

## About our District

Waitomo District encompasses 354,649 hectares of predominantly rural land on the west coast of the Central North Island. The western boundary is the sea. It is adjacent to Otorohanga District to the north, Taupo District to the east and Ruapehu and New Plymouth Districts to the south. While the District is predominantly contained within the Waikato Region, the south-eastern corner of the District is within the Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council's jurisdiction.

Te Kuiti is the administrative centre and main township of the Waitomo District, with approximately 47% of the District population residing in this town.

The main rural communities are Benneydale, Piopio and Waitomo Village. There are several other smaller townships throughout the District, including the popular beach settlements of Mokau, Awakino, Marokopa, and Te Waitere.

Tourism, sheep and beef farming, forestry and logging and mining and quarrying are the main economic activities in the District. The Waitomo Caves, a limestone labyrinth of glowworm caves and other caving adventures in the area, is an internationally known tourist destination attracting over 500,000 visitors every year, which is an increase of 100,000 over the last ten years. The Ministry of Innovation, Business and Employment estimate the annual tourism spend in the District at approximately \$87 million, with \$41 million of this attributable to the international market.

The resident population of Waitomo District based on the 2013 census is 8,910. Waitomo District has a higher number of people aged less than 15 and older than 65 years old compared to the national average.



## District Statistics

### POPULATION ANALYSIS (Source data 2013 Census)

Total Population	8,910
Median age	35
Number of rating units at 30 June 2017	5,876
Electors	5,793

### RATING STATISTICS

Total Rates Revenue 2016/17 (excluding Penalties) Budget:	\$19,056,000 (excl GST)
Total Rateable Capital Value as at 30 June 2017	\$2,984,987,300
Total Capital Value at as 30 June 2017	\$3,568,963,600
Total land value at 30 June 2017	\$2,200,675,950

### PUBLIC DEBT OUTSTANDING

30 June 2017 (Actual)	\$43,419,000
30 June 2017 (Budget)	\$51,971,000

### PUBLIC EQUITY

30 June 2017 (Actual)	\$294,190,000
30 June 2017 (Budget)	\$298,594,000

### OTHER INFORMATION

Number of Building Consents issued 2016/17	131
Total District Roding Sealed	461.2 kilometres
Total Unsealed Roads	553.6 kilometers
Total Roads	1014.8 kilometers