

# Our Region

## Manawatū-Whanganui



AROUND  
**250,000 PEOPLE**  
CALL IT HOME

WE HAVE  
**SEVEN**  
DISTRICTS  
and approximately



of our ratepayers live in urban centres

WE HAVE  
**THREE**

major river systems,  
two coasts and the  
Central Plateau

Mean annual rainfall  
in the region ranges

FROM  
**900mm**  
TO OVER  
**2,000mm**

WE HAVE  
**ONE OF**  
the largest areas  
of hill country  
in New Zealand  
and highest  
proportion of  
highly erodible  
land of any region

The Horizons  
Region is made  
up of

**2.2**  
MILLION  
HECTARES

of land (8% of  
New Zealand's total  
land area),  
plus 31,000 hectares  
of marine area

Approximately  
**109,000**  
RATEPAYERS

contribute to our  
work programmes

**206,000**  
HECTARES

or 18% of the nation's versatile  
soils are in the region

THERE ARE OVER  
**35,000km**

of waterways in the  
Horizons Region

LAND USE IS:



45% Sheep and beef  
33% Native cover  
8% Dairy  
5% Forestry  
9% Other

WE HAVE OVER



This includes:

- 67 Dune lakes
- 44 Riverine lakes
- 24 Landslide lakes
- 7 Volcanic lakes
- 88 Artificial reservoir lakes

THERE ARE



in our region, including  
Manawatū Estuary, an  
internationally recognised  
RAMSAR site

We also have  
two coasts with  
jurisdiction  
extending



out to sea

