

Helensville

POLLUTION PREVENTION

The Kaipara River flows through Helensville into the Kaipara Harbour. The Kaipara is one of the largest natural harbours in the world, and is an important environment for a huge range of bird and fish species, including snapper and sharks.

Both the River and Harbour are used a lot by people for fishing, boating and other water-based activities. The area is also of great significance to the local iwi and hapu.

"The Kaipara harbour is part of Ngati Whatua whanui cultural identity and has a significant cultural and spiritual importance to Ngati Whatua; it sustains our bodies with its abundance of kai moana and nourishes our spiritual wellbeing."
– Waata Richards, Haranui Marae

One of the biggest potential sources of pollution for the catchment is from incidents like spills on industrial or horticultural sites that get washed into stormwater drains, into the river and eventually into the Kaipara Harbour. To help improve water quality in the Kaipara Harbour, the Rodney 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 Kaipara River you have an opportunity to help protect and improve the quality of the river and harbour. To date, more than 900 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 river. Any pollution on your site will flow with this rainwater, polluting the river and harbour. 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 quality of the river and protect the sensitive marine environment and our fishing resources.

CALL THE
POLLUTION HOTLINE
ON (09) 377 3107 TO REPORT
POLLUTION INCIDENTS
24HRS A DAY
7 DAYS A WEEK



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