

FAQs

ARATAKI V2

WHAT IS ARATAKI?

Arataki presents our 10-year view of what is needed to deliver on the government's current priorities and long-term outcomes for the land transport system. It's our way of being more transparent about what we see coming nationally and regionally, and about how we want to work with you to shape the best land transport system for New Zealand.

Arataki is a significant change in approach. It takes a broad and more strategic view of the needs of the whole land transport system and looks at all the levers, eg investment, planning and regulation that are available to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency to achieve the government's long-term outcomes. Arataki is strategy-led rather than project-led, is evidence-based and provides a view across the whole land transport system.

Arataki V1 was released in December 2019 and a technical update was produced in April 2020. We will continue to update it to reflect changing priorities and new information. Arataki is a first step towards developing a richer, shared understanding with you of what the land transport system needs and how we can meet those needs together.

Arataki V2 was released in August 2020. It provides evidence and insights into the potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on New Zealand's land transport system, at a regional and district scale. It also provides additional direction regarding the potential for new technology to transform the land transport system in the future. Version 2 also reflects the New Zealand Upgrade Programme and the government's emerging stimulus package.

WHAT DOES ARATAKI MEAN?

Arataki in te reo Māori means way-finding, to lead and guide.

WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE? HOW DO I USE IT?

Arataki is designed to be used as an input into other processes. It can be used both internally and by our planning and investment partners to jointly plan for growth and manage change.

WHO CAN USE IT?

- Waka Kotahi
 - to guide our planning, investment in and delivery of the land transport system
 - to help us partner more effectively with councils and others to achieve better outcomes for New Zealand.

- Our local government and KiwiRail partners to help inform their planning and investment strategies.
- Policy makers, to inform their strategic thinking and planning of revenue streams that depend or impact on the land transport system.
- The rest of the sector to provide clarity about what we consider is needed to deliver on government objectives for the land transport system.

HOW WILL ARATAKI BE IMPLEMENTED?

Responses signalled in Arataki will be shaped and delivered through a range of investment plans, spatial plans, network plans (such as for the rail network) and system plans (to improve urban mobility and safety, for example). Some of these plans are delivered by Waka Kotahi, and some by our partners, such as councils and KiwiRail. Arataki will also be implemented through policy and regulatory changes led by central government agencies such as the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.

WHAT ARE THE KEY DRIVERS?

The key drivers are external factors that will directly influence New Zealand and the land transport system over the next 10 years. The key drivers inform the direction and pace needed for step changes. They are:

1. Demographic change
2. Climate change
3. Technology and data
4. Customer desire
5. Changing economic structure
6. Funding and financial challenges.

WHAT ARE THE STEP CHANGES?

The step changes identified in Arataki are the areas where Waka Kotahi sees the need for changes in current direction to ensure we deliver the government outcomes. They are:

1. Improve urban form
2. Transform urban mobility
3. Significantly reduce harms
4. Tackle climate change
5. Support regional development.

WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM TO IMPLEMENT ARATAKI?

Arataki is not an investment plan or an implementation plan. A range of decision-makers (including Waka Kotahi) will implement activities that are informed by Arataki. Funding for these activities will come from a range of sources, including the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF), other government funds (such as the Provincial Growth Fund), local share (from ratepayers), and potentially third-party funding (eg developer contributions).

HOW DOES ARATAKI RELATE TO THE TRANSPORT OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK?

The Ministry of Transport's Transport Outcomes Framework (the framework) provides an overview of outcomes that the government is seeking long-term for the whole transport system - air, land and sea. The purpose of the framework is to improve people's wellbeing, and the liveability of places.

The step changes within Arataki are the areas where Waka Kotahi sees the need for changes in current direction to ensure that the outcomes under the framework are realised.

HOW DOES ARATAKI RELATE TO THE GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT (GPS)?

The GPS sets out the strategic direction, revenue and funding envelopes for investment in the land transport system. It also provides guidance to decision-makers about where the government will focus resources. It does not include specific targets - these are to be developed through Ministry of Transport medium-term strategies (such as the Road to Zero safety strategy) and other government direction.

The GPS is refreshed every three years and has a 10-year investment horizon.

Arataki provides an input to investment proposals that give effect to the GPS, such as RLTPs and the *Waka Kotahi investment proposal*. It also provides the 'system view' that informs the way Waka Kotahi meets the government's current priorities (as set out in the GPS) while keeping sight of objectives and needs of the system over the longer term (as outlined in the framework).

HOW DOES ARATAKI AFFECT RLTPS/ THE NLTP?

Arataki is a planning tool to use as an input into these processes - it does not dictate or direct them. The GPS provides the strategic direction for investment in land transport through RLTPs and the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

It is one input that can be used in the development of the next NLTP, to give effect to the next GPS (2021-30). There is evidence and insights in Arataki that councils will

find useful in shaping their RLTPs and other spatial plans. Arataki will provide the 'system view' that we will be using to prepare the Transport Agency Investment Proposal as our bid (alongside RLTPs and the RNIP) for funding under the NLTP.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF WAKA KOTAHI PLANS IN IMPLEMENTING ARATAKI?

Arataki will be implemented through a range of system, spatial and investment plans led nationally and in different places (regions, districts, corridors, town and cities). These plans will be led and implemented by a range of organisations, including Waka Kotahi.

The NLTP is one key mechanism for implementing Arataki. The NLTP sets out investment proposals that have been nominated nationally and regionally, and that have been assessed and prioritised (based on GPS direction) to be eligible for investment under the NLTF. Investment from the NLTF will support all of the step changes in Arataki, moderated by the GPS of the day.

Other implementation plans being led by Waka Kotahi include *Keeping cities moving*, which is our plan (published in September 2019) for increasing the share of travel by public transport, walking and cycling. *Keeping cities moving* includes nationally-led measures to drive this change, and also frames the development of mode shift plans for each of the six high growth urban areas - Auckland, Tauranga, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown. Waka Kotahi has already partnered with Auckland Transport and Auckland Council to agree the Auckland mode shift plan and will partner with other local government agencies to develop mode shift plans in the other five areas. ***Keeping cities moving*** [↗](#) will help shape our response to step changes relating to urban mobility, urban form, safety and climate change mitigation, in particular.

Waka Kotahi has developed ***Toitū Te Taiao - Our Sustainability Action Plan*** [↗](#) to drive our actions for mitigating climate change, improving public health, reducing environmental harm, and improving corporate sustainability. The plan's vision is for a net zero carbon, safe and accessible land transport system by 2050. The plan will help shape our response to step changes relating to safety, climate change, urban mobility and urban form.

Waka Kotahi adopted a ***Resilience Framework*** [↗](#) in April 2018 to guide our actions for improving communities' ability to prepare, respond and recover quickly from disruptive events. This helps shape our response to the step changes relating to climate change adaptation and regional development, in particular.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR BUSINESS CASES?

Arataki will provide an input to business cases by helping to provide evidence and insight to inform the best response to a particular opportunity or challenge in the land transport system. It will help to shape the 'strategic case' for investment, for individual proposals as well as packages or programmes.

WILL ARATAKI NEED TO CHANGE IF THE CLIMATE COMMISSION SETS CARBON BUDGETS OR EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS FOR THE LAND TRANSPORT SECTOR?

Arataki will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it remains aligned with strategic direction from across government, including in relation to the government's climate change goals.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LONG-TERM VIEW?

Waka Kotahi has been looking at how we can be more transparent about what our current plan is across a range of outcomes and in different places, and how this might change over the next 10 years. As a result, we made the decision to shift our focus and deliver *Arataki – our plan for the land transport system*.

HOW CAN I PROVIDE FEEDBACK?

All feedback is encouraged and captured (email, letter, hand written, verbal, meeting notes etc) and can be sent through to arataki@nzta.govt.nz

WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH THE FEEDBACK?

All feedback will be recorded, reviewed and considered before future revisions are made.

WHEN WILL IT BE UPDATED?

Arataki is designed to be revised as and when new data or statistics become available. This will be an ongoing process.

Future versions of Arataki will also develop other aspects, such as by incorporating a plan to engage with Māori *kanohi ki te kanohi*. We will also continue to improve the way we present supporting data, maps and other collateral to build a shared evidence base and give the sector visibility of Arataki evidence and insights.

WHAT ARATAKI IS NOT

- Arataki is not an investment plan and does not direct others' investment plans such as RLTPs, LTPs, etc (rather it is the Waka Kotahi input to these processes).
- It does not decide funding priorities (the GPS decides funding priorities).
- It is not an implementation plan but will inform actions through a wide range of plans and policies led by Waka Kotahi and our partners.
- It does not tell other organisations what to think (it is the view of Waka Kotahi).

