

State of the Environment (SOE) Report Templates

Local Authority:	Tasman District Council
Report Name:	State of the Environment Report 2000
Report Date:	2000
General Approach:	<p>This a comprehensive state of the environment report. It summarises the condition of our environment both natural and artificial and reviews progress since the first state of the environment report in 1996, highlights areas needing improvement. It is a Council Environment report card. The report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures the effectiveness of management programmes, policies, consent conditions and compliance monitoring • Assesses trends in the environment and • Highlights areas of concern for the future.
Topics:	The people of the Tasman District, land resources, freshwater resources. Coastal resources, air resources.
Indicators/Information:	<p>People and Communities: population change, employment, wastes, traffic; Land Resources: % or region in each Land Use Capability Class; zoning of land in the district, development; Heritage: numbers of listed heritage buildings in the district; Terrestrial Biodiversity: extent of different types of land cover, environments under protection, extinct and threatened species, habitat loss, wetlands; Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites: Background contamination of organochlorins such as DDT, dioxins, dieldrin and PCBs, sediment quality in local estuaries, number of hazardous substances incidents, quantity of pesticides used, site contamination register, Hazardous Facilities Screening Procedure; Freshwater: water quality, lakes, wetland condition and extent, bathing beach water quality (based on national guideline values – enterococci and <i>E.coli</i>), point source discharges to land and water, discharge permits granted, nitrate-nitrogen levels in major aquifers, river flows, water levels in aquifers, water allocation, gravel extraction from rivers, Coastal resources: Indicator bacteria such as enterococci in coastal waters, macroalgal cover, sediment/shellfish contaminant loading, type, source and location of marine spills, national bathing water guidelines for coastal waters, organochlorine contaminants in estuaries, coastal subdivisions and development to assess the nature and scale of shoreline change; Air quality: particulate matter (PM₁₀).</p>
Notes:	<p>Summary information about the report is available on www.tdc.govt.nz (go to Environment Tasman > Environment Today > click to view each section (a PDF copy for each section of the report is available on line) Limited copies of the report are available for \$25 from council service centres.</p> <p>Won the Institute of Chartered Accountants 2001 Award for the best state of the environment report.</p>
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