

# AUCKLAND WATERFRONT VISION 2040 | Summary

## THE VISION

Auckland's CBD waterfront, stretching from the Harbour Bridge in the west to Teal Park in the east, is one of Auckland's greatest assets.

The waterfront plays a major role in the region's economy. The port and the marine and fishing industries have shaped the economic success of Auckland and they will continue to be vital to the region's economy in the future. The waterfront is also the region's gateway to the Waitemata Harbour, the Hauraki Gulf and its islands beyond.

To realise the potential of the waterfront, an integrated approach to future development of the area was needed. To achieve this, a partnership was formed between the Auckland Regional Council and Auckland City, who have worked closely with Ports of Auckland Ltd.

This vision provides a framework to guide the future development of the waterfront. It has been published after consultation with a wide range of stakeholders in the area and with residents and ratepayers of Auckland.

The vision for the waterfront is of a world-class destination that excites the senses and celebrates our sea-loving Pacific culture and maritime history. It supports commercially successful and innovative businesses and is a place for all people, an area rich in character and activities that link people to the city and sea.

## DEVELOPING A VISION

The aim of this vision is to develop an overarching framework for the whole of the CBD waterfront area. It has a long-term planning horizon out to 2040, reflecting the need to consider the staging and timing of future changes.

The draft vision, Linking people, city and sea, was released for public consultation in February 2005, with approximately 850 people providing feedback.

In August and September 2005, a second round of consultation focused on giving people the opportunity to provide more detailed feedback on the future of the wider waterfront area. More than 200 people participated in three in-depth and interactive workshops held during this time.

The idea of an overarching framework for the waterfront area is not new, and the vision takes into account the existing planning direction set out in regional and local planning documents and earlier research, projects and processes.

# WATERFRONT PRECINCTS

The vision has identified four precincts in the waterfront area that, combined, contribute to the overall character of the area. Each precinct has distinctive characteristics, a different face, and a mix of specific uses and activities, which will need to be considered during more detailed precinct planning and regulatory processes.

## Westhaven Marina



The site of the southern hemisphere's largest and most well-equipped marina. The marina is located close to the CBD and marine supplies. It will continue to be a world-class facility while enhancing the whole of the waterfront experience for visitors.

## Western Reclamation and Viaduct Harbour



Historically, the Western Reclamation has been an area for port-related industry and marine and warehousing activities.

The end of the Western Reclamation has become known as "the tank farm" because of the number of bulk liquid storage tanks – containing chemicals, marine fuels, vegetable and edible oils – which are found there.

The Viaduct Harbour is a dynamic mix of recreation and residential developments, and is a hub of regional entertainment and events.





### The central wharves – Princes, Queens, Captain Cook



These wharves are considered water-based extensions of Queen Street and the CBD. They are home to a range of activities including commercial port activity, ships, ferries, residential and commercial. They are also close to the Britomart Transport Centre, Auckland's passenger transport hub.

### The port



Focused on the eastern end of the waterfront, the port is integral to the Auckland region's economic development and growth as the hub for international exports and imports.

As the port consolidates its operations eastwards, the land made available will be explored for alternative uses. Public access will be an important part of any development.



# PRINCIPLES

These principles include the key elements of the waterfront that need to be kept and improved. The principles give a long-term guiding framework that will direct how the area is managed, developed and protected in the future.

## Public access and enjoyment

“It is easy to get to open space on the water’s edge”

## Views

“The views from the waterfront are breathtaking”

## Environment

“The waterfront is a clean and healthy place”

## Heritage and local character

“Local heritage and character is respected and celebrated”

## Transport and linkages

“It is easy and safe to get to the waterfront and I can choose how I get there”

## Mix of uses and activity

“There is a mix of things to do at the waterfront, making it a great place to live, work and play”

## Port

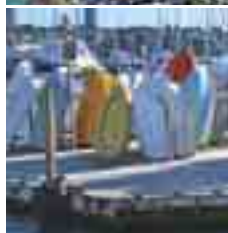
“The port is a vital economic driver for the region”

## Working waterfront

“Auckland’s working waterfront plays a key economic role and it also reflects our maritime history”

## Marina and recreation

“Marinas on Auckland’s waterfront are world-class and provide an ideal facility for boaties”



# IMPLEMENTATION

## Regulatory responsibilities

Auckland City has regulatory responsibility for controlling uses and activities on the land. The regulatory framework for how it does this is contained in the District Plan (central area and isthmus sections).

Auckland Regional Council has regulatory responsibility for controlling uses and activities in the coastal marine area, including wharves. The regulatory framework for how it does this is contained in the Regional Plan: Coastal. The ARC is also responsible for controlling maritime and navigational safety in the harbour, which is done through the harbourmaster.

## Land ownership

Ports of Auckland Ltd, America’s Cup Village Ltd, Viaduct Harbour Holdings Ltd and Auckland City are all landowners in the waterfront area. Ports of Auckland Ltd is the largest landowner in the area.

## Coordinating regional objectives

In 2004, two new regional entities – Auckland Regional Holdings and Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA) – were established to help the ARC achieve its regional transport and stormwater outcomes. In August 2005, Auckland Regional Holdings successfully completed its bid for 100 per cent ownership of Ports of Auckland Ltd.

A number of ideas and options have been raised about institutional arrangements for the waterfront area. The detail and implications of various options are still to be worked through. The ARC will formally consider options once this analysis is complete.

## Cost and funding

There are significant costs associated with waterfront redevelopment proposals. These costs need to be considered in the context of Auckland’s size and population and what is affordable and achievable over time. At this stage, the contributions of the relevant parties have not been determined. This work will continue during the precinct planning process to achieve an appropriate balance between public and private investment.

## Action plan

This vision will be ratified by the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Auckland Regional Council and Auckland City in early 2006.

More detailed precinct planning will be undertaken and will align and fit in with the principles of the vision.