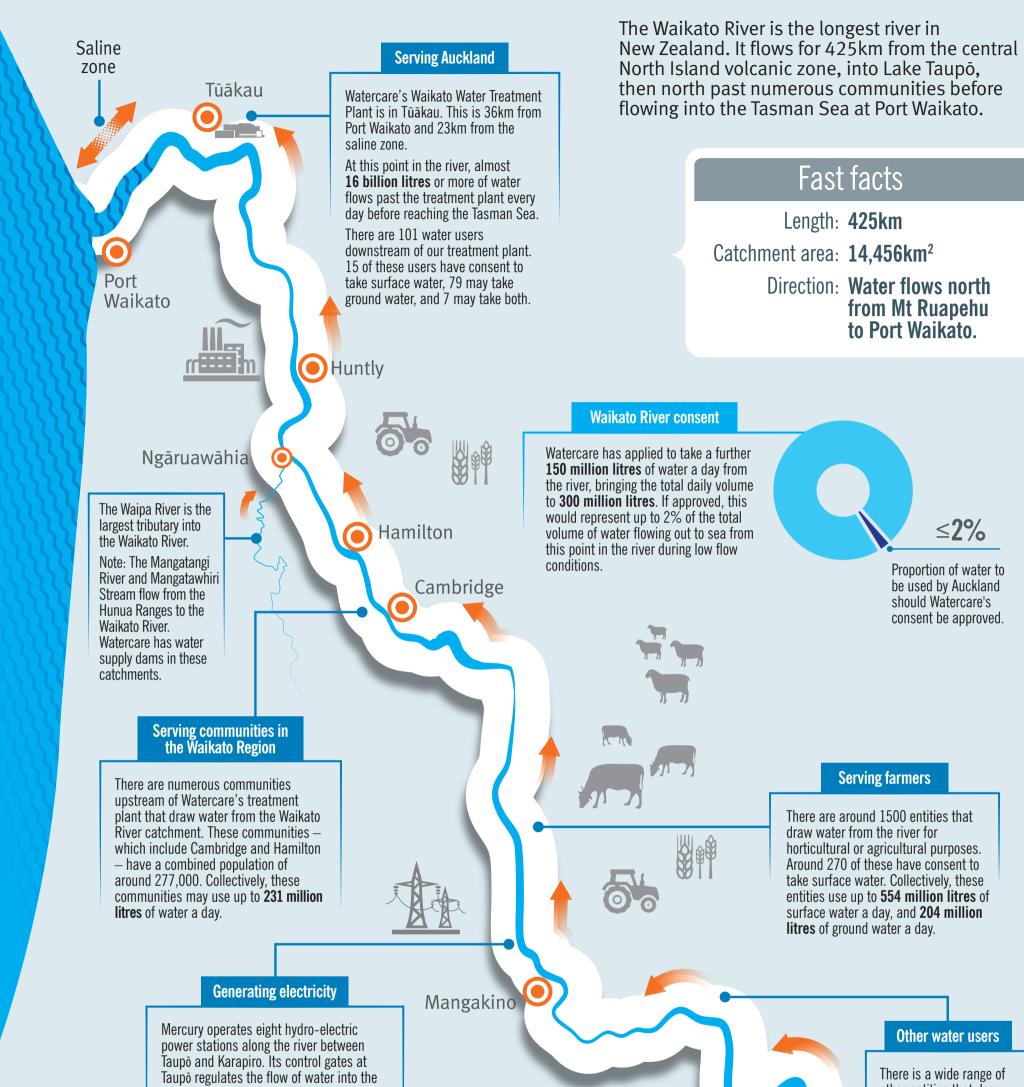
Drawing water from the Waikato River catchment



Taupō

river. Genesis Energy operates three hydro-electric power stations upstream of Lake Taupō as well as New Zealand's largest thermal power station at Huntly. The Huntly power station uses water from the river for cooling purposes. Collectively, activities to generate power may consume up to **69.4 million** litres a day.

Lake Taupo

Lake Taupō is New Zealand's largest lake, holding **59 trillion litres** of water. This is **617** times more than the total volume of water stored in Watercare's dams. other entities that draw water from the Waikato River catchment. For example, water is being used for construction, mining and manufacturing operations as well as for recreational purposes. Collectively, these entities may consume up to **132 million litres** of surface water a day, and **99 million litres** of ground water a day.

*Consent holder counts and abstraction volumes based on allocation database provided by WRC in November 2020.

