



Whau catchment business pollution prevention

The Wai Tahurangi Stream is a historically significant waterway. Spanning the shortest distance between the Waitemata and Manukau Harbours, the Wai Tahurangi Stream and the Whau Estuary once formed an important route for Maori to move their waka between the two harbours. Also known as the Avondale Stream, the Wai Tahurangi used to form part of the boundary between the old Waitakere and Auckland cities. The Wai Tahurangi Stream originates in the Waitakere Ranges, runs alongside Portage Road and discharges into the Whau Estuary and eventually the Waitemata Harbour.

Unfortunately, the Wai Tahurangi Stream and the Whau Estuary are among the most polluted waterways in Auckland. Historic pollution has left the Estuary with high levels of heavy metals and other contaminants. However, water quality is now slowly improving. One of the biggest potential sources of pollution entering the Wai Tahurangi Stream and the Waitemata Harbour is now from pollution incidents like spills on yards that get washed into stormwater drains, into streams and eventually into the harbour.

What you can do to help

As a local business in the catchment of the Wai Tahurangi Stream, you have an opportunity to help protect and improve the quality of the Waitemata Harbour. Rainwater from your site enters stormwater drains and flows to the Wai Tahurangi Stream and then the Waitemata Harbour. Any pollution on your site flows with this rainwater and pollutes the stream and the sea.

Please play your part by putting in place recommended ways to stop pollution. Ensure areas of your site that flow to stormwater drains are kept free of pollution. Your efforts, together with the rest of our local community will help to improve the Wai Tahurangi Stream 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



Auckland Council has funded this project as part of their commitment to improving the water quality of West Auckland streams and the Waitemata Harbour. The Council has contracted Keep Waitakere Beautiful to deliver this programme.



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