

EAST TĀMAKI BUSINESS POLLUTION PREVENTION



East Tamaki is situated at the headwaters of the Tamaki Estuary. It is a sensitive natural setting that brings environmental responsibilities for those that live and work in the catchment.

The East Tamaki area contains around 2,000 businesses, all of which drain into the Tamaki Estuary, and this water eventually flows into the Hauraki Gulf. The estuary is about 17km long and takes rainwater from an area of 97km², including the East Tamaki business area.

The Tamaki Estuary is an important resource for Auckland. It is used widely for boating, fishing and swimming. There are more than 1,600 moorings and 500 marina berths in the estuary.

Significant features of the catchment include mangrove forests, Panmure Basin, Half Moon Bay Marina, Panmure Wharf, Tahuna Torea sandspit, and several rowing clubs.

One of the biggest potential sources of pollution for the Tamaki is from incidents like spills on industrial sites that get washed into stormwater drains, into the Tamaki and eventually into the Hauraki Gulf.

To help improve water quality in the Tamaki Estuary, the Howick Local Board is working with businesses and community groups to stop water pollution.







What you can do to help

As a local business in the catchment of the Tamaki Estuary you have an opportunity to help protect and improve the quality of the Estuary and the Hauraki Gulf.

To date, more than 700 Auckland businesses have participated in similar pollution prevention programmes. Hundreds of businesses have adopted ways to stop pollution as a result of these visits.

Rainwater from your site enters stormwater drains and flows to the Tamaki Estuary. Any pollution on your site will flow with this rainwater, polluting the estuary and sea. Please ensure areas of your site that flow to stormwater drains are kept free of contaminants, and that you have a plan in the event of a spill on your site.

Your efforts, together with the rest of our local community, will help to improve the Tamaki Estuary and protect our beaches and our fishing resources.

Call the Pollution Hotline on

(09) 377 3107

to report pollution incidents 24 hours a day
7 days a week.

The Howick Local Board have funded this project as part of their commitment to improving the water quality in the Tamaki Estuary. The Board has contracted Wilkinson Environmental Ltd to deliver this programme.