

KUMEU

POLLUTION PREVENTION

The Kumeu River flows through Kumeu and winds its way through to Helensville and 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 Kumeu River and the Kaipara Harbour are used a lot by people for fishing, boating and other water-based activities. The river is also of great significance to the local iwi and hapu.

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 Kumeu River and Kaipara Harbour, the Rodney Local Board is working with businesses and community groups to stop water pollution.

Kaipara te awa

*Kaipara te moana,
rere atu ki te hau
ora.*

Kaipara the river

Kaipara the sea

*Flowing with good
health.*

*– Eke Punuku,
Reweti Marae*

What you can do to help

As a local business in the catchment of the Kumeu River you have an opportunity to help protect and improve the quality of the river. To date, more than 1,000 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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