

# TE ARA WHĀNUI O RANGITĀIKI PATHWAYS OF THE RANGITĀIKI

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## 10-Year Review Rangitāiki River Document

The Rangitāiki River Document was approved in December 2014. The Rangitāiki River Forum are undertaking a 10-Year review of the Rangitāiki River Document.

The River Document sets out why we value the Rangitāiki River catchment, our concerns for it and a vision for its future. We want to hear what you think about the Rangitāiki River Document. Are the issues, desired outcomes and objectives still appropriate or relevant?

Have your say on the 10-Year review of the Rangitāiki River Document. Let us know if you continue to support the vision, desired outcomes and objectives for the Rangitāiki River.

**You can submit your comments by email to [jwaldon70@gmail.com](mailto:jwaldon70@gmail.com)**



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# He kaupapa whakahirahira An inspiring opportunity

## What is this about?

Local Māori regard the Rangitāiki River as an ancestral river of great importance to past, present and future generations. It is a taonga (valued resource) to many, Māori and non-Māori alike. Its tuna (eels) were and still are a highly prized cultural delicacy.

The River supports our economy through hydro-electricity generation, agriculture, fisheries, horticulture, forestry and tourism. Balancing multiple demands on the River continues to be a challenge.

Through the Treaty settlements of Ngāti Manawa and Ngāti Whare, the Rangitāiki River Forum was established. The River Forum is made up of Iwi and Council representatives and exists to protect and enhance the environmental, cultural and spiritual health and wellbeing of the Rangitāiki River and its tributaries, including the Whirinaki, Wheao and Horomanga Rivers.

In December 2014 the River Forum approved the first Rangitāiki River Document which seeks a healthy Rangitāiki River and to guide wise resource management into the future.

The River Forum are keen to get your feedback on the 10-Year Review of the Rangitāiki River Document. Are there issues the existing River Document doesn't address? Are there actions missing that could contribute to achieving the objectives?

## He aha ngā raruraru? What are the issues?

The Forum is concerned that:

- the Rangitāiki River is no longer providing an abundance of food
- water quality is not always good enough for swimming or drinking
- the river is losing its special qualities and liveliness, becoming unfit for holding rituals and ceremonies
- young people no longer have strong ties with the river
- the river has not been looked after and its water is unsatisfactory to those who hold mana whenua (authority over the land).

**The River Forum invites your  
views on the 10-Year Review  
of the Rangitāiki River  
Document.**



# Ngā mahi rautaki o nāianei

## Current Strategic Framework

### Moemoeā Vision

A healthy Rangitāiki River, valued by the community, protected for future generations. Tihei Mauri Ora.

### He Tirohanga Nui Desired outcomes

What do we want for the Rangitāiki River for our mokopuna (future generations)?

**Mauri:** Mauri of the water is protected.

**Taiao:** We want bountiful rivers that people cherish, where native habitats and customary harvesting practices sustain people, and where whitebait and tuna (eels) abound.

**Tangata:** A balanced, connected and respectful relationship with the rivers and resources which will be the foundation for resilient and thriving communities in the Rangitāiki.

**Awa:** We want a clean and healthy environment characterised by clean water, healthy ecosystems and the return of some threatened species. We want to see people use and enjoy this environment for their spiritual, cultural and recreational needs and to celebrate its heritage with pride.

### Ngā Whāinga Objectives



1. Tuna (eel) migration paths within the Rangitāiki River and contributory waterways are protected and enhanced.
2. Habitats that support indigenous species and links between ecosystems within the Rangitāiki River catchment are protected and enhanced.

...so the tuna (eel) are fat and plentiful in the Rangitāiki River waterways.



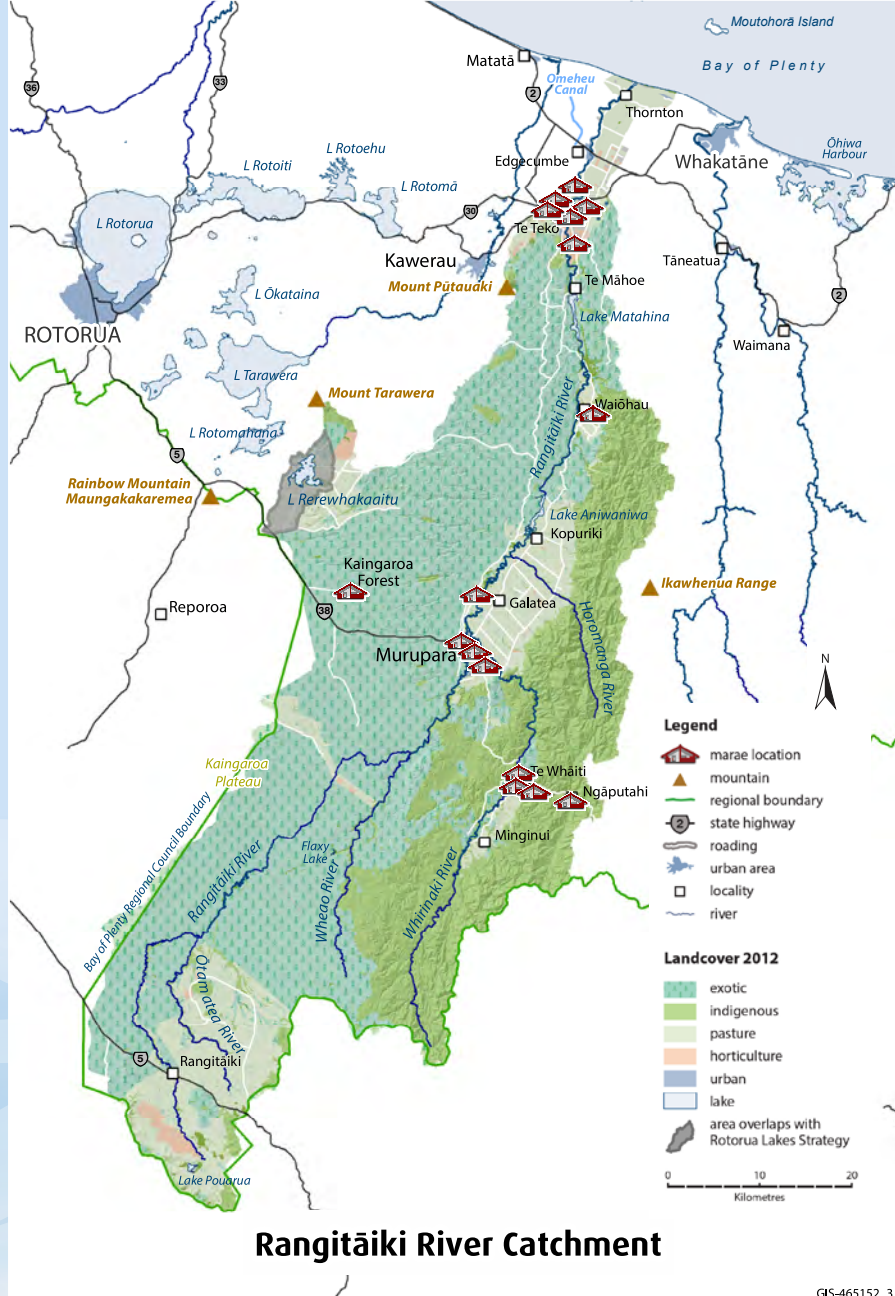
3. Water quality is restored in the Rangitāiki catchment.
4. Prosperity in the Rangitāiki catchment is enabled within sustainable limits of the rivers and receiving environment.

...so it is safe for people to swim in, take food from and find safe drinking water in places.



5. The relationship between communities and the Rangitāiki catchment is recognised and encouraged.
6. The practice of kaitiakitanga in decision-making for managing the resources of the Rangitāiki River catchment is recognised and provided for.
7. Naturalness of the river and its landscape of the Rangitāiki catchment is respected.
8. Access to the Rangitāiki River and its tributaries is maintained and enhanced.

...so the Rangitāiki River and its waterways stay as special places.



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