

Franklin District Council

Franklin District covers an area of 2,190 square kilometres. The main town is Pukekohe, (population 19,800). Waiuku, Tuakau and 10 other townships also have water services provided by Franklin District Council.

The current district population is estimated to be 62,200 with 21,400 occupied households, increasing at a rate of 500 per year.

The district is characterised by productive rolling farmland and includes the Tasman sea, Manukau Harbour, and Firth of Thames coastal environments, as well as the lower 40km of the Waikato river. The Hunua ranges, one of the major catchments for the regions water, lie at the northern edge of the district.

The Network Infrastructure group manages all three waters services with the goal of providing efficient, reliable and sustainable water services to the Franklin community.

Sustained residential and business development in the townships, have put pressure on the capacity of many systems.

This growth is the main driver for capital works closely followed by increasing environmental standards.

Franklin District Council has 5 wastewater treatment facilities, serving 9 townships. The largest, located near Tuakau and the Waikato river, serves Pukekohe, Tuakau, and Patumahoe. Major projects underway include:

- \$12 million Pukekohe-Tuakau treatment plant upgrade
- \$1 million Bollard Rd Sewer, Tuakau

For water supply, the District has 13 water sources servicing 13 fully metered townships. Projects underway include:

- \$1.8 million Pukekohe water plant
- Stormwater Catchment Management Plans have been completed for Pukekohe and Patumahoe. Plans are also being completed sequentially for other important catchments. Projects underway include:
- \$1.4 million Waiuku Lions pond and weir
- \$2 million Pukekohe Hill, East Gully and Vernon's reserve ponds.



Franklin District covers the second largest land area of the seven territorial authorities in the Auckland region, lying completely outside the metropolitan urban limits (MUL). Its Council consists of the Mayor and 12 Councillors. Water, wastewater and stormwater services are provided by the Council's Network Infrastructure division. Over 2006/07 the Council's Strategy and Policy Committee was responsible for policy decisions relating to the three waters. The Council spends around \$11 million each year on its total water operations (\$3 million on stormwater) and around \$12 million on capital projects.



Seabird coast, Thames estuary.



Large horticultural glass houses with special stormwater features are now commonplace in Franklin's countryside.



Sunset over the Waikato river in Franklin District – a source for some of the Auckland region's drinking water supply.