Otorohanga	12	100.3	100.6	85.9	119.6	6.8	0.71	97.1	
Waitomo Stm at Tumutumu Rd	12	104.3	103.5	99.1	114.6	5.2	0.99	99.8	
Tributaries to the upper Waikato River									
Kawaunui Stm at SH5 Br	12	90.3	90.7	82.1	96.7	7.2	-0.47	85.7	
Mangaharakeke Stm (Atiamuri) at SH30 (Off Jct SH1)	12	96.0	97.0	83.4	106.4	8.1	-0.44	93.6	
Mangakara Stm (Reporoa) at SH5	12	94.9	96.1	85.3	101.6	8.1	-0.63	91.6	
Mangakino Stm (Whakamaru) at Sandel Rd	12	105.5	108.6	94.0	117.4	10.9	-0.41	102.1	
Otamakokore Stm at Hossack Rd	12	99.6	100.8	77.7	114.7	11.2	-0.60	96.4	
Pueto Stm at Broadlands Rd Br	12	95.3	97.5	85.1	102.6	11.5	-0.48	94.1	
Tahunaatara Stm at Ohakuri Rd	12	104.6	105.2	94.9	116.8	6.3	0.23	102.0	
Torepatutahi Stm at Vaile Rd Br	12	105.0	103.9	89.7	116.4	14.0	-0.30	100.9	
Waiotapu Stm at Campbell Rd Br	12	91.7	91.5	82.8	100.4	8.0	-0.21	87.4	
Waiotapu Stm at Homestead Rd Br	12	92.7	91.5	84.6	109.8	7.6	1.26	88.8	
Waipapa Stm (Mokai) at Tirohanga Rd Br	12	102.7	103.8	94.0	107.1	7.1	-0.84	99.5	
Whirinaki Stm at Corbett Rd	12	100.5	102.2	90.1	107.5	9.7	-0.55	97.6	
West Coast									
Awakino River at Gribbon Rd	11	103.9	104.0	98.2	110.3	5.7	0.00	100.0	
Awakino River at SH3 Awakau Rd Junction	12	110.9	109.5	93.1	127.2	15.9	0.03	104.1	
Manganui River at Off Manganui Rd	12	104.2	104.8	90.5	132.7	13.1	1.03	99.1	
Mangaotaki River at SH3 Br	12	104.8	105.4	96.2	111.0	8.3	-0.35	100.7	
Marokopa River at Speedies Rd (Off Te Anga Rd)	12	107.5	107.7	103.5	113.7	4.8	0.38	103.2	
Mokau River at Awakau Rd	12	99.3	100.4	88.4	119.2	6.3	0.95	95.0	
Mokau River at Mangaokewa Rd (Off SH30)	12	102.0	103.6	90.3	108.5	5.5	-0.92	98.0	
Mokau River at Totoro Rd Recorder	12	103.6	106.2	80.5	112.9	10.8	-1.35	101.9	
Mokauti Stm at Three Way Point - Aria	12	96.9	98.1	76.6	111.8	10.3	-0.59	94.5	
Ohautira Stm at Waingaro Te Uku Rd	12	99.4	99.5	85.4	116.8	5.9	0.44	94.4	
Oparau River at Langdon Rd (Off Okupata Rd)	12	111.2	111.5	102.7	125.3	7.3	0.64	104.9	
Tawarau River at Off Speedies Rd	12	106.3	105.1	101.3	112.1	4.1	0.47	101.7	
Waingaro River (Pukemiro) at Ruakiwi Rd Off SH22	12	101.1	101.3	86.0	116.0	12.4	-0.16	95.7	
Waitetuna River at Te Uku-Waingaro Rd	12	101.1	101.6	88.8	121.9	6.2	1.09	96.2	
Inflows to Lake Taupo									
Hinemaiaia River at SH1	12	104.8	104.4	93.6	117.2	8.8	-0.07	99.6	
Kuratau River at SH41 Moerangi	12	97.7	99.4	85.8	104.5	9.0	-0.76	94.1	
Kuratau River at 43 Te Rae Street	12	105.8	106.7	95.1	118.1	7.6	-0.10	101.0	
Mapara Stm (Lake Taupo) at Off Mapara Rd (Whakaipo Res)	12	91.7	93.4	80.5	99.3	7.0	-0.90	87.7	
Tauranga-Taupo River at 20 Metres U/S SH1 Bridge	12	103.9	103.3	88.5	129.2	6.7	0.87	101.1	
Tokaanu Power Station Tailrace Canal at SH41 Bridge Over Canal	12	109.0	107.7	81.1	133.4	13.1	-0.05	102.7	
Tokaanu Stm at Off SH41 Turangi	12	87.3	88.0	77.1	98.3	9.5	-0.05	83.4	
Waihaha River at SH32	12	104.6	105.2	92.8	113.2	7.9	-0.48	100.1	
Waitahanui River at Blake Rd	12	102.4	103.7	90.3	111.4	9.5	-0.59	98.8	
Whangamatā Stm (Kinloch) at Whangamatā Rd	12	99.7	100.6	89.3	108.9	9.8	-0.33	96.0	
Whanganui Stm at Lakeside Lake Taupo	12	103.4	106.3	90.1	110.4	10.0	-0.85	100.6	
Wharerua Stm (Taupo District) at Lakeside Lake Taupo	12	99.7	101.1	88.0	106.7	9.1	-0.71	95.9	

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Waipa River and Tributaries									
Kaniwhaniwha Stm at Wright Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mangaohoi Stm at South Branch Maru Rd	4	343	125	21	1100	585	1.11	70	4
Mangaokewa Stm at Lawrence St Bridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mangapiko Stm (Pirongia/Te Awamutu) at Bowman Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mangapu River at Otorohanga	3	4287	700	160	12000	8880	0.70	570	3
Mangatutu Stm (Waikeria) at Walker Rd Br	4	285	190	60	700	350	0.97	250	4
Mangauika Stm at Te Awamutu Borough W/S Intake	4	109	88	2	260	212	0.24	26	4
Ohote Stm at Whatawhata/Horotiu Rd	4	445	395	90	900	420	0.50	390	4
Punui River at Bartons Corner Rd Br	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waipa River at Mangaokewa Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waipa River at Pirongia-Ngutunui Rd Br	4	1758	1065	300	4600	2885	0.79	330	4
Waipa River at SH3 Otorohanga	4	1113	200	50	4000	2015	1.15	260	4
Waitomo Stm at SH31 Otorohanga	4	875	970	160	1400	950	-0.30	365	4
Waitomo Stm at Tumutumu Rd	4	465	260	40	1300	780	0.91	225	4
Tributaries to the upper Waikato River									
Kawaunui Stm at SH5 Br	4	1640	495	70	5500	2960	1.11	300	4
Mangaharakeke Stm (Atiamuri) at SH30 (Off Jct SH1)	4	170	170	100	240	90	0.00	195	4
Mangakara Stm (Reporoa) at SH5	4	130	100	60	260	110	0.97	230	4
Mangakino Stm (Whakamaru) at Sandel Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Otamakokore Stm at Hossack Rd	4	245	205	170	400	140	0.96	280	4
Pueto Stm at Broadlands Rd Br	4	71	69	16	130	99	0.04	28	4
Tahunaatara Stm at Ohakuri Rd	4	260	130	100	680	310	1.13	150	4
Torepatutahi Stm at Vaile Rd Br	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waiotapu Stm at Campbell Rd Br	4	1	1	1	1	1	0.00	2	4
Waiotapu Stm at Homestead Rd Br	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waipapa Stm (Mokai) at Tirohanga Rd Br	4	123	125	50	190	75	-0.15	140	4
Whirinaki Stm at Corbett Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Coast									
Awakino River at Gribbon Rd	4	4035	67	7	16000	8040	1.15	90	4
Awakino River at SH3 Awakau Rd Junction	4	203	115	80	500	215	1.13	260	4
Manganui River at Off Manganui Rd	4	783	155	21	2800	1495	1.13	220	4
Mangatotaki River at SH3 Br	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Markopa River at Speedies Rd (Off Te Anga Rd)	4	238	170	40	570	375	0.60	210	4
Mokau River at Awakau Rd	4	1154	640	35	3300	2093	0.85	300	4
Mokau River at Mangaokewa Rd (Off SH30)	4	4344	175	26	17000	8512	1.15	195	4
Mokau River at Totoro Rd Recorder	4	4358	175	80	17000	8535	1.15	315	4
Mokautiti Stm at Three Way Point - Aria	4	5148	260	70	20000	9975	1.15	325	4
Ohautira Stm at Waingaro Te Uku Rd	4	1005	605	110	2700	1690	0.82	455	4
Opaurau River at Langdon Rd (Off Okupata Rd)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tawarau River at Off Speedies Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waingaro River (Pukemiro) at Ruakiwi Rd Off SH22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waitetuna River at Te Uku-Waingaro Rd	4	1100	595	210	3000	1750	0.94	420	4
Inflows to Lake Taupo									
Hinemaiaia River at SH1	4	14	14	10	17	5	-0.24	16	4
Kuratau River at SH41 Moerangi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuratau River at 43 Te Rau Street	4	74	58	10	170	123	0	39	4
Mapara Stm (Lake Taupo) at Off Mapara Rd (Whakaipo Res)	4	73	70	22	130	64	0.21	53	4
Tauranga-Taupo River at 20 Metres U/S SH1 Bridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tokaau Power Station Tailrace Canal at SH41 Bridge Over Canal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tokaau Stm at Off SH41 Turangi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waihaha River at SH32	4	6	6	2	9	4	-0.30	7	4
Waitahanui River at Blake Rd	4	100	14	10	360	178	1.15	20	4
Whangamata Stm (Kinloch) at Whangamata Rd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whanganui Stm at Lakeside Lake Taupo	4	40	38	22	60	28	0.19	40	4
Wharerero Stm (Taupo District) at Lakeside Lake Taupo	4	90	80	60	140	40	0.89	90	4

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Temperature (°C)

Location	Count	Mean	Median	Min	Max	IQR	08-12	
							Skew	Median
Coromandel								
Hikutaia River at Old Maratoto Rd	12	13.3	14.5	6.0	18.4	5.1	-0.57	15.1
Kauaeranga River at Smiths Cableway/Recorder	12	13.7	14.3	5.9	19.6	5.3	-0.45	15.6
Ohinemuri River at Queens Head	11	15.4	15.2	8.2	21.2	5.3	-0.22	16.3
Ohinemuri River at SH25 Br	12	15.4	15.6	8.1	22.3	4.6	-0.09	16.3
Tairua River at Morrisons Br Hikuai	12	15.3	15.1	8.4	21.8	5.3	-0.11	16.7
Tapu River at Tapu-Coroglen Rd	12	13.4	13.7	5.6	18.2	4.3	-0.74	15.3
Waiau River at E309 Rd Ford	12	13.5	13.9	6.7	17.9	4.5	-0.60	14.8
Waitekauri River at U/S Ohinemuri Conflu	11	14.5	14.6	8.2	20.2	5.1	-0.19	15.7
Waiwawa River at SH25 Coroglen	12	14.8	14.5	8.2	20.8	4.6	-0.08	16.4
Wharekawa River at SH25	12	14.7	15.1	7.6	20.6	5.2	-0.38	16.7
Hauraki								
Mangawhero Stm (Kaihere) at Mangawara Rd	12	13.5	13.2	9.9	18.1	3.9	0.28	13.4
Oraka Stm at Lake Rd	12	14.0	13.2	11.0	17.7	3.0	0.42	14.4
Piako River at Kiwitahi	12	15.3	15.8	7.1	20.1	6.7	-0.47	15.9
Piako River at Paeroa-Tahuna Rd Br	12	14.6	14.8	7.2	19.8	6.2	-0.39	15.1
Piakonui Stm at Piakonui Rd	12	12.9	12.8	7.1	16.3	4.0	-0.59	13.1
Waihou River at Okauia	12	14.2	13.4	11.0	17.3	3.2	0.26	14.6
Waihou River at Whites Rd	12	13.3	13.2	12.3	14.4	0.8	-0.05	13.5
Waiohoto Stm at Waiohoto Rd (Off SH5)	12	11.2	10.8	8.1	15.1	3.4	0.32	11.3
Waiomou Stm at Matamata-Tauranga Rd	12	13.9	13.6	9.8	17.5	4.1	0.08	13.8
Waitakaruru River (Hauraki Plains) at Coxhead Rd Br	12	15.7	15.5	10.2	21.7	6.1	0.16	16.1
Waitoa River at Landsdowne Rd Br	12	15.0	15.7	6.7	20.3	5.4	-0.62	15.5
Waitoa River at Mellon Rd Recorder	12	14.9	15.2	7.6	19.6	5.5	-0.47	15.7
Tributaries to the lower Waikato River								
Awaroa River (Waiuku) at Otaua Rd Br opp Moseley Rd	12	16.6	16.7	11.7	22.3	6.3	0.18	16.5
Awaroa Stm (Rotowaro) at Sansons Br, Rotowaro-Huntly Rd	12	14.3	14.5	9.0	18.7	6.6	-0.18	14.3
Karapiro Stm at Hickey Rd Bridge	12	14.5	14.7	7.0	19.1	5.8	-0.50	14.9
Kirikiriroa Stm at Tauhara Dr	12	15.0	15.3	9.8	19.1	3.4	-0.41	15.3
Komakorau Stm at Henry Rd	12	15.0	14.8	10.0	20.2	6.0	0.05	14.8
Little Waipa Stm at Arapuni - Putaruru Rd	12	14.0	13.7	11.3	16.5	2.8	0.01	14.6
Mangakotukutuku Stm (Rukuhia) at Peacockes Rd	12	14.9	15.4	8.0	19.5	4.7	-0.59	15.4
Mangamangi Stm (Tokoroa) at Paraonui Rd Br	12	13.7	13.4	9.5	17.9	4.5	0.10	14.6
Mangaone Stm at Annebrooke Rd Br	12	13.8	13.8	7.7	18.7	2.6	-0.53	13.8
Mangaonua Stm at Hoeka Rd	12	13.9	14.0	7.1	18.3	4.1	-0.61	13.9
Mangaonua Stm at Te Miro Rd	12	13.6	13.9	7.4	18.3	3.4	-0.58	13.8
Mangatangi River at SH2 Maramarua	12	16.1	16.1	10.4	22.0	6.0	0.13	16.0
Mangatawhiri River at Lyons Rd At Buckingham Br	12	16.7	16.7	11.0	23.9	6.7	0.26	16.5
Mangawara Stm at Rutherford Rd Br	12	15.0	14.1	10.6	21.4	3.8	0.60	14.6
Mangawhero Stm (Cambridge) at Cambridge-Ohaupo Rd	12	14.2	14.4	8.5	19.4	3.6	-0.20	14.3
Matahuru Stm at Waiterimu Road Below Confluence	12	14.5	13.9	9.5	20.0	4.0	0.09	14.2
Ohaeroa Stm at SH22 Br	12	14.4	13.9	10.5	18.5	3.4	0.19	14.1
Opuatia Stm at Ponganui Rd	12	14.7	14.4	10.6	19.9	3.8	0.42	14.6
Pokaiwhenua Stm at Arapuni - Putaruru Rd	12	13.7	13.2	10.3	17.5	3.8	0.24	14.4
Waerenga Stm at Taniwha Rd	12	14.0	13.4	10.3	19.1	4.2	0.39	13.9
Waitawhirihiri Stm at Edgecumbe Street	12	15.8	16.2	10.7	19.8	4.3	-0.27	16.3
Whakapipi Stm at SH22 Br	12	15.1	15.3	11.6	19.3	4.8	0.12	15.1
Whakauru Stm at U/S SH1 Br	12	11.8	11.1	9.0	15.3	3.1	0.33	12.7
Whangamarino River at Island Block Rd	12	16.9	18.0	9.0	24.0	6.5	-0.21	17.0
Whangamarino River at Jefferies Rd Br	12	14.3	13.7	9.9	19.5	4.4	0.21	14.4
Whangape Stm at Rangiriri-Glen Murray Rd	12	15.8	15.7	10.4	22.3	5.2	0.29	16.3

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Waipa River and Tributaries

Kaniwhaniwha Stm at Wright Rd	12	14.1	14.1	9.6	19.1	5.7	0.03	14.4
Mangaohoi Stm at South Branch Maru Rd	12	13.6	14.0	9.0	16.8	4.2	-0.30	13.9
Mangaokewa Stm at Lawrence St Bridge	12	13.0	12.1	7.7	18.9	5.8	0.18	12.7
Mangapiko Stm (Pirongia/Te Awamutu) at Bowman Rd	12	16.0	16.2	9.2	22.2	6.8	-0.08	16.1
Mangapu River at Otorohanga	11	14.7	14.4	10.4	20.1	6.3	0.30	15.3
Mangatutu Stm (Waikeria) at Walker Rd Br	12	13.7	13.2	8.1	18.2	5.2	0.01	13.9
Mangauika Stm at Te Awamutu Borough W/S Intake	12	12.5	12.2	9.5	15.6	3.7	0.21	12.4
Ohote Stm at Whatawhata/Horotiu Rd	12	15.1	15.4	8.3	20.8	5.6	-0.24	15.4
Punui River at Bartons Corner Rd Br	12	14.7	14.5	8.4	19.2	5.6	-0.18	14.8
Waipa River at Mangaokewa Rd	12	13.2	12.3	7.7	18.3	7.1	0.02	13.3
Waipa River at Pirongia-Ngutunui Rd Br	12	14.9	14.6	9.8	20.3	5.1	0.18	15.2
Waipa River at SH3 Otorohanga	12	14.6	13.9	9.4	20.3	7.0	0.13	14.8
Waitomo Stm at SH31 Otorohanga	12	14.9	14.8	10.6	19.6	5.7	0.07	14.8
Waitomo Stm at Tumutumu Rd	12	13.9	14.1	11.1	17.2	4.0	0.03	13.9

Tributaries to the upper Waikato River

Kawaunui Stm at SH5 Br	12	14.3	14.3	11.1	17.7	4.0	0.10	15.4
Mangaharakeke Stm (Atiamuri) at SH30 (Off Jct SH1)	12	13.0	12.3	10.0	17.3	3.2	0.55	13.2
Mangakara Stm (Reporoa) at SH5	12	13.1	12.5	10.4	16.8	3.4	0.42	14.0
Mangakino Stm (Whakamaru) at Sandel Rd	12	11.9	12.1	8.2	16.7	4.4	0.14	12.2
Otamakokore Stm at Hossack Rd	12	20.0	20.1	15.4	24.0	3.5	-0.06	20.6
Pueto Stm at Broadlands Rd Br	12	13.7	13.4	11.4	15.8	2.6	-0.01	14.3
Tuhunaatara Stm at Ohakuri Rd	12	13.2	12.4	9.5	17.3	4.3	0.23	14.0
Torepatutahi Stm at Vaile Rd Br	12	14.4	13.8	10.9	17.6	3.9	0.25	14.5
Waiotapu Stm at Campbell Rd Br	12	27.3	28.2	22.8	31.1	3.5	-0.25	28.5
Waiotapu Stm at Homestead Rd Br	12	18.3	18.4	14.7	22.8	4.6	0.16	18.8
Waipapa Stm (Mokai) at Tirohanga Rd Br	12	21.8	22.0	19.4	24.9	3.0	0.26	22.1
Whirinaki Stm at Corbett Rd	12	12.0	12.0	10.8	13.1	1.7	-0.01	12.6

West Coast

Awakino River at Gribbon Rd	12	12.8	12.1	9.2	17.8	4.6	0.39	12.6
Awakino River at SH3 Awakau Rd Junction	12	14.6	14.3	9.8	20.2	6.6	0.23	14.7
Manganui River at Off Manganui Rd	12	13.5	13.0	9.4	19.0	5.1	0.32	13.6
Mangaotaki River at SH3 Br	12	13.3	12.3	8.7	18.5	5.9	0.28	13.3
Marokopa River at Speedies Rd (Off Te Anga Rd)	12	13.5	13.7	9.6	18.0	5.5	0.04	13.8
Mokau River at Awakau Rd	12	14.7	13.8	9.3	21.4	7.1	0.33	14.4
Mokau River at Mangaokewa Rd (Off SH30)	12	12.0	11.3	7.9	16.4	5.3	0.16	12.2
Mokau River at Totoro Rd Recorder	12	14.4	13.7	9.1	19.8	6.5	0.12	14.1
Mokauti Stm at Three Way Point - Aria	12	14.4	13.5	9.0	20.1	7.1	0.13	14.5
Ohautira Stm at Waingaro Te Uku Rd	12	12.6	12.7	7.1	18.2	5.2	0.14	12.7
Oparau River at Langdon Rd (Off Okupata Rd)	12	14.7	14.8	9.7	19.8	6.7	0.05	14.2
Tawarau River at Off Speedies Rd	12	13.6	13.7	9.2	18.2	6.0	0.02	13.6
Waingaro River (Pukemiro) at Ruakiwi Rd Off SH22	12	14.7	14.7	9.3	20.6	6.2	0.11	14.4
Waitetuna River at Te Uku-Waingaro Rd	12	13.6	13.5	8.4	18.5	5.9	0.06	14.0

Inflows to Lake Taupo

Hinemaiaina River at SH1	12	11.4	11.4	7.1	15.5	5.6	0.01	11.5
Kuratau River at SH41 Moerangi	12	9.3	9.6	6.0	13.3	4.2	-0.02	9.6
Kuratau River at 43 Te Rae Street	12	13.1	12.8	7.0	19.4	6.8	0.04	13.3
Mapara Stm (Lake Taupo) at Off Mapara Rd (Whakaipo Res)	12	10.8	11.2	8.3	12.7	2.8	-0.50	11.0
Tauranga-Taupo River at 20 Metres U/S SH1 Bridge	12	10.8	11.6	5.0	15.0	6.0	-0.33	11.3
Tokaanu Power Station Tailrace Canal at SH41 Bridge Over Canal	12	12.8	13.7	6.4	17.5	7.5	-0.18	13.1
Tokaanu Stm at Off SH41 Turangi	12	12.5	12.2	10.7	14.3	2.1	0.21	12.3
Waihaha River at SH32	12	11.0	12.3	6.7	14.0	4.8	-0.40	11.4
Waitahanui River at Blake Rd	12	10.7	11.0	8.1	12.1	2.2	-0.66	10.8
Whangamata Stm (Kinloch) at Whangamata Rd	12	10.2	10.7	7.8	11.5	2.0	-0.86	10.1
Whanganui Stm at Lakeside Lake Taupo	12	11.1	12.3	6.7	14.8	5.7	-0.30	11.9
Wharerua Stm (Taupo District) at Lakeside Lake Taupo	12	11.1	11.9	7.2	13.8	4.4	-0.42	11.5

IQR = Inter quartile range; Underlined values indicate parameters having non-normal distributions

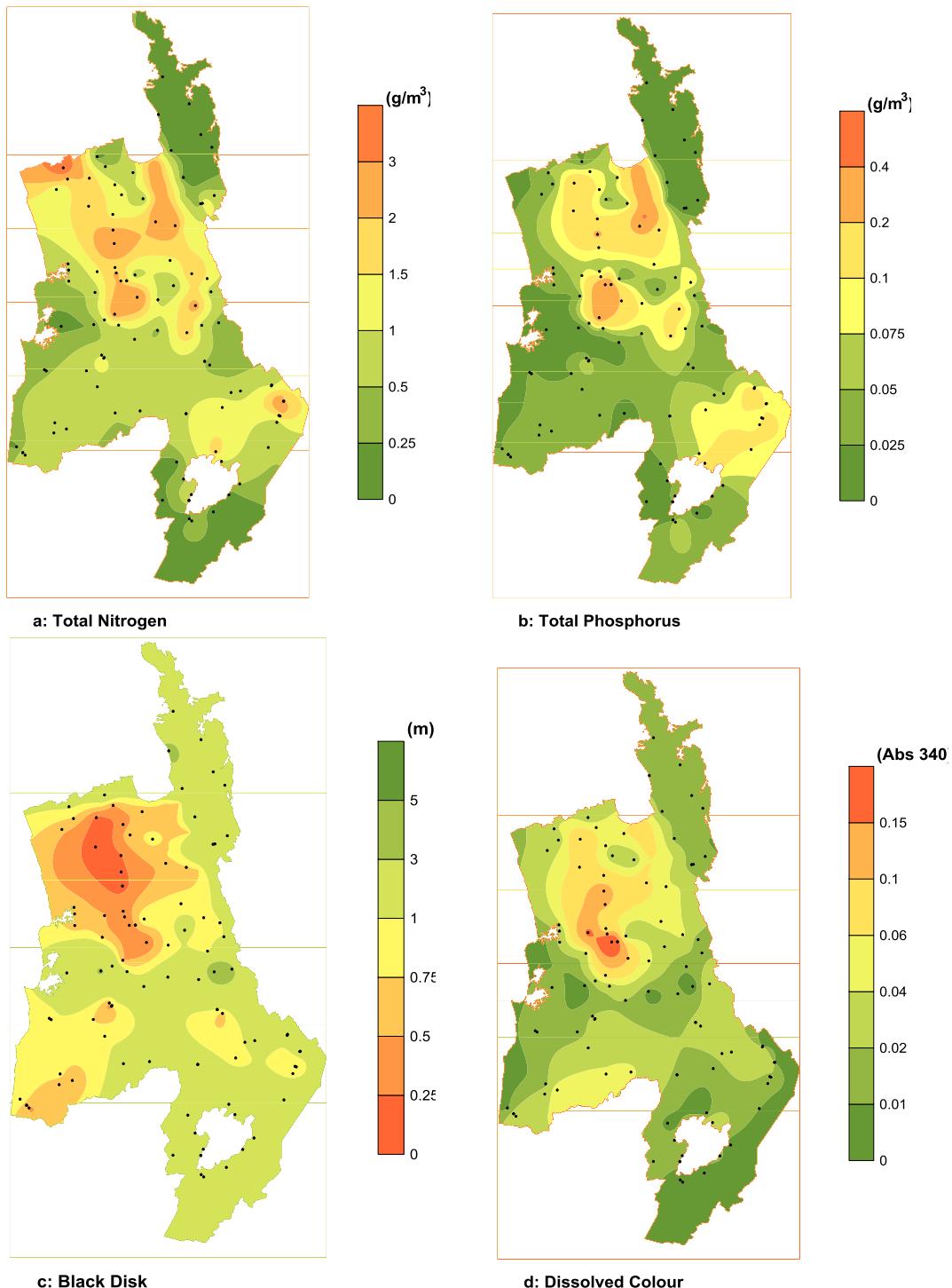


Figure 2: Spatial contour plots of four water quality parameters (based on 5 year median values, 2008-2012); a: Total Nitrogen, b: Total Phosphorus, c: Black disk, d: Dissolved colour (Abs 340).

3.2 Regional rivers monitoring programme comparison with water quality guidelines and standards

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Appendix I: Water quality guidelines and standards

Details of water quality guidelines and standards for “satisfactory” water quality

Parameter	Critical Value(s)	Source
Dissolved oxygen	>80% of saturation concentration	RMA Third Schedule, Classes AE, F, and FS.
pH	6.5–9	ANZECC (1992) and Canadian guidelines for freshwater aquatic life (1987).
Turbidity	<5 NTU	Studies of adverse effects on underwater light—and thus on plant and invertebrate production—in certain South Island streams (Davies-Colley 1991).
Ammoniacal-nitrogen	<0.88 g N/m ³	USEPA (1998) value for 1-hour exposure at pH 9.
Temperature	<12°C (May – Sep) <20°C (Oct – Apr)	Waikato Regional Council Draft Regional Plan standards for trout fisheries and trout spawning (1997).
Total phosphorus	<0.04 g/m ³	From upper quartile values for 77 New Zealand rivers in NIWA’s National Water Quality Network (after Smith & Maasdam 1994)—note that the guidelines for “excellent” conditions are the lower quartile concentrations for these rivers.
Total nitrogen	<0.5 g/m ³	From upper quartile values for 77 New Zealand rivers in NIWA’s National Water Quality Network (after Smith & Maasdam 1994)—note that the guidelines for “excellent” conditions are the lower quartile concentrations for these rivers.
Water clarity at baseflow	>1.6 m	“Baseflow” defined as flows less than the upper decile flow. Guideline from Ministry for the Environment (1994).
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<550/100 mL	Ministry of the Environment (2003) guidelines for the management of recreational and marine shellfish-gathering waters.
Median <i>Escherichia coli</i>	<126/100 mL	Ministry of the Environment (1999) guidelines for the management of recreational and marine shellfish-gathering waters.

Appendix II: Water quality monitoring parameters

Field instruments and analytical methods

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Id ¹	Parameter	Method
A340F	Absorbance @ 340 nm filtered	Spectrophotometer, 1 cm path length, APHA method 5910B
A440F	Absorbance @ 440 nm filtered	Spectrophotometer, 1 cm path length, APHA method 5910B
A780	Absorbance @ 780 nm filtered	Spectrophotometer, 1 cm path length, APHA method 5910B
BDISK	Black disk	Field measurement, horizontal water transparency (20mm, 60mm, 100mm, 200mm disk) in river or trough (20mm only)
COND	Conductivity	Lab Meter @ 25°C. APHA method 2510B
DO	Dissolved oxygen	Field measurement (Hach DO meter, model HQ 30d)
DO (% Sat)	Dissolved oxygen (percent saturation)	Field measurement (Hach DO meter, model HQ 30d)
DRP	Dissolved reactive Phosphorus	Filtration, Molybdenum Blue Colorimetry. Discrete analyser. APHA 4500 PG (modified)
E. coli	Escherichia coli	Membrane Filtration (mFC Agar) confirmation by MUG Agar. APHA method 9222 G
ENT	Enterococci bacteria	Membrane Filtration (mE Agar) confirmation by EIA Agar. APHA method 9230 C
FC	Faecal coliforms	Membrane Filtration (mFC Agar). APHA method 9222 D
NH ₄ -N	Ammoniacal Nitrogen (Total)	Phenol/Hypochlorite Colorimetry. Discrete analyser. APHA method 4500-NH ₃ F (modified).
NNN	Nitrite/Nitrate Nitrogen	Automated Cadmium reduction. Flow injection analyser. APHA method 4500 – NO ₃ - I (modified).
pH	pH	Lab Meter @ 25°C. APHA method 4500-H ⁺ B
TEMP	Temperature	Field measurement (Hach DO meter, model HQ 30d)
TKN	Total Kjeldahl-Nitrogen	Acid digestion. Phenol/Hypochlorite colorimetry. Discrete analyser. APHA method 4500-N _{org} B (modified)
TN	Total Nitrogen	Calculated from NNN + TKN (Nitrite/Nitrate Nitrogen + Total Kjeldahl-Nitrogen)
TP	Total Phosphorus	Acid persulphate digestion, Colorimetry. Discrete Analyser. APHA method 4500-P E (modified)
TP	Total Phosphorus As Reductant	Acid persulphate digestion, Colorimetry. Discrete Analyser. APHA method 4500-P E (modified). Also modified to include the use of reductant to eliminate interference from arsenic present in the sample.NAWASCA Pub 38, 1982
TURB	Turbidity	Turbidity Meter Hach 2100N. APHA method 2130 B

¹ Water quality parameter identification code refers to Waikato Regional Council's water quality database (Timestudio) parameter short name.

APHA = Standards Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 21st Edition, 2005, APHA, AWWA, WEF