

REGIONAL RESOURCE CONSENTS
2025/2026 SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL CHARGES
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 1991



BACKGROUND

The RMA (section 36) provides guidance on the charges payable by consent holders of resource consents, for the carrying out by the local authority of its functions in relations to the administration, monitoring and supervision of resource consents, and for the carrying out of its resource management functions under section 35.

To achieve a fair and equitable sharing of the financial cost of this function the Council has evaluated its functions and decided what proportion of each work programme and consent related activity should be recovered directly from individuals (either holders of resource consents, consent applicants or people causing environmental degradation), and what should be funded by the community at large through general rates. These funding decisions are made in accordance with section 36 of the RMA and are set out in the Revenue and Financing Policy section of the Auckland Council Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

This Schedule sets out the charges for monitoring and supervision and functions, powers and duties (annual charges) for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Key

Administration Monitoring and Supervision Charges (AMS Charge)

The Administration Monitoring and Supervision charge (AMS), covers the actual and reasonable (AR) cost of undertaking compliance monitoring inspections, reporting and administration associated with ensuring activities are carried out in accordance with consent conditions. This charge applies where relevant and will vary between consents.

Functions, Powers and Duties Charges (FPD Charge)

The FPD charge covers consent holder contributions to Council's State of the Environment monitoring programmes.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The total columns in the following tables in this schedule include GST of 15%.

1.0 Discharges to Air

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	AMS CHARGE (\$/annum)	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Minor	AR	578.00
Very Low	AR	1,234.00
Low	AR	2,316.00
Medium	AR	4,629.00
Major - Power	AR	13,895.00
Major – Manufacturing	AR	18,527.00
Major – Waste	AR	18,527.00

Notes:

- i. If **specific source emission testing or ambient air quality monitoring and analysis** is deemed by the team leader – air quality to be necessary, costs will be recovered as an actual and reasonable additional charge (AR) in arrears.
- ii. **Minor** category includes discharges from small natural gas-fired boilers and consents which have not yet been exercised.
- iii. **Very Low** category includes discharges from intensive livestock farms, larger natural gas-fired boilers, manufacturing, and aggregate-handling processes without significant discharges of hazardous air pollutants or located in non-sensitive receiving environments.
- iv. **Low** category includes discharges from printing and manufacturing processes, metal processing, crematoria, waste processes including refuse transfer stations and small wastewater treatment plants, and dusty processes such as small quarries and concrete batching plants.
- v. **Medium** category includes discharges from abattoirs, bitumen plants, chemical manufacture, larger manufacturing processes including galvanisers and metal foundries, large refuse transfer stations, and dusty processes such as quarries and mineral processing.
- vi. **Major – Power, Major – Manufacturing, and Major – Waste** categories include discharges from thermal power stations, significant manufacturing processes, rendering plants, hazardous waste processors, landfills and wastewater treatment plants.

2.0 Coastal Activities

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	AMS CHARGE (\$/annum)	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Seawalls (<i>Note ii</i>)	AR	145.00
Coastal structures (other than seawalls) Coastal activity Coastal event Coastal other	AR	145.00
Moorings	AR	115.00
Dredging, reclamation	AR	724.00
Vegetation removal, disposal/deposit	AR	1,141.00

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	AMS CHARGE (\$/annum)	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Extraction	AR	2,480.00
Marine farm – Areas between 1-10 hectares	AR	252.00 per ha of Farm
Marine farm – Areas between 11-20 hectares	AR	126.00 per ha of Farm
Marine farm – Areas greater than 20 hectares	AR	63.00 per ha of Farm

Notes:

- i. The charges detailed in this table are **not** coastal occupation charges.
- ii. Seawalls will only be charged a one-off contribution to FPD in the year the consent is granted.
- iii. Other coastal structures, e.g. jetty and pontoons will be charged in accordance with a coastal structure in the table above.

3.0 Discharges to Land and Water (Wastewater, Discharge Other, Dairy, Landfill, Contaminated Sites, Animal Waste)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	AMS CHARGE (\$/annum)	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Dairy Discharges to Streams		
Farm Dairy up to 6cmpd	AR	206.00
Farm Dairy between 6cmpd and 30cmpd	AR	296.00
Farm Dairy greater than 30cmpd	AR	384.00

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	AMS CHARGE (\$/annum)	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Discharges to Ground		
Domestic Dwelling	AR	AR
Low	AR	100.00
Medium	AR	131.00
High	AR	201.00
Major – tier 1	AR	300.00
Major – tier 2	AR	610.00
Major – tier 3	AR	1,217.00
Major – tier 4	AR	2,426.00
Major – special (see Note ii on Page 6)	AR	Assessed on individual basis
Contaminated Sites - Low	AR	317.00
Contaminated Sites - Moderate	AR	705.00

Discharges to Open Coast and Harbours		
Low	AR	139.00
Medium	AR	177.00
High	AR	247.00
Major – tier 1	AR	455.00
Major – tier 2	AR	919.00
Major – tier 3	AR	1817.00
Major – tier 4	AR	3,641.00
Major – special (see Note ii on Page 6)	AR	Assessed on individual basis
Discharges to Streams/Lakes		
Low	AR	177.00
Medium	AR	265.00
High	AR	352.00
Major – tier 1	AR	602.00
Major – tier 2	AR	1,221.00
Major – tier 3	AR	2,369.00
Major – tier 4	AR	4,859.00
Major – special (see Note ii on Page 6)	AR	Assessed on individual basis
Open Landfills		
Small	AR	1,058.00
Medium - large	AR	4,424.00
Closed Landfills		
Per site	AR	1,237.00
Major Discharge Consents		
Watercare Services Ltd Rosedale STP	AR	39,067.00
Watercare Services Ltd Mangere STP	AR	78,151.00
Watercare Services Ltd Army Bay STP	AR	8,045.00
Wastewater Network Overflows		
Watercare Services Ltd	AR	257,737.00
United Water	AR	7,966.00
Auckland Potable Network		
Watercare Services Ltd - existing use rights	AR	85,892.00

Notes:

i. Wastewater Discharges to Ground, Open Coast and Harbour, and Streams/Lakes

Includes discharges of sewage, industrial processing water, cooling water, poultry waste, piggery waste and other strong waste and are not major discharge consents.

Domestic Dwelling	Sewage discharge from domestic dwellings less than 3 cmpd.
Low	Wastewater discharges less than 6 cmpd.
Medium	Wastewater discharges between 6 cmpd & 30 cmpd
High	Wastewater discharges greater than 30cmpd and up to 100 cmpd; or Sludge discharges to ground up to and including 100 cmpd; or Contaminated Discharge Other up to 100 cmpd

Major – tier 1	Wastewater discharges between 101 cmpd and 500 cmpd; or Uncontaminated Cooling Water and Discharge Other discharges at an undefined rate; or Scour valve discharges from pipes per consent.
Major – tier 2	Wastewater discharges between 501 and 1,000 cmpd; or Sludges to ground at any rate greater than 101 cmpd; or Scour valve discharges from dams
Major – tier 3	Wastewater discharges between 1,001 cmpd – 5,000 cmpd; or Sludges at any rate to ground greater than 100 cmpd.
Major – tier 4	Wastewater discharges between 5,000 and 10,000 cmpd; or Contaminated Cooling Water and Discharge Other discharges at an undefined rate.
Major - special	Wastewater and Discharge Other not otherwise defined; or sludges to water at any rate. (see Note ii below)
Contaminated - Low	Low risk of adverse environmental effects.
Contaminated - Moderate	Moderate risk of adverse environmental effects.

- ii. As not every type of contaminant, waste strength and flow rate can be detailed in the table above; those consents not described will be individually assessed at the time of granting. Details of the assessment will be stored on the consent file.
- iii. For all discharge consents any Administration, Monitoring and Supervision costs associated with water quality or effluent sampling and analysis will be recovered as an actual and reasonable additional charge (AR) in arrears.
- iv. One off approval for discharge consents (i.e., management plans, reviews etc.) will be recovered as an actual and reasonable additional charge (AR) in arrears.

4.0 Discharges of Stormwater

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	Number of visits	AMS CHARGE (\$/annum)	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Auckland Council	N/A	AR	937,226.00
Stormwater Discharge from Industrial/Commercial sites or an Industrial or Trade activity consent			
Private Stormwater	N/A	AR	AR
Minor	Self-regulation	AR	AR
Low	Every five years	AR	AR
Medium	Every two years	AR	187.00
High	Every year	AR	377.00
Major	> Once a year	AR	754.00

Notes:

- i. Consents are allocated an appropriate activity description in accordance with the risk categories set out in the risk matrix in the Stormwater Compliance Monitoring Strategy. The risk matrix considers the activity type, the stormwater treatment device type and the nature of the receiving environment.
- ii. Monitoring and supervision charges incurred during stormwater treatment device construction will be recovered as an actual and reasonable (AR) additional charge in arrears.

- iii. An Industrial or Trade Activity consent is required under Section E33 Industrial and trade activities of the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part).

5.0 Land Disturbance

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	AMS CHARGE (\$/annum)	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Plantation Forestry		
Per vegetation removal operation	AR	62.00 per ha
Quarries		
A worked area less than 2 ha	AR	774.00
A worked area greater than or equal to 2 ha and less than 5 ha	AR	1,113.00
A worked area greater than or equal to 5 ha and less than 10 ha	AR	2,227.00
A worked area of 10.0 ha or greater	AR	3,401.00
Earthworks		
Earthworks operations between 0-0.99 hectare (total land area covered under the consent)	AR	369.00
Earthworks operations between 1-1.99 hectare (total land area covered under the consent)	AR	809.00
Earthworks operations between 2-2.99 hectare (total land area covered under the consent)	AR	1,033.00
Earthworks operations between 3-4.99 hectare (total land area covered under the consent)	AR	1,106.00
Earthworks operations between 5-9.99 hectare (total land area covered under the consent)	AR	1,473.00
Earthworks operations between 10-19.99 hectare (total land area covered under the consent)	AR	2,950.00
Earthwork's operations over 20 hectares (total land area covered under the consent)	AR	4,426.00
Riverbed / Stream Works		
Length of disturbance less than 50m (<i>Note iv</i>)	AR	730.00
Length of disturbance is equal to or greater than 50m (<i>Note iv</i>)	AR	1,731.00
Diversion of Surface Water		
Diversion of surface water (<i>Note iv</i>)	AR	734.00

Notes:

- The earthworks annual charge (including vegetation removal) is based on the total land area authorised by the consent and will only be charged a one-off contribution to FPD at the end of the financial year after the issue of the consent (as shown in the table above).
- Plantation forestry vegetation removal charges are based on the number of hectares harvested in the financial year.
- Earthworks associated with vegetation removal will be charged in accordance with earthworks schedule.
- Riverbed/Lake Works and Diversion of Surface Water will only be charged a one-off contribution to FPD at the end of the financial year after the issue of the consent.

6.0 Take, Use, Dam or Divert Water – Including Freshwater, Geothermal Water and Coastal (Sea) Water

CONSENT CATEGORY	AMS (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
MAJOR CONSENTS (VIP)	AR
IMPORTANT MONITORING CONSENTS	AR
CONSENTS TO TAKE OR DIVERT WATER: Surface Water Catchments Any take from stream flow or lake and greater than 50 cmpd Aquifers (listed below)	
Aquifer	Criteria for Important Monitoring Consents
Tomarata Waitemata sandstone aquifer	Greater than 5000 cmp yr.
Omaha	All
Waiwera Geothermal	Greater than 10 cmpd
Parakai Geothermal	Greater than 10 cmpd
Kumeu Hobsonville aquifer	Greater than 3,000 cmp yr.
Auckland Isthmus aquifers	Greater than 20,000 cmp yr.
Waiheke Island aquifers	Greater than 2,000 cmp yr.
Manuaku Waitemata aquifer	Greater than 10,000 cmp yr.
Manukau Kaawa aquifer	Greater than 10,000 cmp yr.
Clevedon Waitemata sandstone aquifer	Greater than 10,000 cmp yr.
Drury Sand-Volcanic aquifer	Greater than 2,000 cmp yr.
Franklin Volcanic aquifers (Pukekohe, Bombay and Glenbrook)	Greater than 5,000 cmp yr.
Franklin Kaawa (Waiau Pa-Glenbrook zone) aquifer	Greater than 2,000 cmp yr.
Franklin Kaawa (Karaka, Pukekohe and zones) aquifer	Greater than 5,000 cmp yr.
Franklin Kaawa (Bombay-Drury, Pukekohe West and Waiuku zones) aquifer	Greater than 10,000 cmp yr.
South Auckland Waitemata aquifer	Greater than 10,000 cmp yr.
LOW IMPACT MONITORING CONSENTS	AR
Consents to take or divert water that do not fall into any of the above categories and are not a major or named consent.	
DAM WATER (Important)	AR
Consents to dam water that do not fall into any of the above categories and are not a major or named consent have a standard AMS charge.	
DAM WATER (Engineering inspection completed and dam fully compliant or inspection not required - Low)	AR
Consents to dam water that do not fall into any of the above categories and are not a major or named consent have a standard AMS charge.	

Notes:

i. **Major consents (VIP)**

1. Consents that, if conditions are not fully complied with, potentially could have a major adverse effect on the environment. The compliance with numerous conditions of consent is important and the consents need to be monitored closely.
2. Consents for irrigation of golf tees, greens, and fairways.
3. All consents for taking coastal water.
4. All groundwater diversion consents are not named consents.

ii. **Important Monitoring consents** are consents to take or divert larger quantities of water from aquifers and catchments throughout the region which are highly allocated and there is the potential for significant adverse effects on the environment. Intensive monitoring is required for this consent type. See figure 1 for important monitoring aquifers.

iii. **Low Impact Monitoring consents** are consents to take or divert smaller quantities of water or to take or divert water for aquifers and catchments throughout the region which are not highly allocated. The level of monitoring required for these consents is less than that required for Important Monitoring consents.

USE TYPE	SPECIAL CATCHMENTS OR AQUIFERS Authorised maximum daily quantity in cubic metres (cmpd)							
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	Tier 8 \$/cmpd
Take fresh water for vegetable washing and irrigation of: Orchards, market garden, pasture or sports field	0-175	176-350	351-525	526-700	701-1050	1051-1400	1401-1750	\$1.15
Take fresh water for irrigation of: Hothouse, shade house, nursery, bowling green, golf course	0-75	76-150	151-225	226-300	301-450	451-600	601-750	\$2.30
Take fresh water for industrial use, municipal supply, communal domestic use, stock watering, dairy shed supply, ground dewatering, poultry, other. Diversion of groundwater (taken from aquifer).	0-50	51-100	101-150	151-200	201-300	301-400	401-500	\$3.60
Take geothermal water Diversion of groundwater (remains in aquifer).	0-20	21-40	41-60	61-80	81-120	121-160	161-200	\$9.50
Take fresh water for emergency/standby use only from an alternative source.	All							
Dam water (no take consent) off stream or catchment up to 100 ha	All							
Dam water (no take consent) on stream and catchment greater than 100 ha		All						
Take coastal water	Assessed individually based on authorised maximum daily amount							

USE TYPE	NOT IN SPECIAL CATCHMENTS OR AQUIFERS Authorised maximum daily quantity in cubic metres (cmpd)							
	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	Tier 8 \$/cmpd
Take fresh water for vegetable washing and irrigation of orchards, market garden, pasture or sportsfield	0-250	251-500	501-750	751-1000	1001-1500	1501-2000	2001-2500	\$0.75
Take fresh water for irrigation of hothouse, shade house, nursery, bowling green, golf course	0-100	101-200	201-300	301-400	401-600	601-800	801-1000	\$1.95
Take fresh water for industrial use, municipal supply, communal domestic use, stock use, dairy shed supply, ground dewatering, poultry, other. Diversion of groundwater (taken from aquifer).	0-70	71-140	141-210	211-280	281-420	421-560	561-700	\$2.75
Take geothermal water Diversion of groundwater (remains in aquifer).	0-40	41-80	81-120	121-160	161-240	241-320	321-400	\$4.80
Take fresh water for emergency/standby use only from an alternative source.	All							
Dam water (no take consent) off stream or catchment up to 100 ha	All							
Dam water (no take consent) on stream and catchment greater than 100 ha		All						
Take coastal water	Assessed individually based on authorised maximum daily amount							

Named consents	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Watercare Services Ltd - Dam	Take from Dam - per consent	19,605.00

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	FPD CHARGE (\$/annum) (Incl GST)
Functions, Powers & Duties Tiers	
Tier 1	108.00
Tier 2	211.00
Tier 3	428.00
Tier 4	645.00
Tier 5	861.00
Tier 6	1,290.00
Tier 7	1,721.00
Tier 8	Use type charge per cubic metre per day (+ GST)

Notes:

- i. **Tier 8 FPD** charge is multiplied by the consented cubic metres per day for each use type; this gives the charge per cubic metre per day listed in the tables above.

For example, the annual FPD charge for a consent to take 3000 cmpd of fresh water from a special aquifer for irrigation of market garden crops would have an annual FPD charge of \$1.00 x 3000 = \$3,000.00 (including 15% GST).

- ii. The Function, Powers and Duties (FPD) charge for taking or diverting water (Groundwater diversion) is nil.

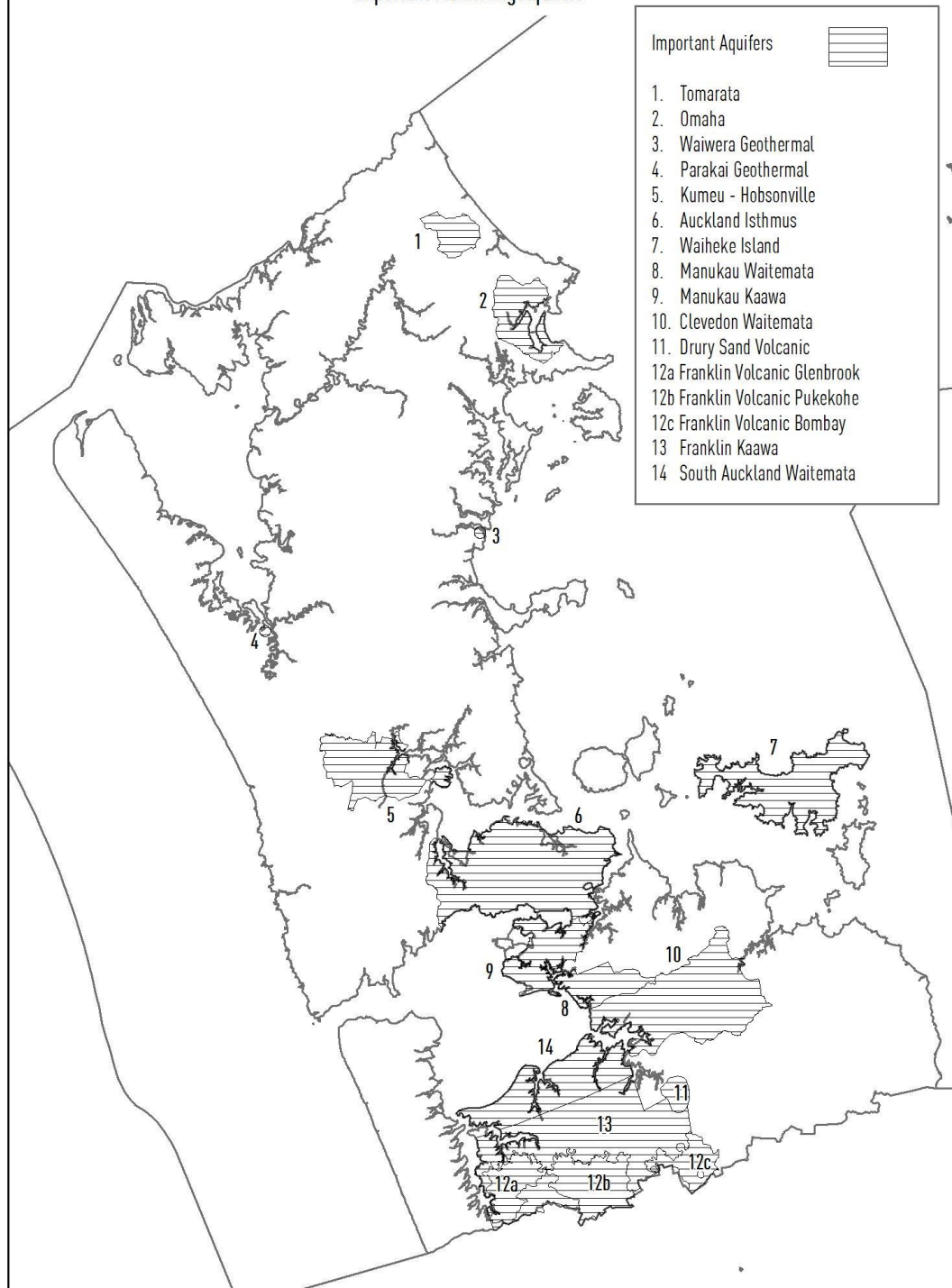
- iii. Abbreviations cmpd – cubic metres per day
 cmp yr. – cubic metres per year

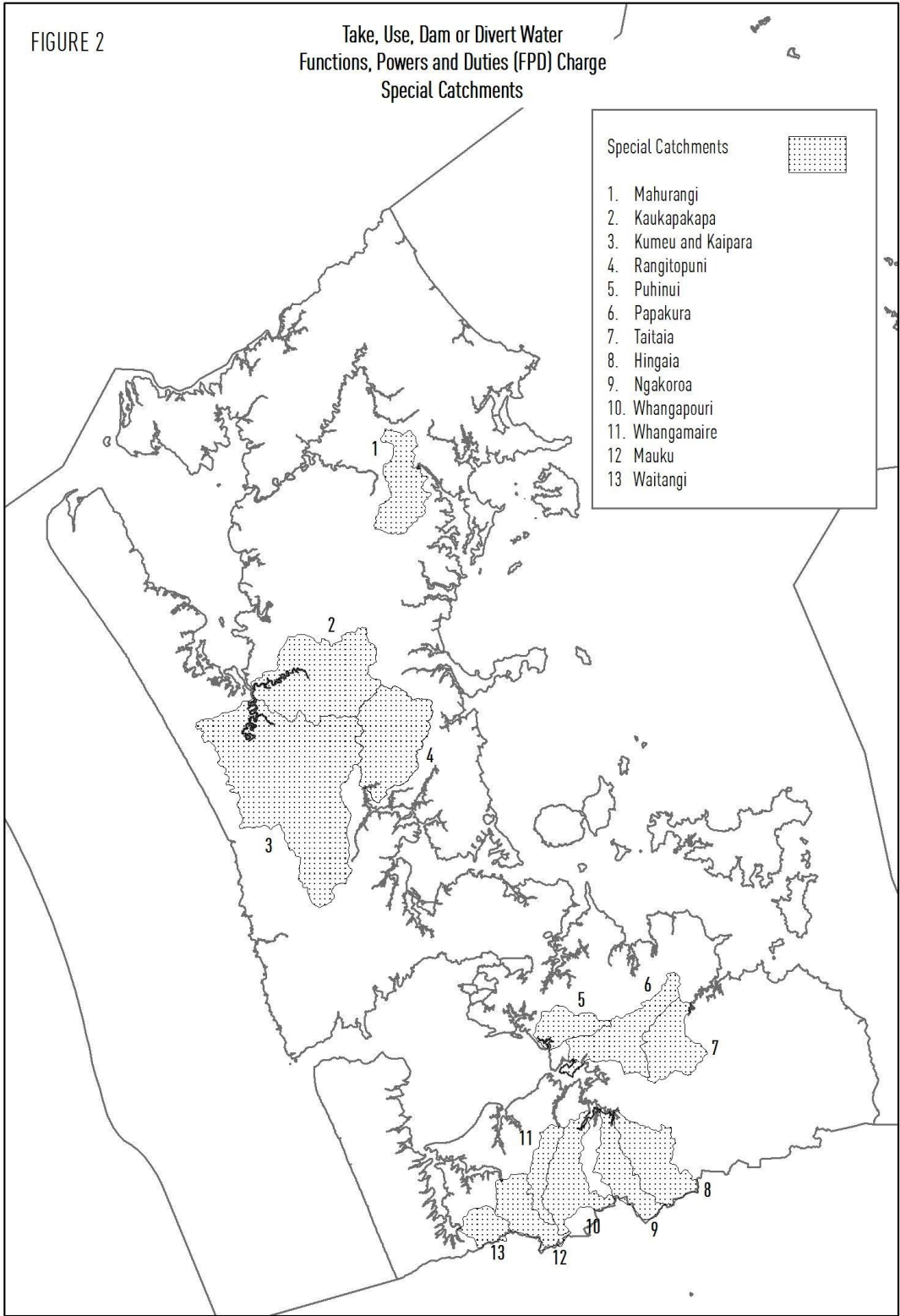
- iv. **Special FPD Catchments and Aquifers (see Figures 2 and 3)**

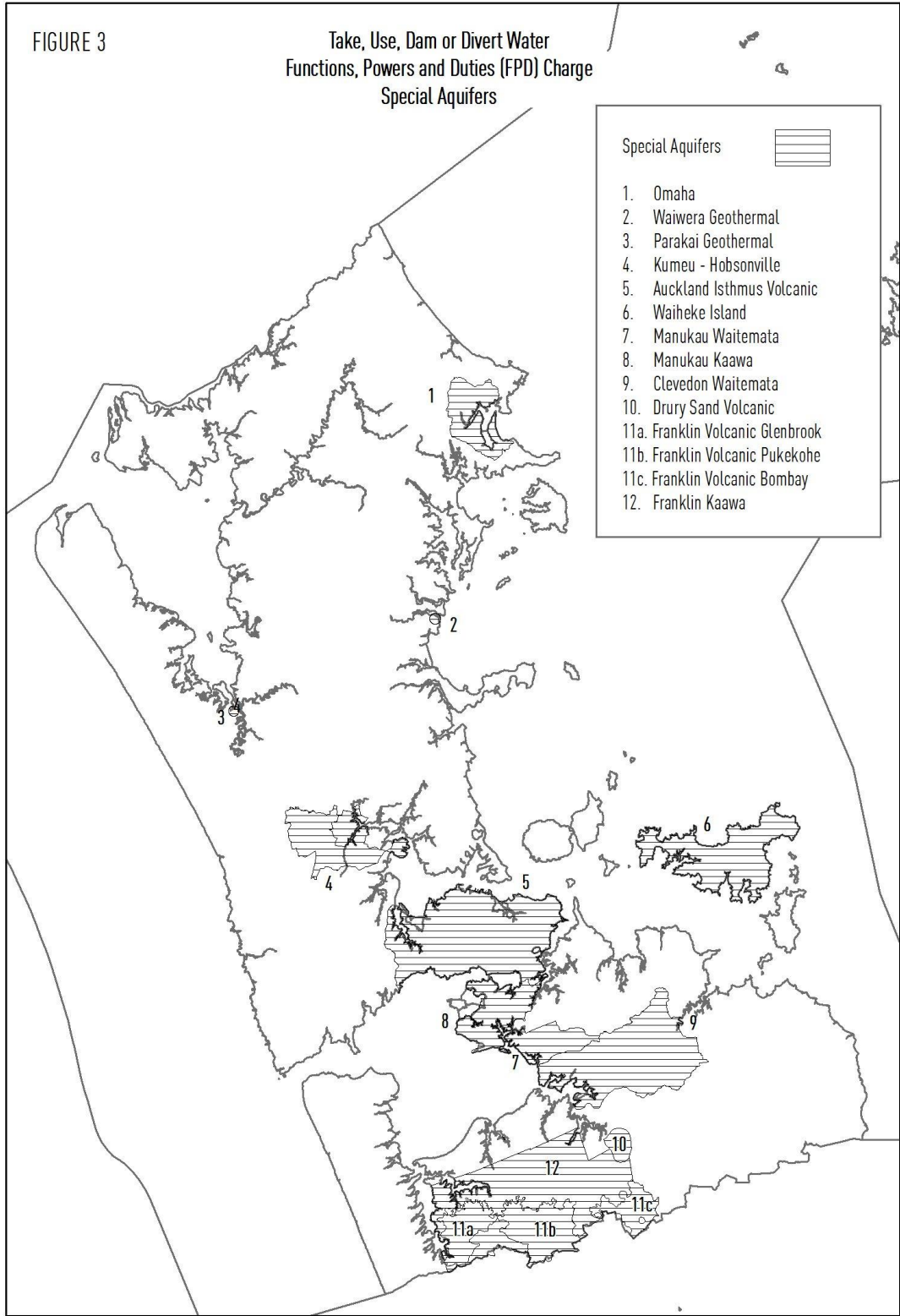
Special FPD catchments or aquifers are those catchments or aquifers throughout the region where the Auckland Council has a high ongoing input in investigation, management and monitoring of the water resource.

FIGURE 1

Take, Use, Dam or Divert Water
Administration, Monitoring and Supervision (AMS) Charge
Important Monitoring Aquifers







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