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1 June 2019

Environment Committee

Order Paper for the meeting of the Environment Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington on:

Thursday, 20 June 2019 at 9.30am

Membership

Cr Kedgley (Chair)
Cr Brash (Deputy)

Cr Blakeley
Cr Gaylor
Cr Laidlaw
Cr McKinnon
Cr Ponter
Cr Swain

Cr Donaldson
Cr Laban
Cr Lamason
Cr Ogden
Cr Staples

Barbie Barton

Ihaia Puketapu

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Please note these minutes remain unconfirmed until the meeting of the Environment Committee on 20 June 2019.

Report 19.182

9 May 2019

File: CCAB-10-720

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2019 in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 9.30am.

Present

Councillors Kedgley (Chair), Blakeley, Brash (Deputy Chair), Donaldson, Gaylor, Laban, Lamason, Laidlaw, McKinnon, Ogden (from 9.39am), Ponter, Swain, Staples, and Barbie Barton and Ihaia Puketapu (from 9.51am).

Public Business

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of conflict of interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

4 Confirmation of the public minutes of 14 February 2019

Moved (Cr Kedgley / Cr McKinnon)

That the Committee confirms the public minutes of the meeting of 21 March 2019, Report 19.102.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Committee agreed to deal with item 6 – *Coastal Erosion Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park* ahead of item 5 – *Considering Carbon Neutrality*.

5 **Coastal erosion plan for Queen Elizabeth Park**

Amanda Cox, Manager, Parks, spoke to the report.

Report 19.171

File ref: CCAB-10-716

Moved

(Cr Gaylor / Cr Lamason.)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the draft Coastal erosion Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: Cr Ogden and Ihaia Puketapu arrived at the meeting during the consideration of the above item.

6 **Considering carbon neutrality**

Luke Troy, General Manager, Strategy, introduced the report. Jake Roos, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

Report 19.98

File ref: CCAB-10-703

Moved

(Cr Ponter / Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to:*
 - i. *Instruct the Chief Executive to gather available research on the likely costs and implications of pathways for possible target dates, and the costs of inaction, prior to:*
 - ii. *Setting target dates for carbon neutrality for Council as an organisation, with a facilitated workshop-based process, which will then report to Council for decision.*
4. *Agrees that Greater Wellington should join CDP (formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project) and seek to integrate this into its annual reporting.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting adjourned, during debate on the above item,- at 10.38am. The meeting resumed at 10.48am. Cr Laidlaw returned to the meeting at 10.56am following the vote on the above item.

7 Update from the Climate Change Working Groups

Suze Keith, Climate Change Advisor, spoke to the report.

Report 19.168

File ref: CCAB-10-714

Moved

(Cr Staples/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

8 General Managers' report to the Environment Committee meeting on 9 May 2019

Wayne O'Donnell, General Manager, Catchment Management, Al Cross, General Manager, Environment, and Grant Nalder, Manager Harbours (Harbourmaster) spoke to the report.

Report 19.123

File ref: CCAB-10-711

Moved

(Cr Gaylor / Cr Laban)

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: The Committee raised concerns about the risks that could arise through ships' officers not effectively being able to communicate with, or understand communications from, Beacon Hill due to a poor command of English, and requested that officers bring this to the attention of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee for its consideration.

The meeting closed at 11.48am.

Cr S Kedgley
(Chair)

Date:



Report 19.246
Date 10 June 2019
File CCAB-10-725

Committee Environment Committee
Author Tracy Plane

Climate Change information in the 2018-19 Annual Report

1. Purpose

To describe the content that is planned for the Annual Report 2018-19 relating to climate change actions taken by council, with an indication of how the climate change reporting framework will be developed in the future.

2. Background

Over the past eight months, the GW Councillor Climate Change Working Group has been examining the issue of how council reports its climate change related risks and liabilities to its stakeholders, and how this may be improved. This in part has been prompted by an international effort for major organisations such as corporations to do the same in relation to their fiduciary duties. The Taskforce of Climate-Related Financial Disclosures¹ (TCFD) reported back on this 2016, and subsequently various organisation have begun to build climate change information in line with their recommendations into their annual reports.

Climate change risks and liabilities includes both the level of greenhouse emissions created by the organisation and its investments, but also how its interests may be directly affected by climate change impacts themselves. This along with whatever plans the organisation has to address gaps in its knowledge and reduce its exposure to climate change are reported.

The Council has already committed to the CEMARS programme (which will result in a third-party verified emissions inventory report and emissions management and reduction plan for the organisation) and CDP, an international climate change information disclosure and performance scoring system. CDP has a system specifically for cities (local bodies) and is aligned with the TCFD.

¹ <https://www.fsb-tcfd.org/about/>

Results from each of these processes will not be available until late in the year, and therefore cannot be used for the 2018-19 Annual Report. In future, key performance indicators for the Council may be developed using the results of CEMARS and CDP.

3. Comment

The Councillor working group recommended that in the first instance, a narrative about GW's climate change work be included. The next step would be to develop future performance measures to report against.

Presently corporate greenhouse gas emissions are included in the Annual report each year, but trends are not shown. This may change if Council agrees to a corporate carbon reduction target in the coming months.

The 2018-19 Annual Report climate change reporting would be:

- Both the standard reporting section, as well as a 'story' page, where a fuller narrative will be included;
- Levels of emissions and other information from the corporate sustainability report (where appropriate);
- A description of adaptation work that was undertaken in 2018/19.

4. Communication

No formal communication is proposed as an outcome of this report other than publishing the information described within it in the 2018-19 Annual Report.

5. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

5.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

5.2 Engagement

Engagement on the matters contained in this report aligns with the level of significance assessed. In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, no engagement on the matters for decision is required.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Endorses the proposed approach.*

Report prepared by:

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Report 19.268
Date 13 June 2019
File CCAB-10-730

Committee Environment
Author Suze Keith, Climate Change Advisor
Andrea Brandon, Climate Change Programme Lead

Climate Change update

1 Purpose

To update the Environment Committee following the latest meetings of the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group and the Greater Wellington Regional Council Climate Change Working Group.

2 Background

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), along with the region’s city and district councils, established a Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group (WRCCWG) in 2017. GWRC convenes and chairs the group, which comprises a councillor from each council across the region and three iwi members nominated by Ara Tahi.

GWRC also has a Climate Change Working Group. This group meets every 6-8 weeks to discuss climate change matters.

The Committee has requested regular updates on the two working groups.

3 Updates from working groups

3.1 Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group

The WRCCWG provides a forum for councils and iwi to network, discuss issues, share information and, where appropriate, achieve a consistent approach across all jurisdictions on climate change mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation (preparing for impacts such as sea level rise, drought and enhanced natural hazards effects). The WRCCWG is supported by two officer-level groups, the Low Carbon Transition Steering Group (mitigation) and the Natural Hazards Strategy Working Group. It also has formed a sub-group of both councillors and officers to develop a plan for community-led coastal adaptation planning.

The next meeting for this group is Monday, 17 June. Agenda items include the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill and the implications

for local government, updates from the Community-led Coastal Adaptation subgroup, the Low-Carbon Transition steering group and the Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy group.

3.2 Greater Wellington Regional Council Climate Change Working Group

At the 20 May meeting, the GWRC Climate Change Working Group unanimously agreed that GWRC should join other councils in declaring a climate emergency, and that this issue should be discussed at the next Environment Committee. It is noted that a climate emergency needs to be declared by Council, rather than the Environment Committee. Recommendation 3 of this report reflects the intent of the working group and requests the Chief Executive to bring a paper to Council on this issue on 25 June. This recommendation was prepared by Cr Sue Kedgley, Chair of the Environment Committee and Cr Roger Blakeley, Chair of the GWRC Climate Change Working Group.

The group discussed GWRC's recent membership with the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). CDP is a globally recognised reporting framework which enables GWRC to assess its risk exposure to climate change regulatory and physical impacts. There was a discussion on how GWRC may use this framework for reporting in the future, e.g. in Annual Reports.

The LGNZ remit, regarding the establishment of an independent expert group to progress the development of a new funding policy framework for adapting to climate change impacts (as recommended by the Ministry for the Environment Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group), was approved by four other councils and since has been lodged with LGNZ for consideration.

Letters have been drafted to GWRC's Council-controlled organisations to alert them to GWRC's investigation of setting a target for becoming carbon neutral and seeking their interest in following suit.

The EV Strategy has been approved and distributed amongst councillors and officials of the territorial authorities.

4 Other updates

The Zero Carbon Workshop has been considered by the Executive Leadership Team and the Environment Committee and will be progressed in the coming months. The Preparing Coastal Communities for Climate Change Report has been completed and members of the adaptation subgroup of the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group are liaising with all councils to arrange a joint communications plan for its release.

The Wellington Region 2050 Emissions Calculator has been completed and is available for use. The tool is easy to use and can be found here: <https://gwrc.2050calculator.nz/>.

Parliament's Environment Select Committee has invited submissions to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill which was introduced to Parliament in May. A GWRC submission is being prepared and the deadline is

16 July. Councillors will receive an update on this shortly. In the meantime feedback to officers is welcome and the Bill can be found here: <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2019/0136/latest/LMS183736.htm>
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5 Communication

No external communication is proposed as an outcome of the consideration of this report.

6 Consideration of climate change

The matters addressed in this report have been considered by officers in accordance with the process set out in the Greater Wellington's Climate Change Consideration Guide. Because this report addresses the actions of Greater Wellington's Climate Change Strategy directly, climate change assessments are not required.

7 The decision-making process and significance

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

7.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires GWRC to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

7.2 Engagement

No engagement is required.

8 Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Requests** the Chief Executive to prepare a report to the 25 June Council meeting recommending that Council support the declaration of a climate emergency, as proposed by a recommendation adopted at Council's Climate Change Working Group. This report should note the legislative context; the urgent need to reduce climate emissions and transition to a low carbon economy; the need for greater government action to encourage the electrification of public transport; uptake of electric vehicles and funding to

support climate change adaptation work; the process undertaken by other local governments in New Zealand; the work already underway or planned by Greater Wellington to address climate change; the need to collaborate with iwi and other Councils and the wider community on further implementation of actions to reduce our emissions, and any implications of such a declaration for Greater Wellington.

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Report 2019.247
Date 11 June 2019
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Committee Environment Committee
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Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan

1. Purpose

To seek endorsement of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan (FMP), as recommended by the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee (Te Kāuru FMP Subcommittee).

2. Background

The Te Kāuru FMP establishes a framework for Greater Wellington Regional Council (the Council) to proactively manage flood and erosion risks throughout the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. The overall vision for the catchment seeks to establish:

“A connected, resilient, prosperous and sustainable community, proud of its rivers, that is involved in managing flood risks in a manner that recognises local identity and protects, enhances or restores natural and cultural values”

The Te Kāuru FMP represents the culmination of seven (7) years of investigating, testing and consulting on the most appropriate and comprehensive approach for managing the flood and erosion risks to rural and urban land within the Te Kāuru catchment. A suite of methods for the management of flood and erosion risks are set out and together these provide for a comprehensive and long term approach.

The Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee (Te Kāuru Subcommittee) is responsible for the development and adoption of the Te Kāuru Floodplain Management Plan (FMP).

The FMP has been developed in collaboration with Masterton District Council (MDC), Carterton District Council (CDC), Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa,

Rangitāne o Wairarapa, and the wider community, primarily through Subcommittee.

At its meeting on 21 March 2019, the Environment Committee resolved to release the proposed Te Kāuru FMP for a final round of formal public consultation. The proposed Te Kāuru FMP incorporated all three volumes of the draft Te Kāuru FMP and the changes made from the public engagement on these draft volumes.

3. Consultation and submissions received

The formal consultation period on the proposed Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan (Te Kāuru), ran from 13 March to 14 April 2019. Consultation events and activities were largely based between 23 March and 7 April 2019. Submissions closed on 14 April 2019. The purpose of this consultation was to present the proposed Te Kāuru Floodplain Management Plan to the community and seek submissions on the plan. In total 532 people were directly engaged with over this period with many more reached through publications such as a catchment wide brochure drop, newspaper, radio and social media activities. A summary of each of the engagement and consultation processes undertaken over the course of this project is included as [Attachment 1](#) of this report.

Submissions on the proposed Te Kāuru FMP were received online (by online form), email and postal mail. Submissions closed on 14 April 2019. A total of sixty-one (61) submissions (including five (5) late submissions) were received. Eight (8) submissions were received in support of the proposed Te Kāuru FMP and thirteen (13) were neutral. Forty (40) submissions oppose the proposed Te Kāuru FMP either in whole or part.

The submissions received express a mix of support and opposition to the proposed Te Kāuru FMP. At a broad level:

- Submissions in support of Te Kāuru provide support for the overall approach of developing the FMP, consultation undertaken with riverside landowners, the direction of the FMP and the approach of giving the river more room to move, the recognition of changing community values and mindsets, the recognition of the importance of natural river systems and their ecology, and the governance and funding structures.
- Submissions in opposition to the Te Kāuru FMP raise concerns in terms of the FMP development process, its supporting information, its proposed implementation (including concerns with the proposed governance and funding structures), the river management approach including buffers and the implications for affected property owners, particularly in terms of loss of private land, damage to infrastructure, and increased weed and pest management demands.

The matters raised by written submissions and oral presentations are summarised under the following key themes.

1. Te Kāuru Vision, Principles and Aims
2. Te Kāuru Development Process
3. Te Kāuru Implementation
4. River Management Approach
5. Buffer Management
6. Stopbanks and Structural Responses
7. Consideration of Cultural Values
8. Environmental Enhancement
9. Other issues raised

4. Report from Te Kāuru Hearing Subcommittee

On 11 April 2019, the Te Kāuru FMP Subcommittee resolved to establish a Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga FMP Hearing Subcommittee (Hearing Subcommittee) to consider all written and oral submissions on the proposed Te Kāuru FMP. The Te Kāuru FMP Subcommittee also adopted terms of reference for the Hearing Subcommittee (GWRC Report 2019.120).

The Hearing Subcommittee met on 29 and 30 April 2019 to hear 20 oral presentations and consider all the 61 written and 20 oral submissions received on the proposed Te Kāuru FMP. The deliberations of the Hearing Subcommittee were adjourned on 30 April and reconvened on 22 May 2019 to allow consideration of the results of the draft independent model audit report prepared by Land River Sea Consulting Ltd.

The Hearing Subcommittee recommendations were reported to the Te Kāuru Subcommittee on 11 June 2019 (Report 2019.232). This included: noting the interim status of the flood hazard maps within the FMP; the removal of the flood hazard maps for the Waipoua urban area (Reach 13); and removal of the detail of future flood management options for the Masterton urban area which will be determined during Stage 1 of implementation of the FMP.

The recommendations within the Hearings Subcommittee report have been undertaken and are included in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga FMP as [Attachment 2](#) of this report.

5. Report from Te Kāuru FMP Subcommittee

It is recommended by the Te Kāuru Subcommittee that the Environment Committee endorses the Te Kāuru FMP for consideration and adoption by Council.

6. Communication

All submitters and key stakeholders will be advised by letter once the Plan has been approved by Council.

7. Consideration of climate change

The matters addressed in this report have been considered by officers in accordance with the process set out in the GWRC Climate Change Consideration Guide.

7.1 Mitigation assessment

Mitigation assessments are concerned with the effect of the matter on the climate (i.e. the greenhouse gas emissions generated or removed from the atmosphere as a consequence of the matter) and the actions taken to reduce, neutralise or enhance that effect.

Officers have considered the effect of the matter on the climate. Officers recommend that the matter will have an effect that is not considered significant.

Officers note that the matter does not affect the Council's interests in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) or the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative (PFSI)

7.2 Adaptation assessment

Adaptation assessments relate to the impacts of climate change (e.g. sea level rise or an increase in extreme weather events), and the actions taken to address or avoid those impacts.

GWRC plans for climate change in assessing the degree of future flood hazard and in determining an appropriate response. There are only specific, limited situations in which climate change is not relevant (for example, planning for present-day emergency management).

In assessing flood hazard and determining appropriate structural and/or non-structural responses in areas subject to flood risk, GWRC is applying a rainfall increase of 20% to the flood hydrology in the FMP to account for climate change over the next 100 years.

Guidance from the Ministry for the Environment will be updated from time to time and our approach will be revised in line with any updates.

8. The decision-making process and significance

8.1 The decision-making process

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

The subject matter of this report concludes a decision-making process on a matter that has been assessed to be of high significance within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002.

The process has involved the identification and detailed analysis of options, and identification of options for public consultation. This report outlines the process of consultation followed, the feedback received and the consideration of that feedback.

Once the FMP has been approved, the next step in this project will be developing an implementation plan, including undertaking the recommendations of the independent modelling audit as a priority.

8.2 Engagement

Through the Te Kāuru FMP development process there have been a number of stages of engagement and consultation with the community, riverside landowners, local councils, iwi, and many other groups and organisations. The Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee (Te Kāuru FMP Subcommittee) has received a number of reports detailing the various stages of engagement and consultation and the feedback received. Various changes were made to the FMP as a result of these processes, which were workshopped and reported to the Te Kāuru FMP Subcommittee and reported to the Environment Committee. A summary of the engagement and consultation process is included as **Attachment 1** to this report.

In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, officers determined that the appropriate level of engagement is informing and consulting.

9. Recommendations

That the Subcommittee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Endorses** the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga River Floodplain Management Plan for consideration and adoption by Council.

Report prepared by:	Report approved by:	Report approved by:	Report approved by:
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Attachment 1: Summary of engagement and consultation
Attachment 2: Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan



Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan

Summary of Communications and Engagement Process

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1. Summary of engagement

Floodplain management planning consists of three phases, and community involvement is important throughout all three phases. Community involvement is needed to ensure the success of the development and ultimately implementation of a floodplain management plan.

Throughout the development of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga Floodplain Management Plan (Te Kāuru FMP), over 1,600 interactions with people from a wide range of stakeholders and community groups (including Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, Rangitāne o Wairarapa, the community, key stakeholders and local authorities (Masterton and Carterton District Councils), and the other interest groups and businesses). Table 1 summarises the engagement periods that have been undertaken.

Table 1: Summary of stages of engagement

Stage	Dates	Purpose	Number of people engaged*
Phase One: Investigations			
	2012 to 2014	To engage with the community to identify and confirm flood issues, values for the floodplain, Te Kāuru FMP objectives	Not recorded
Flood hazard information release	August 2014	To seek feedback from affected landowners on the flood hazard and provide them with an opportunity to talk it through and ask any questions they had	355
Phase Two: Identify and Assess Management Options			
	2015 to 2019	To engage with the community to identify and assess the management options against the Te Kāuru FMP objectives	Not recorded
Stage 1	16 July to 16 September 2018	To seek feedback on draft versions of Volume 1 – Background and Overview and Volume 2 – Location Specific Values, Issues and Responses	400
Stage 2a	1 to 11 November 2018	To present updated draft flood maps for the Waipoua River through Masterton urban area	140
Stage 2b	6 to 9 December 2018	To discuss with the public the possible flood management approaches and options for the Waipoua River through the Masterton urban area	81
Stage 2c	23 February to 5 March 2019	To seek feedback and discuss the proposed flood management approaches for the Waipoua river through Masterton urban area, Volume 3.	189
Phase Three: Prepare draft Floodplain Management Plan			
Stage 3	13 March to 14 April 2019	Formal consultation period. To present the proposed Te Kāuru FMP to the community and seek submissions on the plan.	532
Total number of engagements with people			1,697*

*This number does not include social media, website hits or external publications

2. Phase One: Investigations

The purpose of engagement during this first phase is to identify and confirm flood issues, values for the floodplain, FMP objectives. This enables a better understanding of the flood and erosion risks within the catchment to be collated and for additional data to be collected that may otherwise have been missed.

2.1 Establishment of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee

As part of this initial scoping from 2012, it was recommended that an Upper Valley Floodplain Management Subcommittee be formed to ensure there was broader representation in the decision making process for the development of the FMP. The recommendation for how to develop the FMP and for a subcommittee to be established was endorsed at an Environmental Wellbeing Committee meeting on the 11th of September 2012.

In February 2014 that Council signed off on the establishment of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee. The first meeting of the Subcommittee was held shortly after in April 2014.

To ensure wider representation for those making the decisions, the Subcommittee was made up of appointees from the following: community, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, Rangitāne o Wairarapa, existing scheme committees, Masterton District Council (MDC), Carterton District Council (CDC) and GWRC.

2.2 2012 – 2014 General Engagement Overview

Work began on the scoping and development of the Te Kāuru FMP in mid-2012.

Throughout Phase One engagement (2012 until 2014) the community and stakeholders were informed and invited to engage with the project via newspaper articles, direct correspondence, and a range of presentations at community organisation meetings. The local authorities (MDC & CDC) and relevant GWRC committees were informed and engaged in the process with regular reports and presentations. The councils and committees also made key decisions when required.

Some of the main points of communication and engagement from this initial engagement are outlined below.

- In early 2013 a letter was sent to rate payers who contribute to the river management schemes in the Upper Wairarapa. The letter was to inform them that the process for developing the FMP had started and included a newsletter to provide additional information. A letter and newsletter was also sent out to notify those who are part of the scheme advisory committees.
- In mid to late 2013 a presentation on the project purpose, structure, values and general overview was given at the relevant scheme meetings within the catchment, as well as to Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa representatives, Rangitāne o Wairarapa representatives and key stakeholders including Wellington Fish & Game; Ducks Unlimited; Wairarapa Paddlers; Jet Boaters; Wairarapa Fishing Club; and a number of the Lions and Rotary Clubs.
- Presentations and discussions were also held with the Farmers Reference Group to ensure they were updated on the scope, extent, progress and key issues.

- Through 2014 further presentations and meetings with river management scheme committees, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, Rangitāne o Wairarapa, community groups and organisations and stakeholders occurred. These presentations focused on the modelling outputs and associated changes to flood risk, values and issues, and the scope for Phase Two. These presentations were a chance for those attending to provide feedback on what was being proposed.

2.3 2014 Flood Hazard Information Release

In August 2014, GWRC produced draft flood hazard maps, for public information release, for the Upper Ruamāhanga Catchment. Prior to release the draft hazard maps GWRC, CDC and MDC worked to review and prepare the maps for public information release.

2.3.1 2014 Flood Hazard Information Release Activities

- Flood hazard information was sent out to about 3,000 flood affected properties in the Upper Ruamāhanga catchment on 22 August 2014.
- Following the release via post of this information GWRC received 155 enquires from individual properties (up until 12 Sept 2014). The project team worked to resolve individual issues related to the information face-to-face, by phone and by email.
- On 30 August 2014, following the release of flood hazard information, a community open day was held in the Masterton Town Hall for all those at risk of flooding. This provided attendees the opportunity to talk with the officers and ask questions they had on the information and record their thoughts and concerns about the maps, as well as input into the wider floodplain management planning process. Over 300 people attended this event. Large flood maps were available for people to provide comments on directly and attendees were also given feedback forms to fill out if they wanted to.
- Approximately 90 feedback forms were received from this open day.
- Meetings were held with MDC officers, CDC officers, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, and Rangitāne o Wairarapa, and key stakeholders around the flood hazard information throughout the latter half of 2014.



Figure 2: Te Kāuru Subcommittee Chair Bob Francis talking to the public at the 2014 open day



Figure 1: Te Kāuru Project Team Member, Mark Hooker talking to the public over flood hazard maps at the 2014 open day

2.3.2 2014 Flood Hazard Information Release Outcomes

Feedback from the community, as well as a MDC following the release of these maps raised some concerns around the accuracy of the maps. The key concerns raised were as follows.

- Approach and basis (assumptions and estimates) used in the hydrology for the ungauged portion of the Waipoua catchment affecting the Masterton urban area flood hazard
- Assumptions used for climate change (what are they and why)
- Calibration with the 1998 flood gauging for the Waipoua River in urban Masterton, in terms of design flow and return period
- Defining and describing ‘freeboard’ and how it is applied and why it is necessary
- Consistent use and definition of key terms (e.g. ‘flood risk level’ vs ‘flood water level’).’

As a result of the above concerns the Waipoua Officers Working Group, comprising of planning and engineering officers from MDC and GWRC, was established in mid-2015. Details of this can be found in Section 3.2.

3. Phase Two: Identify and assess management options

Phase Two of floodplain management planning looks to identify, assess, and select management options against the FMP objectives.

Following the general engagement events, three draft volumes of the Te Kāuru FMP were produced. Below is an outline of what each volume included.

- Volume 1: This volume describes why we need Te Kāuru, the vision, the aims, the suite of responses and common methods that will be used, how the plan will be implemented, and how the community can contribute.
- Volume 2: This volume looks at the different location specific management options to be delivered across the rural areas of the Te Kāuru catchment.
- Volume 3: This volume outlines the management outcomes in relation to the Waipoua River through the Masterton urban area.

The draft volumes were released for at each stage of engagement. Feedback was sought from the community and key stakeholders on the different volumes of the draft FMP during Stages 1 and 2 of the Phase Two engagement process.

3.1 2015 – 2019 General Engagement Overview

Phase Two engagement occurred between 2015 and 2018, it involved direct correspondence with affected parties and stakeholders, newspaper articles, social media posts, and presentation format information sharing. MDC, CDC, and GWRC Councillor Committees were engaged throughout the process and provided feedback and comments that allowed for key decisions to be made.

Some of the key engagement activities during this engagement period are as follows.

- 21 February 2015 members of the project team had a stall at the Masterton A & P Show to inform the community of the projects progress and answer any questions.

- 4 August 2015 members of the project team discussed the future of the Kopuaranga Scheme and possible extension with landowners at a town hall meeting.
- Two drop-in centres in Masterton were held for landowners on the eastern rivers in December 2015 to discuss the options for management of the rivers and seek their feedback. A letter was sent to the landowners notifying them of the upcoming sessions.
- 2015 to 2016 there were a number of meetings held with MDC to discuss different aspects of the plan including the flood mapping, options for minimising the risk to Masterton, the possible impacts on QE Park from the options, options for the management of risk to River Road properties, and wider implications of the FMP.
- In February 2017, eight focus groups with landowners were held to discuss some of the main themes of Volume 1 and 2, such as giving the river more room, and to get further feedback from the landowners on the themes. These groups included a site visit and a round table discussion component
- July to September 2018 was the first stage of engagement on the draft Volume 1 and 2 of the FMP (discussed in Section 3.3 below).
- November 2018 until March 2019 saw the second stage of engagement occur in three parts, this time focusing on the draft Volumes 1 and 3 of the FMP (discussed in Section 3.4 below).

3.2 Waipoua Officers Working Group

The Waipoua Officer Working Group (WOWG) was established in mid-2015 with officers from GWRC and MDC, and built upon earlier meetings held between planning and engineering officers at those councils. Officers were a mix of technical specialists (e.g. hydrologists, flood modeller, engineers) and management or planning personnel (e.g. district planner, project managers, utility and infrastructure managers).

The following officers from the key organisations involved in WOWG were:

- Susan Borrer (GWRC Engineering Modeller);
- Mark Hooker (GWRC Project Engineer)
- Alistair Allan and Francie Morrow (GWRC Project Managers);
- Sue Southey (MDC Manager of Building and Planning);
- James Li (MDC Utility Services Manager);
- David Hopman (MDC Asset and Operations Manager);
- Ken Downing (MDC Technical Services Officer);
- Michael Hewison (Independent Consultant for CDC) and;
- Hamish Wesney (Boffa Miskell – Facilitator for WOWG).

The meetings from time to time, also extended to include briefings with Pim Borren (CE MDC), Graeme Campbell (Manager, Flood Protection, GWRC), Wayne O'Donnell (General Manager, GWRC).

Table 2 outlines a time line of WOWG meetings, their topics and key decisions from these meetings

Table 2: Timeline of WOWG Meeting Dates, Topics and Key Decisions

Date	Meeting Topics	Key Decisions
30 October 2015	- Project Plan	Project Plan confirmed
13 November 2015	- Climate Change - Freeboard - Key Terms	
28 January 2016	- Draft MWH Rainfall-Runoff Modelling Report - Reviewer of Rainfall-Runoff Modelling Report	Peer reviewer selected
21 April 2016	- Peer Review of Rainfall-Runoff Modelling Report - Modelling Outputs	Preliminary list of model outputs
22 June 2016	- Final MWH Rainfall-Runoff Modelling Report	Hydrology parameters
4 July 2017	- Modelling Update - Climate Change - Freeboard - Model Review/Audit Process	Re-confirmed hydrology parameters Climate change factor Sensitivity testing factors
18 December 2017	- Modelling Update - Calibration - Sensitivity testing	Flow for Colombo Road in 1998 flood event adjusted Calibration flood events Model outputs
27 February 2018	- 1998 Flood Calibration - 2012 Flood Calibration - Peer Review of Model - Sensitivity Scenarios	Reviewer/auditor of model selected
8 June 2018	- Model Peer Review Outcomes - 1998 Flood Calibration - Climate Change - Sensitivity Scenarios Results	Accepted model peer review findings Re-confirmed climate change factor
26 July 2018	- Sensitivity Scenarios Results - Producing Flood Hazard Maps	Sensitivity scenarios to be used for flood hazard maps Flood hazard maps to be produced
24 August 2018	- 1947 Flood Information - Sensitivity Scenarios Results - Draft Flood Hazard Maps	Re-confirmed sensitivity scenarios to be used for flood hazard maps
24 September 2018	- 1947 Flood Information - Sensitivity Scenarios Report - Terminology	Flood Hazard Maps
5 February 2019	- Flood Hazard Maps and GIS Data - Ruamahanga/Waipoua Confluence - Proposed Response to Waipoua urban reach for inclusion in FMP - Engagement on Draft FMP	Flood Hazard Maps Waipoua urban reach response
5 June 2019	- Independent Audit Report Findings and Recommendations	All recommendations in Audit Report to be implemented and changes to FMP

3.3 Stage 1 Engagement Overview

Stage 1 engagement ran from 16 July to 16 September 2018. The purpose of this engagement was to seek feedback on the draft versions of Volume 1 and 2.

Approximately 400 people engaged with us at numerous events, with many more reached via external publications, social media, and the Te Kāuru website and radio interviews.

Table 3: Number of people attending coffee groups (by river)

Coffee Group	Number of people who attended
Waingawa Coffee Groups	34
Waipoua Coffee Groups	20
Ruamahanga Coffee Groups	59
Kopuaranga Coffee Groups	13
Whangaehu Coffee Group	5
Taueru Coffee Group	3

Table 4: Number of people engage with at Stage 1 events

Event	Number of people engaged with
Coffee Group Meetings	134
Masterton Farmers Market	126
Carterton Farmers Markets	96
Emailed feedback	10
Posted feedback	3
Online feedback	13
Drop-in Centres	25
TOTAL	407

3.3.1 Stage 1 Engagement activities

A 12-page summary document was produced to provide the public with a concise summary of Volume 1. Within the summary document we also included: a feedback form (which could be free posted back); one-page summary of how Te Kāuru links with the Ruamāhanga Whaitua. This was the main document for handing out at all consultation events.

During Stage 1 Engagement, Te Kāuru project team and Subcommittee members attended engagement activities including:

- Rural Landowner engagement
 - 22 small group discussions, called ‘coffee groups’, which were hosted by members of the community for riverside landowners;
 - Individual letters were also sent to all riverside landowners in the Te Kāuru catchment (467 people);



Figure 3: Mia who attended one of the coffee group meetings (July 2018)

- Stalls at the Farmers Market
 - Masterton (11 Aug, 1 Sept & 8 Sept 2018)
 - Carterton (12 Aug & 2 Sept 2018)



Figure 4: GWRC Councillor Adrienne Staples talking to the public at the Carterton Farmers Market (August 2018)

- Three drop-in centres;
 - Gladstone (4 Sept 2018)
 - Carterton (6 Sept 2018)
 - Masterton (8 Sept 2018)



Figure 5: Drop-in centre set up in Gladstone (September 2018)

- A district wide brochure drop to Masterton and a brochure drop to those in the Te Kāuru catchment in the Carterton district
- Media and social media
 - Information in the local papers;
 - Social media campaigns;
 - Paid radio interviews with Chair of the Te Kāuru Subcommittee Bob Francis and Councillor Adrienne Staples;
 - Information on the [Te Kāuru](#) website.

3.3.2 Stage 1 Engagement Outcomes

Stage 1 engagement highlighted a number of areas where further work was needed, such as ‘how will pest plants and animals be managed?’ or ‘how will the planting be implemented?’ As a result the project team undertook a number of work streams to ensure the key themes were addressed.

All of these work streams resulted in changes and clarifications within the draft FMP and in turn answered the questions people had asked throughout the engagement period. A separate response to specific questions asked during the coffee meetings was sent to each attendee.

3.4 Stage 2 Engagement Overview

The purpose of Stage 2 was to seek feedback on Volume 1 and 3 of Te Kāuru, with particular emphasis on Volume 3.

Stage Two engagement was broken into three sub-stages, which were used to talk to the community about different aspects of the management for the flood risk from the Waipoua River through the Masterton urban area. The stages, their purpose and number of attendees by event is summarised in Table 5.

Table 5: Stage 2 Engagement Statistics

	Stage 2A	Stage 2B	Stage 2C
<i>Date</i>	1 – 11 Nov 2018	6 – 9 Dec 2018	23 Feb – 3 Mar 2019
<i>Purpose</i>	Engagement on updated draft flood maps for Masterton urban area.	Engagement of possible flood management approaches for Masterton urban area.	Engagement on the proposed flood management approaches for Masterton urban area.
	Number of people who attended*		
<i>Meeting with Oxford St Residents</i>	12	24	15
<i>Masterton Farmers Market</i>	60	20	53
<i>Masterton Car boot sale</i>	64	34	107
<i>Drop-in centres</i>	4	3	1
<i>Papawai & Kaikōkiri Trusts Meeting</i>	-	-	6
<i>Waipoua Kaitiaki Group Meeting</i>	-	-	7
Total	140	81	189

*This number does not include social media, website hits or external publications

3.4.1 Stage 2A Engagement

(a) Activities

Stage 2A engagement sought feedback on the updated draft flood maps for the Waipoua River through Masterton urban area. During this time engagement took the following forms:

- A small group information session with residents of Oxford Street (7 November 2018)
- Stalls at the Masterton Farmers Markets on two consecutive weekends (3 and 10 November 2018)
- Stalls at the Masterton Car Boot Sale on two consecutive weekends (4 and 11 November 2018)
- A drop-in session at the Masterton Library (7 November 2018)
- A letter and information drop to all residents and property owners in Oxford Street and affected areas of Akura Road
- Sit down with operators of Mawley Park
- Information in the Wairarapa Times Age (advertorial)
- Social media campaigns

- Information on the [Te Kāuru](#) website

(b) Outcomes

Stage 2A engagement highlighted an on-going mistrust of flood risk mapping in the Masterton community. There was also a general appreciation from some community members of assessing the risk, and planning for management of the risk in the future.

3.4.2 Stage 2B Engagement

(a) Activities

Stage 2B engagement ran from 6 to 9 December 2018 and was to discuss with the public the possible flood management approaches and options for the Waipoua River through the Masterton urban area. A brochure outlining five flood management approaches was developed to distribute and discuss with the community.

Engagement took the follow forms:

- A letter and brochure drop to all residents and property owners in Oxford Street and affected areas of Akura Road
- A small group information session with residents of Oxford Street (6 December 2018)
- Stalls at the Masterton Farmers Market and Car Boot Sale (8 and 9 December 2018)
- A drop-in session at the Masterton Club (8 December 2018)
- Information in the Wairarapa Times Age (advertisement)
- Social media campaign
- Information on the [Te Kāuru](#) website

(b) Outcomes

During each of the engagement sessions we had pages with each of the five flood management options on tables for people to put stickers on which options they supported. The results are listed in Table 6.

Table 6: Support for the differnt flood management options – community

Flood management option	Number supporting
Upgrade or construct stopbanks	8
Improve conveyance of flood water	8
Increase upstream storage	25
Flood resilience and community preparedness	9
Catchment management	9

The community conversations were generally positive, and the community was pleased that plans were being made to manage flood risk. It was quite obvious from community feedback that dams were thought of as a great opportunity for both flood protection and water storage. However when this option was reviewed the costs were prohibitive.

There was a desire from most people we spoke with to manage the risk of flooding to Oxford Street as soon as possible. The residents of Oxford Street will need to remain a key stakeholder group for particular engagement and consideration, particularly during implementation of the FMP.

3.4.3 Stage 2C Engagement

(a) Activities

Stage 2C engagement was run from 23 February to 3 March 2019 to seek feedback and discuss the proposed flood management approaches for the Waipoua River through Masterton urban area, Volume 3.

An A4 folded brochure was delivered to all properties in the Te Kāuru catchment outlining the proposed five stage approach. The 12 page summary document, along with a letter inviting residents to a session at Mawley Park, was delivered to all houses on Oxford Street.

Posters advertising when and where Te Kāuru engagement would take place were put up in several locations in Masterton: New World, Pak'n'Save, Public library (along with a Volume 1 and 3), Aratoi, and the MDC offices.

An updated version of Volume 1, as well as a summary of changes that were made to Volume 1, were also available.

The engagement took a number of forms, including:

- A meeting with members of the Papawai & Kaikōkirikiri Trusts (25 February 2019)
- A small group information session with members of a Waipoua Kaitiaki group (26 February 2019)
- A letter and brochure drop to all residents and property owners in Oxford Street and affected areas of Akura Road
- A small group information session with residents of Oxford Street (27 February 2019)
- Stalls at the Masterton Farmers Market and Car Boot Sale (23/24 February and 2/3 March 2019)
- Two drop-in sessions at the Masterton Club (28 February and 2 March 2019)
- Information in the Wairarapa Times Age and Wairarapa Midweek (advertisements)
- Social media campaign
- Information on the [Te Kāuru](#) website

(b) Outcomes

The conversations we had during Stage 2C engagement were varied, as always, but almost everyone we spoke to supported the idea of a staged approach for implementing the outcomes for the Masterton urban area. The concept of gathering more data was acknowledged as important, particularly during the small group discussions.

Following this engagement, feedback had been collected on all three volumes of the FMP. The next steps were to take the volumes and appropriate feedback and combine it into a single proposed Floodplain Management Plan. This was then presented to the community through a formal consultation process, named Stage 3 engagement.

4. Phase Three: Preparation of the Floodplain Management Plan

Phase three of floodplain management planning is about achieving sustainable solutions. The purpose of this phase was to formally consult and seek submissions on the proposed

Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan (a combination of Volumes 1, 2 and 3).

4.1 Stage 3 Engagement Overview

Stage 3 was the formal consultation period on the proposed Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan (Te Kāuru), which ran from 13 March to 14 April 2019. Consultation events and activities were largely based between 23 March and 7 April 2019. Submissions closed on 14 April 2019.

The purpose of this consultation was to present the proposed Te Kāuru Floodplain Management Plan to the community and seek submissions on the plan. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 have been combined into one document containing Part 1 – Background and Overview and Part 2 – Location Specific Values, Issues and Responses.

Overall approximately 530 people engaged with us at events, with many more reached through the external publications such as the newspaper and social media.

Table 7: Number of people engage with at Stage 3 events

Event	Number of people engaged with
Bankside BBQ	85
Train station handouts	190
Masterton Farmers Market	116
Carterton Farmers Market	40
Masterton Car Boot Sale	94
Farming for the Future	5
Aratoi's Opening of WAI	2
Total	532

4.1.1 Stage 3 Engagement Activities

A 20-page summary document was produced to provide the public with a concise summary of the proposed FMP. Within the summary document we also included: a submission form; guidelines for submitters; and a freepost envelope. This was the main document for handing out at all consultation events with over 450 being given out to the public.

During Stage 3 consultation, the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) Te Kāuru project team and Subcommittee members attended events to provide the community with the opportunity to discuss the proposed Floodplain Management Plan.

The consultation took a number of forms, including:

- An A4 folded brochure was delivered to all properties in the Te Kāuru catchment outlining the proposed FMP and that formal submissions are open until 14 April 2019.
- A letter, submission form and freepost envelope sent to:
 - All residents and property owners in Oxford Street and affected areas of Akura Road;
 - Stakeholders who we did not have an email address for;
 - All riverside landowners who did not attend a coffee group;
 - River Road residents within the modelled flood risk area (including the River Road major project response);

- Emails (included a submission form) sent to:
 - Coffee group attendees (Stage 1)
 - People who previously provided feedback
 - Stakeholder groups previously identified
 - Subcommittee members to forward to any contacts

- Events and meetings included:
 - Bankside BBQ's (30 and 31 March 2019)
 - Stall at the Masterton Farmers Market (23 and 30 March and 6 April 2019)
 - Stall at Carterton Farmers Market (31 March and 7 April 2019)
 - Stall at the Masterton Car Boot Sale (24 and 31 March and 7 April 2019)
 - Farming for the future conference (27 May 2019)
 - Aratoi Exhibition open of WAI (29 March 2019)
 - Community walk by at Waipoua River and Henley Lake (at various times through the process)
 - Meeting with Fish and Game (2 April 2019)
 - Train Station handouts (Masterton, Solway, Renall Street and Carterton Stations from 5.30am, 28 and 29 March and 1 and 2 April 2019 respectively)

- Media and Social Media
 - Information in the Wairarapa Times Age and Wairarapa Midweek (advertisements)
 - Radio adverts on The Sound, The Breeze, More FM, Magic Talk
 - Social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram
 - Information on the Te Kāuru website

As per the previous engagement process, advertising when and where Te Kāuru engagement events would take place were put up in several locations in Masterton: New World, Pak'n'Save, Public library (along with a Part 1 and 2), Aratoi, and the Masterton District Council (MDC) offices. Information and advertising was also placed at the Carterton public library.

Additionally, we also installed four signs at different locations: Carpark at Villa Street, Swing Bridge entrance at Queen Elizabeth Park (Masterton), Colombo Road entrance to McJorrow Park and at Percy Reserve (Fig. 6).



Figure 6: Signs at different locations alongside the Waipoua and Ruamāhanga Rivers

The conversations we had again varied, but we did find that a lot of people had already heard about Te Kāuru and as a result some had come down to see us specifically. We had reoccurring topics regarding water storage and water quality, but also specific questions around individual properties and the impacts for them. Generally, people were polite and interested in learning more about what we were proposing.

4.1.2 Stage 3 Engagement Outcomes

61 submissions were received in total during Stage 3 engagement.

Once the submission period was closed (14 April 2019), the submissions were collated and summarised into a key themes report and a report with officers recommended responses for a Hearings Subcommittee that was established by the Te Kāuru Subcommittee on 11 April 2019.

Hearings were held on 29 and 30 April 2019, where 20 people had the opportunity to speak to their submissions.

On 22 May 2019, the Hearings Subcommittee reconvened to finalise the recommendations report, which will then be presented to the Te Kāuru Subcommittee on 11 June 2019.

5. Next Steps

Stage 3 was the last engagement as part of the development of the Te Kāuru FMP.

There will be further communications with our partners, stakeholders and the community regarding adoption of the FMP. This will include meetings, media releases, social media campaigns, and letters to those who submitted on the FMP.

Community engagement and participation will also form a key part of the implementation of the Te Kāuru FMP, and appropriate communications around these opportunities will continue throughout the implementation of the FMP.

Please note: Full reports on Stage 1 & 2; and Stage 3 Engagement are available on request.

‘Guidelines for Floodplain Management Planning’ (GWRC, 2013) is also available on request or from the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) website and outlines the process for developing a Floodplain Management Plan (FMP).

TE KĀURU UPPER RUAMĀHANGA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

12 JUNE 2019



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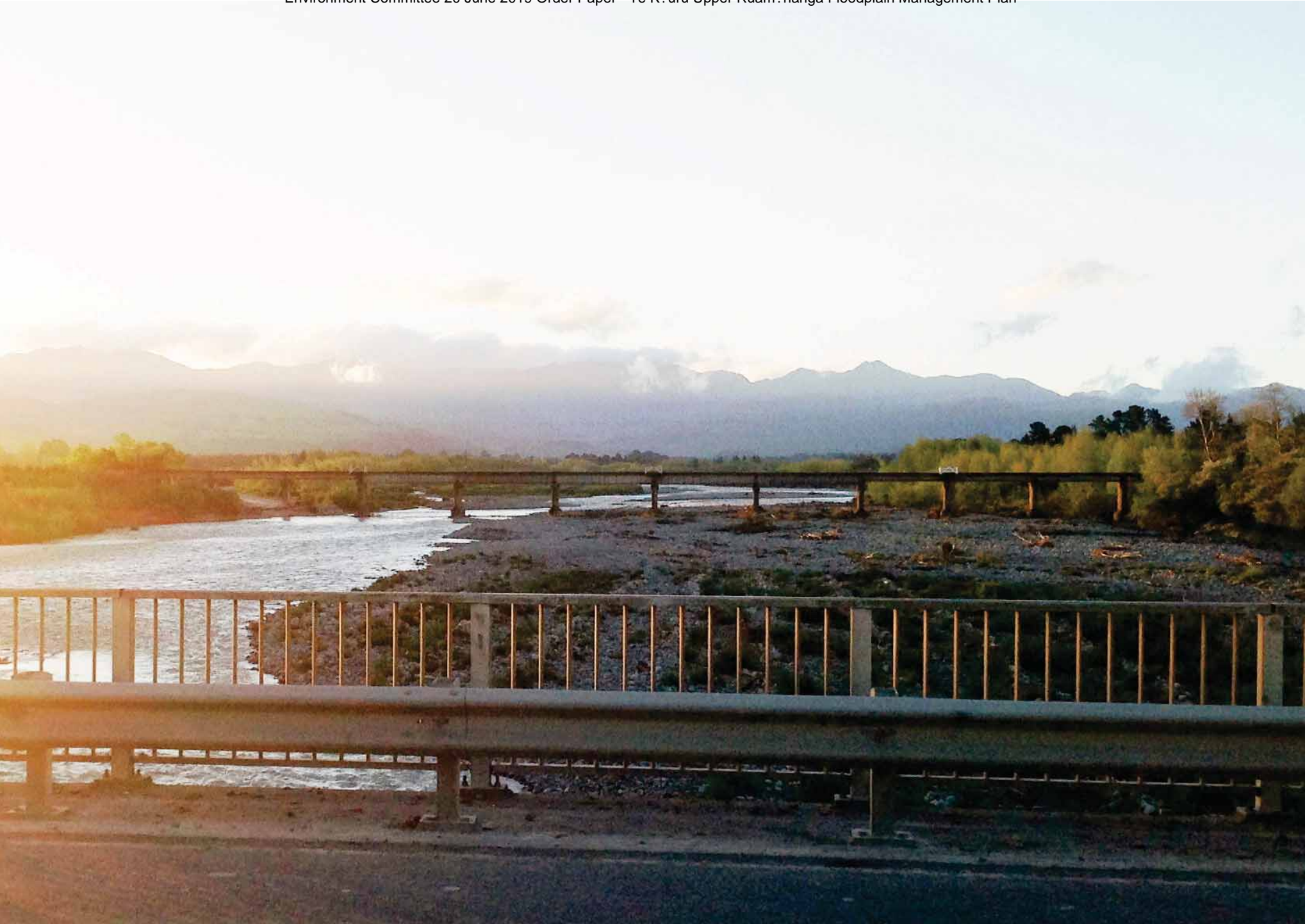
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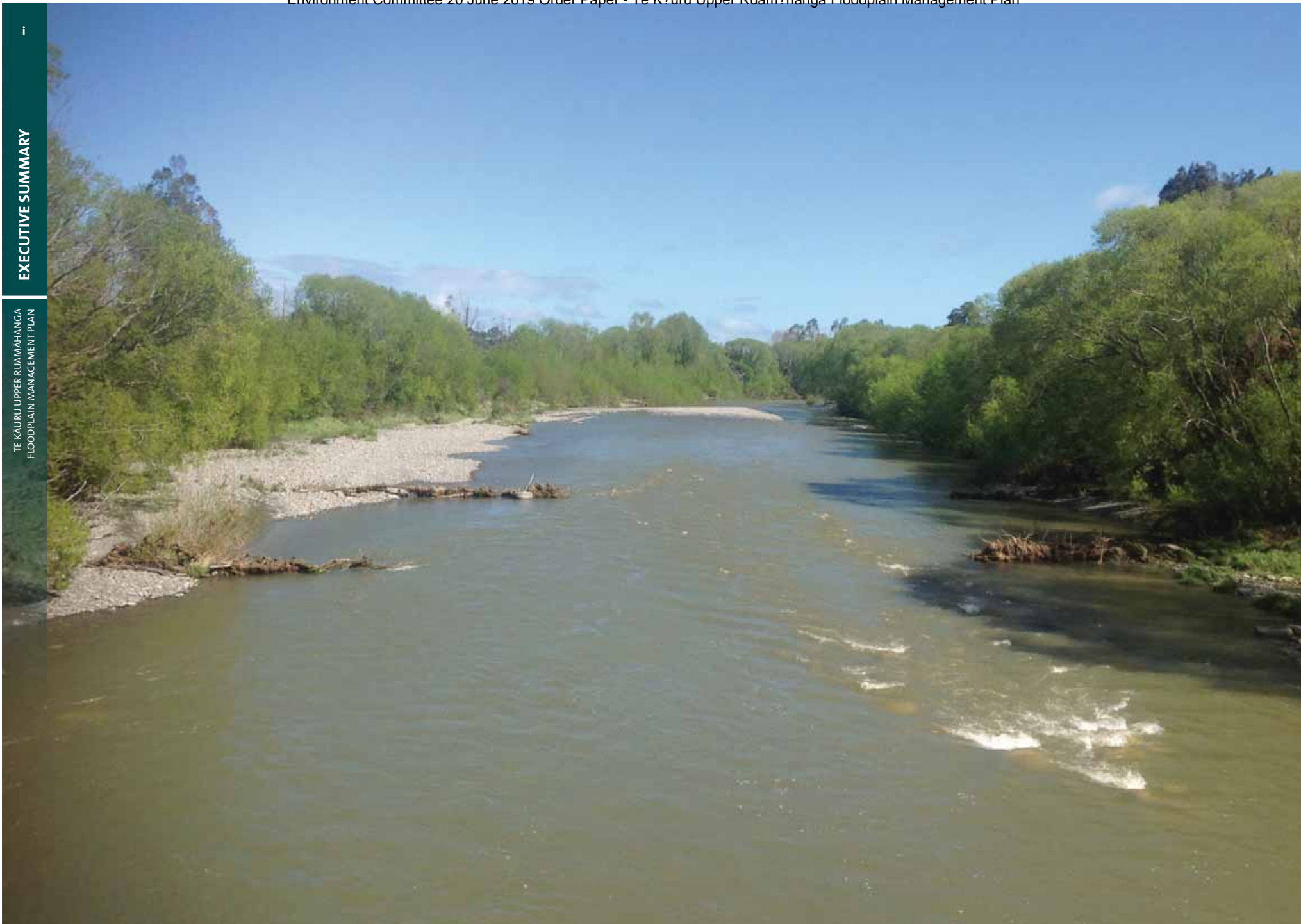


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TE KĀURU UPPER RUAMĀHANGA
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN



Executive Summary

This Floodplain Management Plan establishes a framework that will help keep people and property safe by proactively managing flood and erosion risks throughout the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. Through this framework, the overall vision for the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment seeks to establish:

“A CONNECTED, RESILIENT, PROSPEROUS AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY, PROUD OF ITS RIVERS, THAT IS INVOLVED IN MANAGING FLOOD RISKS IN A MANNER THAT RECOGNISES LOCAL IDENTITY AND PROTECTS, ENHANCES OR RESTORES NATURAL AND CULTURAL VALUES”

The rivers within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment have a history of flooding, causing danger and disruption for people within the catchment. The results of flooding can be devastating and cause damage to property and community assets.

This Floodplain Management Plan represents many years of investigating the most appropriate, comprehensive and long-term approach for managing the flood and erosion risks to both rural and urban land within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. The process of preparing this Floodplain Management Plan has involved the assessment of various options that were based on a vision and set of aims developed early in the process. Importantly, the practicality, cost, environmental impact, cultural values, views/needs of the community, and legislative and policy requirements have all influenced the document.

This Floodplain Management Plan will be the “blueprint” for ongoing and future flood and erosion works within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment.

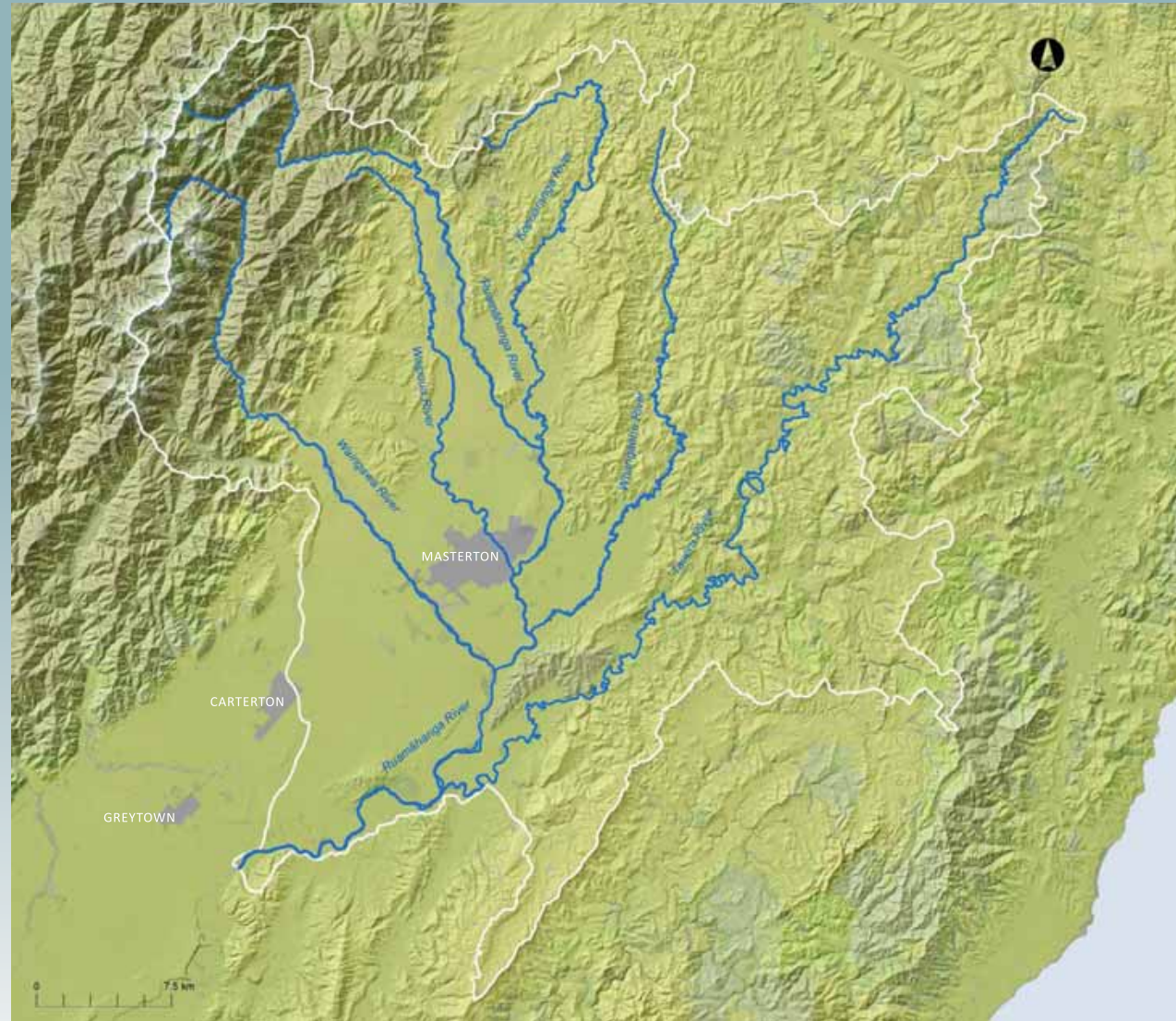
The primary flood and erosion response measures contained in this Floodplain Management Plan are a package of “common methods” and “reach specific responses” (both non-structural and structural) that manage the identified flood and erosion risks throughout Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. This Floodplain Management Plan has been put together by Greater Wellington Regional Council in collaboration with Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, Rangitāne o Wairarapa, and the wider community. The Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan Subcommittee has facilitated the development of this Flood Management Plan.

This Floodplain Management Plan will be a long-term plan and living document for the approach to flood and erosion management within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. As such, ongoing monitoring of this Floodplain Management Plan will enable the outcomes to be regularly reviewed. Additionally, a comprehensive review of this Floodplain Management Plan will be undertaken after 20 years, or earlier if the flood hazard is significantly altered by flooding, earthquakes or new information.

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WHAT IS THIS FLOODPLAIN
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TE KĀURU UPPER RUAMĀHANGA
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN



Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment

1. What is this Floodplain Management Plan?

The Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) describes the long-term approach to floodplain management within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. This encompasses the upper reaches of the Ruamāhanga River to the Waiohine confluence, and includes the Waipoua, Waingawa, Kopuaranga, Whangaehu, and Taueru (Tauweru) rivers from their headwaters within the Tararua Ranges and Eastern Hills to their confluences with the Ruamāhanga River. The catchment has a total area of approximately 1,560km².

Floodplain management planning is commonly used as an effective process to address flooding and erosion issues resulting from our rivers. It provides a long-term plan for managing risks and helping to improve the security and quality of life for present and future generations living on a floodplain. Additionally, it better prepares communities for coping with a flood when it occurs and aims to ensure that any future development considers flood and erosion risk.

FMPs are non-statutory plans and, as such, their policies and flood mitigation methods have no legal standing as regulations. Regardless, FMPs carry considerable weight in any decision-making given the public process undertaken to prepare the plans and Greater Wellington Regional Council's (GWRC) responsibility for flood protection in the region.

In accordance with GWRC guidelines, this FMP contains information about the rivers and associated tributaries, the risk of flooding and erosion, and what has been done to manage the risk so far. It also describes potential environmental, cultural, and recreational values that the community holds in relation to the catchment, and how floodplain management can seek to maintain or improve these values.

Crucially, this FMP sets out the outcomes that the community would like to see achieved in the floodplain, including the measures required to minimise risk in the event of a flood. As part of understanding the desired outcomes of the community in preparing this FMP, different local, regional, and national perspectives from a range of parties have been taken into account. Relevant parties have included the Regional and District Councils, iwi, government agencies, infrastructure providers, community groups, and private land and business owners – all of whom have to consider the consequences of flooding. The development process and involved parties are described in more detail in *Appendix 1* of this document.

Mana whenua articulate the need to care for the mauri, or life-giving properties, of the region, particularly the mauri of fresh and coastal waters on which well-being is dependent. Mana whenua were involved in developing this Floodplain Management Plan and other council processes such as the proposed Natural Resources Plan pNRP and the Ruamāhanga Whaitua. Information on their collective and separate values and sites of significance provide valuable information for development of this FMP. Additionally, this Floodplain Management Plan supports many of the objectives of the pNRP for the Wellington Region as well as the recommendations of the Whaitua Implementation Plan (WIP).

River management operations will be undertaken in accordance with any rules that are relevant in the pNRP (including any WIP recommendations up taken by the pNRP) as well as any relevant non-regulatory methods within the pNRP.

This plan is the primary floodplain management guidance document for landowners, government agencies, the community, and decision makers to reference when considering the future planning and administration of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. As such, this FMP has been prepared as a living, non-statutory document and it will need to be updated in the future, as required. At the time of any update, all of the interested stakeholders will be consulted to provide input into the long-term management of the river catchment.

This FMP is set out in two parts:

- Part 1** describes why we need this FMP (including the vision and aims), the suite of responses and common methods that will be used throughout the catchment, and how this FMP will be implemented.
- Part 2** sets out the floodplain management outcomes to be delivered across the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. The six rivers that make up the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment have been divided into 20 separate reaches (17 for the western gravel bedded reaches, as well as the three eastern silt bedded rivers) for the purpose of identifying existing values and flood and erosion issues and thereby directing the most suitable floodplain management responses.

2. Why do we need this Floodplain Management Plan?

2.1 Purpose of the Floodplain Management Plan

The purpose of this FMP is to establish a framework that will assist in keeping people and property safe in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. It will do this by proactively managing the river channels as well as providing land use and protection measures to support the continued appropriate use of both rural and urban land and resources in potential flooding and erosion-prone areas. The main purpose of proactively managing flood and erosion risk to people and property is supported by some common underlying themes, including the desire to:

- Avoid risk;
- Reduce the flood risk to people and property;
- Support a resilient local economy and a scheme that is affordable and fairly funded;
- Work with District Councils to coordinate long-term planning outcomes;
- Recognise the role of tangata whenua and their cultural values;
- Recognise environmental matters; and
- Provide recreational opportunities.

2.2 Principles of River Management with Respect to Flood Protection

Sustainable and effective river management is based upon the following six key interrelating principles, which have been incorporated into the development of this FMP and will be incorporated into the development of Operational Management Plans (OMPs).

- Rivers are dynamic. They are constantly changing and at any time are a physical expression of a combination of their physical, climatic and human processes (both past and present) at the catchment and reach level.
- Work with rivers and not against them. Healthy rivers are diverse rivers. Diverse rivers have greater natural character, which provides for a greater expression of mauri (life force) and their inherent aquatic and riparian habitats, which in turn support greater species diversity.
- Rivers need room to move. Rivers naturally meander, and the meander pattern will tend to migrate downstream over time. Central to this process is erosion and deposition of bed and bank material and the relocation of riparian margins.
- River management requires knowledge. Understanding of catchment-specific river histories and bedload transport capacities is needed to predict reach-specific future state, and what is realistically achievable.
- Rivers are managed for a range of flood flows. Both maximum flood and channel carrying capacities are managed to meet the community's expectations for protection, and the avoidance and/or mitigation of flood hazards.
- River management requires adaptability. The unpredictability of dynamic rivers combined with fixed channel capacity constraints, means flexibility of management is important to achieve agreed outcomes.

2.3 Values

As with all rivers, the rivers that make up the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment have a diverse range of values attributed to them. These include a range of intrinsic values encountered throughout the catchment and that influence the way humans relate to and interact with the floodplain. The emphasis of such values shifts in response to the culture of the community and may change as generations come and go.

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) sets out the broad framework through which all New Zealand's rivers must be sustainably managed to provide for our social, economic and cultural well-being and to preserve natural character. Within the regional context of the rivers which make up the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, important values are managed through the proposed Natural Resources Plan and the Ruamāhanga Whaitua process, both of which have identified values through input from the local community and tangata whenua.

Throughout the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga floodplain the specific values of rivers and their associated natural character include: providing food and resources; contributing to identity; providing for livelihood; sustaining health and wellbeing; and providing recreation opportunities. Many of the values recognised today extend back to pre-European settlement – commonly referred to as cultural values in the development of floodplain management plans.

Te Kāuru – the headwaters of the Ruamāhanga – extends from the Tararua Ranges to the Eastern Hills covering an area of 1,560km². The western rivers, with their gravel beds, emerge from the rugged Tararua Ranges, well known for their pristine native forests, onto the fertile Wairarapa Plains. As a result, the upper reaches of these rivers are commonly valued for their beauty, mauri, recreational opportunities and spiritual significance. The eastern rivers, with their silty beds, are characterised by lower undulating hills dominated by agricultural use. Strong cultural and ecological values remain alongside several recreational areas.

Through the FMP development process, specific sites of value have also been identified across the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga floodplain. These are shown on a series of maps in Part 2 of this FMP and encapsulate the following:

Landscape

Each river has been divided into defined reaches, recognising the unique identity each section of river has in terms of river attributes, landscape context and riparian margins. Recognition of landscape value has been informed through landscape character investigations developed to inform the Regional Plan and includes a refined understanding of the level of landscape modification and scenic value for each reach.

Recreational

All of the rivers in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment are recognised as having at least some level of recreation value, reflecting the way in which the rivers are used by groups and individuals for pastimes, hobbies or recreation. Such recreation activities include swimming, kayaking, fishing, duck hunting, jet boating and walking and encompass recreation areas established along river margins.

Heritage

The Ruamāhanga River and its tributaries have played an important role in shaping the historic settlement pattern that has evolved within the Wairarapa Valley. Early settlement historically focussed along the margins of the river, and sites of heritage value remain along parts of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga floodplain.

Cultural

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa have a close relationship with the rivers, wetlands and floodplains throughout the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. This includes sites of specific importance and broader, more holistic cultural values. An on-going partnership between GWRC, MDC, CDC and iwi has been established to ensure better understanding of the range of spatial and non-spatial cultural values which exist.

Land use

Land use values include a range of current and future land uses relevant to both urban and rural contexts. This includes future development sites, key infrastructure, and sites of potential contamination included in the Selected Land Use Register.

Ecology

The Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment is valued for its broad ecological diversity. This includes native and introduced fish species and a range of bird species including several ground nesting species such as the nationally-threatened Buller's Gull. Apart from a more cohesive cover of native vegetation established in the upper reaches of the western rivers, vegetation along the margins of the rivers is dominated by willows, with pockets of important habitat, indigenous forest, stonefield and boulderfield, natural wetlands and ponds.

2.4 Vision

The range of values recognised throughout Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga forms a primary focus that has shaped and guided the overall vision for this FMP. Key values encapsulated in this vision include: promoting sustainable economic development; protecting and enhancing natural spaces and systems; recognising and improving tangata whenua values; and providing for wider community needs, including building resilient communities. To achieve this vision, this FMP requires people and communities to work together.

The overarching floodplain management vision for the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment is to establish:

**A CONNECTED, RESILIENT, PROSPEROUS AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY,
PROUD OF ITS RIVERS, THAT IS INVOLVED IN MANAGING FLOOD RISKS
IN A MANNER THAT RECOGNISES LOCAL IDENTITY AND PROTECTS,
ENHANCES OR RESTORES NATURAL AND CULTURAL VALUE**

The vision of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga FMP is aligned with the expected outcomes stated in the Long Term Plans of the Regional and District Councils as shown on the following diagram.

TE KĀURU UPPER RUAMĀHANGA FMP VISION:

A connected, resilient, prosperous and sustainable community, proud of its rivers, that is involved in managing flood risks in a manner that recognises local identity and protects, enhances or restores natural and cultural value

Masterton District Council LTP:

- a thriving and resilient economy
- a sustainable and healthy environment
- an engaged and empowered community
- efficient and effective infrastructure
- pride in our identity and heritage

Carterton District Council LTP:

- a strong community
- a prosperous economy
- a healthy natural and built environment
- quality, fit-for-purpose infrastructure
- a strong and effective Council

Greater Wellington Regional Council LTP:

- strong economy
- connected community
- resilient community
- healthy community
- engaged community

2.5 Aims

Through the development of this FMP, overarching aims were identified to describe the desired outcomes to be achieved through the FMP. More detailed management objectives for each reach, or that may be required for specific sites, are also included on a reach-by-reach basis in Part 2.

In identifying the overarching aims of this FMP, inspiration was drawn from a range of different sources, including Council policies, mission and purpose statements of organisations involved with this FMP, and the issues and values held by affected communities.

While the aims have been split into five groups, a complex relationship exists across the groups and between individual aims. No prioritisation is implied by the numbering of the aims, which has been used purely to assist discussion.

1. To work together to develop a sustainable floodplain management plan

- a. Provide affordable flood hazard management across a whole continuum of flood risk
- b. Align with integrated catchment management principles
- c. Follow the principles set out in the flood protection Code of Practice
- d. Endeavour to make future development and land use compatible with flood risk

2. To support sustainable economic development

- a. Inform the Long Term Plans of local authorities
- b. Reduce the likelihood of loss to private property, business and agriculture
- c. Make property owners aware of their flood risks and damage potential
- d. Manage or reduce the risk to essential public infrastructure and maintain lifelines during flood events

3. To protect and improve the cultural values of rivers

- a. Improve the recognition of the impacts of flood and flood hazard management on cultural activities and values
- b. Improve the mauri of waterways within the catchment
- c. Improve access for mahinga kai and cultural practices
- d. Recognise and consider the interconnectedness of natural systems

4. To recognise local community needs and build resilient communities

- a. Make communities aware of their flood and erosion risk
- b. Recognise opportunities to support the sustainable aspirations of the community and landowners
- c. Identify and support opportunities for improved public access to and along rivers
- d. Maintain and improve the level of safety for recreation users of the rivers

5. To protect and enhance our natural spaces

- a. Improve awareness and understanding of the natural values and character of the river environment
- b. Improve recognition of impacts of flood and flood hazard management on environmental and ecological values
- c. Create more space for rivers and their natural processes
- d. Improve the water quality and habitat diversity along the rivers
- e. Make the use or extraction of natural resources, including gravel management, sustainable and compliant with relevant policies



2.6 Legislation, Policies and Principles

Decisions concerning the management of flood risk, such as that associated with the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, are informed by a mix of national and regional statutes, policies and principles that underlie, and set the context for, effective floodplain management planning.

At a legislative level, floodplain management is principally influenced by four key statutes: the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA); the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA); the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941 (SCRCA) and the Local Government (Rating) Act (2002). Each of these perform a distinct and important role in managing flood risk, including the ability for a range of regulatory and non-regulatory measures to be introduced that enable central and local government to more effectively manage such risks. Provisions in the RMA, for example, provide a regulatory planning context for regional and city/district councils to control land use to avoid or mitigate natural hazards such as flooding, while the LGA and SCRCA enable regional councils to initiate and fund non-regulatory measures, such as stopbank construction and channel maintenance.

At a national level, the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM, 2014 (Amended 2017)) provides direction to local authorities on the management of freshwater through the establishment of a framework that considers and recognises Te Mana o te Wai (the integrated and holistic well-being of the water) as an integral part of freshwater management. In addition, it also includes a set of objectives and policies that direct the way water is to be managed in an integrated and sustainable way, with provision made for economic growth within set water quality and quantity limits.

At a policy level, the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region (RPS) plays a prominent role in managing natural hazards, such as river flooding. The RPS does this through the policy framework it establishes for the Region and that GWRC and District Councils are required to give effect to in their respective regional and district plans. Of particular note is the directive in Policy 29 of the RPS that district and regional plans 'avoid subdivision and inappropriate development in areas at high risk from natural hazards'.

GWRC has adopted four core principles that underpin its approach to floodplain management planning, and that reinforce and complement the statutory and policy considerations outlined above. These principles are:

- Avoid building in areas at high risk of flood hazard (e.g. undeveloped 'greenfield' areas)
- Only consider new flood protection infrastructure where existing development is at risk (e.g. dwellings, irrigation infrastructure, dairy sheds)
- Establish standards of flood protection relative to the degree of risk (e.g. a minimum 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) flood standard for stopbanks constructed to protect existing urban areas and associated land use)
- Plan for climate change in assessing the degree of flood hazard risk and in determining an appropriate response (e.g. a 0.8m allowance for sea level rise)

These principles played an influential role in informing the range of responses included within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga FMP.

Further supplementary detail relating to the core principles is included in *Appendix 4*.

2.7 Te Kāuru and the Ruamāhanga Whaitua

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee was established to recommend ways to maintain and improve the quality of our freshwater. The committee was asked by GWRC to make recommendations on how to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua area. In August of 2018, the Whaitua Implementation Plan (WIP) was finalised and has now been approved by GWRC. The WIP will be integrated into the proposed Natural Resources Plan (pNRP) over the next few years. This FMP recognises that the WIP will have an influence over how flood protection is undertaken now and into the future and how these works can assist in achieving the objectives of the WIP.

The WIP has outlined the following objectives to meet the NPS-FM:

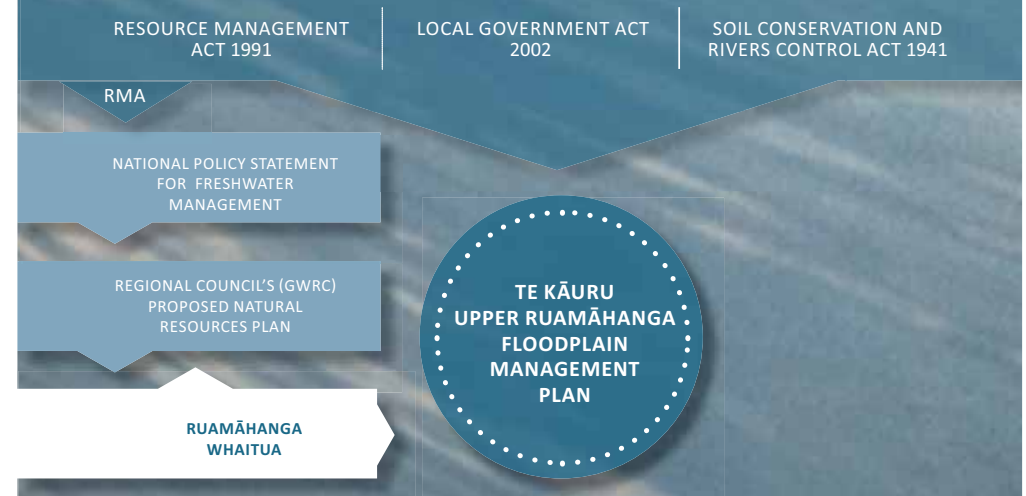
- Mauri, natural form and character and habitat objectives;
- Fish and mahinga kai objectives;
- Sediment objectives; and
- Water quality, algae and invertebrate freshwater objectives for rivers and lakes.

The Freshwater Management Units (FMUs) within the Whaitua align with the Te Kāuru River Management Groups.

TE KĀURU RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUPS	FMUs AS PER WHAITUA
Waingawa River	Western hill rivers
Waipoua River	Western hill rivers
Upper Ruamāhanga River – Mt Bruce	Valley floor streams group, Western hill rivers
Upper Ruamāhanga River – Te Ore Ore	Valley floor streams group, Northern rivers
Upper Ruamāhanga River – Gladstone	Valley floor streams group, Eastern hill rivers
Kopuaranga River	Northern rivers
Whangaehu River	Northern rivers
Taueru River	Eastern rivers

Staff will continue to work across the organisation and with the community to ensure all objectives are optimised.

HOW THE TE KĀURU FMP AND WHAITUA FIT TOGETHER



INDICATIVE ONLY – FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE APPENDIX 4

2.8 Flood History

There has been a long history of river management within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment associated with human settlement and the desire of people to protect themselves and their assets from the threat of flooding. Floods that breached the river banks and flowed across the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga floodplain occurred relatively frequently, especially in the eastern areas of the catchment.

For early Māori, and later the first European settlers, settlements existed through the establishment of seasonal sites. The timing of these would be driven by a range of factors including flood risk, and their location governed by proximity to important and lucrative resources that were often very close to rivers. These sites provided easier transport links, and improved access to water, food, and fertile land, and eventually led to permanent settlements.

Following the arrival of Europeans, some of these settlement sites have grown into large permanent towns. Their increased size has put them in a position where some parts of the community have spread out into areas of greater hazard. This, combined with changing environmental conditions, can lead to increased conflict between the flood hazard and community aspirations, and if left unchecked results in an increasing risk to life and property.

The Ruamāhanga River is well known to the Wairarapa community for its flood events. During the early 20th century, settlers suffered damage and loss when the Ruamāhanga River overflowed its banks, washing shingle onto valuable pastures. The bed of the river had become badly choked with willows, restricting flood flows, and the channel was of inadequate size for the floodwater volumes and of irregular alignment.

One of the most destructive flood events in the Wairarapa Valley took place in 1947. During this event, the flow in the Ruamāhanga River measured 2,580m³/s near Martinborough and was estimated to be a 1% AEP flood event (meaning that there was a 1% chance of this event occurring in any year). The most significant impacts from this event were experienced in the lower reaches of the Ruamāhanga catchment, but floodwaters entered Masterton and other Wairarapa towns, and most of the stopbanks on the Ruamāhanga River were overtopped. This resulted in thousands of acres of farm land being flooded and thousands of drowned livestock. Individual property damages were also significant.

In response to the ongoing risk of flooding, various river management schemes were proposed and implemented to provide river alignment stabilisation, bank edge protection, and improved stopbanking, to reduce the incidence of flooding to adjacent floodplains along many sections of the river.

The major flood risk to Masterton comes from the Waipoua River. Additionally, the flood risk from the Waipoua River can be compounded by the backing-up effects of flooding in the Ruamāhanga River. Because of this, the Waipoua River was substantially modified and straightened in the 1930s and 1940s, including establishing the existing stopbanks constructed along the margins in response to flooding concerns.

The rivers of the Upper Wairarapa Valley are also connected and can be influenced by the same rainfall event, so when one rises the others can follow. This can increase the risk of flooding and lead to serious events that can cause significant levels of property damage. One example of this, largely within the rural areas, was the 1998 flood which caused damage to a large number of private properties and flood protection infrastructure.

The Waingawa River is a steep and powerful river. Fortunately for much of the surrounding community, the river is entrenched within a fairly tight, naturally-confined floodplain. This means that much of the flooding – even in a large flood event – is

Flooding of Bruce Street 1934



contained by the river terraces from where it enters the Wairarapa Plains until it joins the Ruamāhanga River. Within these confining terraces, recent river activity can clearly be seen on the ground, and even more clearly in aerial photography, where overflow paths have left their mark both from deposition and scour. While the flood risk from the Waingawa River is limited by its entrenched form, the erosion risk, both modelled and observed, is of significance. This high energy river regularly reshapes its main channel during each flood event.

Historically, the Whangaehu River has caused issues with extensive flooding across the Wairarapa Plains. During the 1960s and 1970s, river management techniques of straightening the river and intensive willow planting were carried out to manage flooding hazards. Unfortunately, these willows eventually led to significant erosion issues after the river channel became 'choked' with vegetation, resulting in the river channel migrating to adjoining areas. This then led to issues with sedimentation causing further channel constrictions.

A number of significant flood events have also occurred in the Taueru River. Similar to the Whangaehu River, willow trees were planted along the length of the Taueru River and have resulted in channel constrictions. A river management scheme was established in the lower reaches of the river in 1994 to address flooding issues.

In 2004 and 2005, extensive flooding occurred on the Kopuaranga River that consequently led to the formation of a river management scheme. As with the Taueru and Whangaehu Rivers, the scheme's work was mainly focused on managing the impacts of flooding related to willows choking river flows in the channel.

2.9 Future Flooding and Climate Change

While climate modelling and historical data can provide some insight into how natural cycles and climate change will interact, the underlying science continues to evolve. Scientific understanding and/or national guidance may mean future changes for this policy.

2.9.1 Climate Change

International and national agencies predict that climate change will have an effect on river hydrology. Weather patterns are expected to become more erratic: with an increased number of droughts followed by storms of heightened intensity. While these predictions are varied in magnitude, GWRC has utilised a Ministry for the Environment guidance which indicates a 1% AEP rainfall in the Upper Ruamāhanga to be 20% greater by 2100, and this allowance has been used in its modelled flood maps and planning for flood risk management.

NIWA predicts that potential climate change implications for the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment may include:

- An increased number of droughts followed by storms of greater rainfall intensity;
- Spring rainfall reduced by up to 15% and winter/autumn rainfall increases;
- Decreased total volume of precipitation received by the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment;
- Changes in both high flows and low flows toward more extreme values;
- Increased frequency of high flows; and
- Increased short duration storm intensity with little change in longer duration storm intensity.

2.9.2 Climate Cycles

Short and long-term climate cycles through natural fluctuations such as El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and Interdecadal Pacific Oscillations (IPO) also have an impact on climate and river hydrology.

- ENSO cycles, commonly known as El Niño and La Niña, are short term, irregular phase changes in the Pacific Ocean that affect rainfall patterns and trade winds. Geographically diverse regions of New Zealand (including within the Wellington region) are affected differently by these cycles. For example, the Wairarapa tends to have a drier than normal climate in El Niño phases and a wetter climate in La Niña phases.
- IPOs are large scale, long period cycles operating at a multi-decade return that cause a fluctuation in atmospheric pressure and sea surface temperatures. IPOs also appear to modulate the impacts of inter-annual ENSO climate variability over New Zealand. Typically, high sea surface temperatures have been observed during negative IPO phases leading to higher than normal rainfall conditions in the greater Wairarapa region, and low temperatures during positive IPO phases lead to drier than normal conditions.

As of 2018, the IPO appears to be approaching the middle of a negative phase, indicating an overall wetter period is likely for the Upper Ruamāhanga catchment.

- There is currently no scientific consensus on how climate change may affect ENSO and IPO cycles. However, climate change is likely to increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, regardless of whether they are associated with ENSO or IPO.
- ENSO and IPO cycles represent climate variability on large time scales and may not represent a particular yearly climate.

2.9.3 More Information

More information on the different aspects of climate change can be found at the following websites:

- El Niño and La Niña – <https://www.niwa.co.nz/climate/information-and-resources/elniño>
- Interdecadal Pacific Oscillation – <https://www.niwa.co.nz/node/111124>
- Ministry for the Environment Climate Change – <http://www.climatechange.govt.nz>
- GWRC Climate Change – <http://www.gw.govt.nz/climate-change/>

2.10 Why Change? Drivers and Benefits

The key river management drivers of this FMP include:

- Continued provision of flood hazard management and erosion protection for land beyond the buffers using sustainable management approaches;
- More equitable distribution of scheme resources; and
- Enhancing environmental and cultural values of the rivers by allowing greater expression of natural river processes where possible, and attempting to minimise the frequency of in-stream works.

This FMP sets out the methods to achieve the vision and aims.

The methods seek to bring a range of benefits as outlined below.

- Equity and social benefit – River scheme benefits will be more equitably distributed. In the current situation, some landowners receive the highest level of scheme expenditure (e.g. when a landowner does not provide the space for buffers). Reactive works will no longer be automatically directed towards properties where buffers have not been provided to control erosion, thereby addressing the potential for ongoing unequal cost burdens to other landowners presently within the scheme.
- Increased environmental value of the rivers – The methods ensure that ecosystems and biodiversity have the opportunity to improve. For example, providing more space for the river channel can result in more diverse aquatic and riparian habitat and better connectivity between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. A more naturally meandering river creates more variety of flow velocities, depths, and temperature. This also supports greater habitat diversity than is generally available in more restricted or highly managed river channels, and provides opportunities for diversity of riparian plants, which provide increased food and shelter for terrestrial ecosystems. These outcomes will work to improve natural character and conditions which provide for more variety in aquatic life.
- Increased cultural value – This embodies kaitiakitanga (guardianship of, and caring for, the river) by considering the processes on the catchment scale, allowing the rivers to express more of their natural character, behaviour and form. These also enhance a river's mana.
- Economic opportunities – Potential economic opportunities can occur in association with changes in land uses along river corridors. Vegetated buffers may increase productivity in some instances. The honey industry also sees opportunities associated with vegetated buffers that produce food for bees.
- Improved recreational and amenity value – It is anticipated that improved natural character will support more birds and fish, and improved water quality will enhance recreational opportunities within and along the margins of rivers.

The most significant changes to river management in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment are to plant the buffers and to give the river more room. This approach is in line with the RMA, GWRC's proposed Natural Resources Plan; the Ruamāhanga Whaitua's WIP, as well as other national and regional policies. As outlined in Section 2.9, climate change is another driver for change. A background report regarding "Buffer Management – Benefits and Risks" by Professor Russell Death (2018) is available on request.

Changes are occurring internationally as well. The Netherlands is establishing programmes to give the river more capacity. It believes that by giving the river more room, there will be more room available for higher water levels and flood damage will be reduced. Countries such as Russia, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Estonia, and Denmark are undertaking river restoration works for flood protection as well as for habitat enhancement. For more information on the work being undertaken internationally, please see the following link: <https://restorerivers.eu/>

There are various programmes within GWRC that support the natural character of rivers and riparian vegetation, for example the Land Management team have a riparian programme and the Biodiversity team have a restoration planting programme.

There are also a number of external initiatives such as:

- Dairy NZ waterway management programmes;
- Department of Conservation (DoC) and Fonterra – Living Water;
- Ministry for the Environment – Our Fresh Water 2017;
- Waikato Region – Healthy Rivers programme;
- Taranaki Regional Council – Planted riparian zones; and
- 1 Billion Trees.

2.11 Risks and Constraints

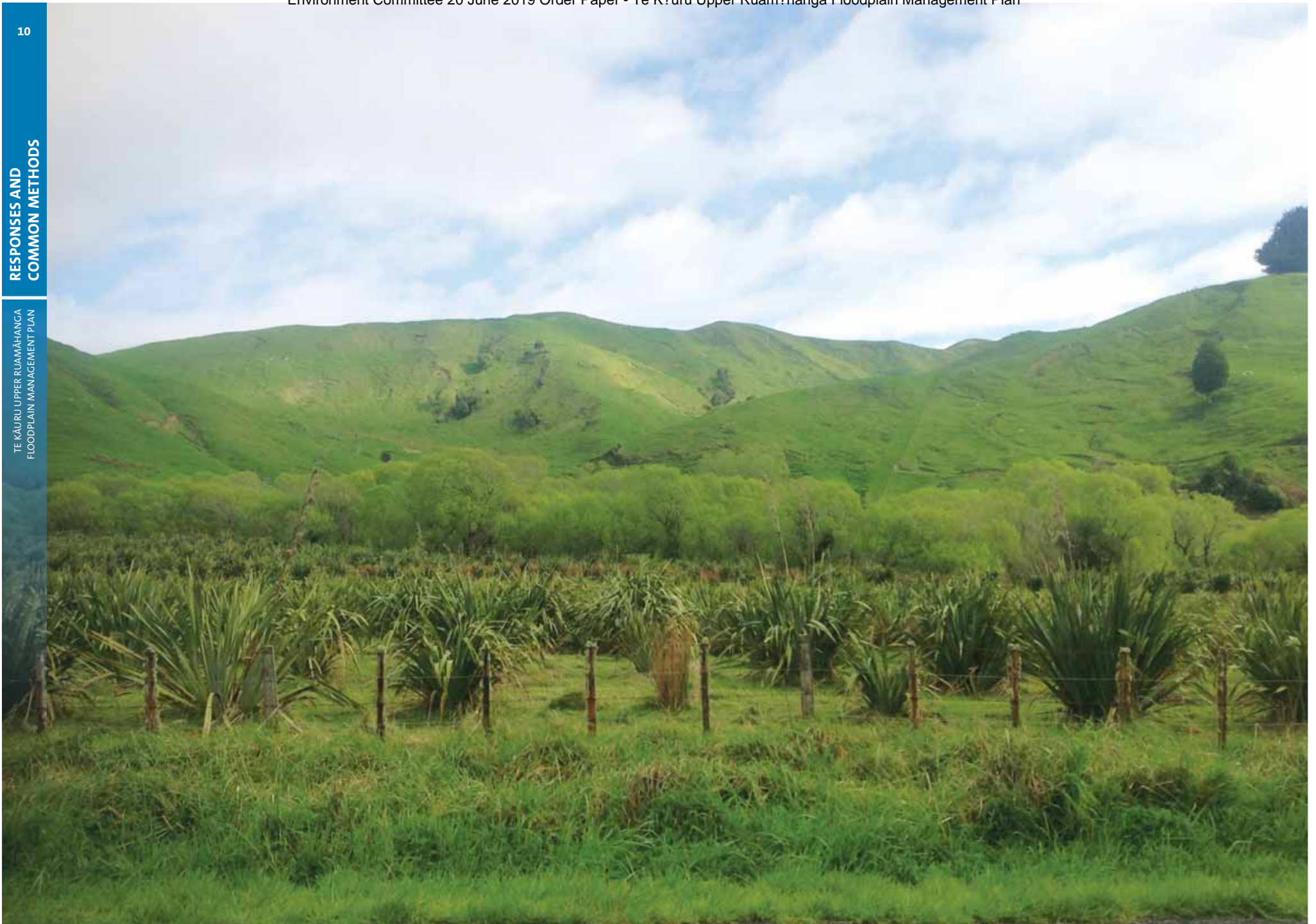
A number of risks associated with the change are acknowledged:

- There is a risk that monitoring and then intervening later will cost more and may be more intense for the river environment compared with more frequent, smaller interventions. The size and nature of this depends on future natural processes in the catchment which are difficult to predict.
- It is also recognised that the prospect of losing current productive land uses within the existing buffer may not be supported by all landowners.
- Environmental risks include the potential increase of pest animals and plants, such as old man's beard, within larger planted buffers.

There were also several key constraints that had to be considered when assessing management options, including:

- The location of existing assets (such as bridges, roads, houses); and
- Balancing the environmental and cultural values of allowing the river flexibility to behave more naturally with the economic costs of the potential loss of productive land.

Consequently, the outcome of this FMP will be a change in the manner in which river management lines are implemented and the way river works are managed, in order to maximise natural river processes and enhance the environment, while providing the agreed level of flood and erosion protection. This follows the vision and aims of this FMP to protect, enhance and restore natural and cultural values while supporting sustainable economic development and resilient communities.



3. Responses and Common Methods

Due to the large area this FMP covers and the varying types of land uses and types of rivers within this catchment, a combination of different flood and erosion management responses has been developed.

There are two distinct types of river management schemes operating within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, which reflect the different natures of the rivers. Schemes covering the western side of the valley are dealing with larger, gravel bedded rivers (the Waingawa, Waipoua and Ruamāhanga Rivers) which are managed within existing river management envelopes (see Section 3.2.2 for more detail). Schemes established on the eastern side include the Kopuaranga, Whangaehu and Taueru Rivers which are smaller, silt bedded rivers coming from the Eastern Hills and do not have river management envelopes. Different management regimes are required for the gravel bedded and silt bedded rivers. Previous management practices are discussed in *Appendix 2*, with river management schemes of the Te Kāuru area are discussed in *Appendix 3*.

This section outlines the 'common methods' employed for selective use throughout the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. Some common methods apply across the whole area of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, while others are more specific to a particular type of river management regime that only applies to some reaches. In this context, common methods inform the physical interventions undertaken through river management activities.

In particular, this FMP outlines a river management approach that seeks to allow the rivers to behave more naturally, with less frequent intervention, within the current envelopes. This is an explicit attempt to strike a balance between improving the river environments and recognising the economic value of the adjacent land (and the views of the landowners).

Where specific responses are required to address more complex or location-specific issues, these are identified in Part 2 of this FMP on a reach-by-reach basis. Such responses include further details which set out how and where they apply. In some cases, the responses include exceptions to the common methods and may include project-specific measures to address a particular flood or erosion issue. Major Project Responses have been developed in locations where the issues cannot be managed by normal application of the common methods alone.

The set of response types that have been developed to implement this FMP have been categorised into the following five groups described below:

Structural

River Management

Planning and Policy

Emergency Management

Environmental Enhancement

3.1 Structural Responses

Structural responses encompass the development of structures and other physical works designed to keep flood waters away from existing development. Stopbanks and floodwalls are obvious examples of structural works that are typically designed to a specific flood standard, e.g. 1% AEP. Structural responses typically require ongoing bank edge works and channel management to ensure flood defence structures and physical works remain effective. Within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, rock lines, riparian planted buffers and groynes are all employed to protect flood defences like stopbanks and maintain the channel's position.

New structural methods, such as stopbanks, are not included in the common methods as they are part of a site-specific response.

3.2 River Management Responses

River management responses guide GWRC's ongoing physical interventions in the river environment, and as such they are the "sharp end" of this FMP for many people and groups who have an interest in the river environment. 'River management' refers to works within the bed of the river or on the river berms. All river management works must be undertaken in accordance with GWRC's 'River Management Code of Practice'.

Common methods that apply this type of response will be employed by the Flood Protection Operations team through Operational Management Plans (OMPs). Such plans look five to ten years ahead and are developed to be consistent with the directions given in this FMP. The OMPs will set out, reach by reach, the detailed works and priorities for upcoming annual work programmes. The OMPs may need to be revised to take into account damage following flood events. The annual works programme and plans will provide the detail of exactly what and where different activities will be carried out on an annual basis.

River management common methods (outlined in Sections 3.2.1 to 3.2.11) reflect community desires to allow space and freedom for the river to behave more naturally while providing a degree of certainty and protection to neighbouring landowners. This will be achieved, for example, by:

- Using envelopes in the western rivers as a management method rather than holding the river to a fixed line (either in its alignment or in its bed levels) (Section 3.2.2 and 3.2.3), allowing the natural processes of bed scour/deposition and bank erosion/accretion associated with meander migration to take place;
- Using riparian planting of buffers within the western rivers and vegetated edge protection within the eastern rivers as the preferred edge protection method and allowing buffers to be subjected to natural river process (i.e. flexible buffers) (Section 3.2.5, 3.2.6 and 3.2.11); and/or
- Minimising the frequency of interventions in the channel. Where intervention is necessary to maintain a clear fairway and buffer, various good management practices will be used.

The expected outcome is that the river is able to behave in a more natural way with a greater variety of form and habitat as a result. Although it is also intended that GWRC will be required to intervene less frequently in the western river channels with mechanical means, the overall scale of works will not necessarily be less. This FMP acknowledges that active intervention with machinery in the river environment will still be needed. In some cases, for example to re-establish vegetated buffers following major damage, this intervention will be significant. In other locations, regular work with machinery may still be the best way to achieve the overall outcomes of this FMP where other methods are not effective. Through this FMP and the OMPs, alternatives will be considered, and mechanical intervention will be avoided if a better alternative exists (including taking all values described in Section 2.3 above into account).

This FMP and the OMPs seek to strike a balance between the different values in each reach and the benefits of allowing the river to behave more naturally versus the benefits of controlling the river's behaviour to manage flooding and erosion problems (e.g. protect people, properties and productive land). Decisions on which river management common methods to use and how and where to apply them will be made in an open way through the direction given by this FMP, and the direction provided through the OMPs and Code of Practice (described in Section 3.2.1).

The first consideration when assessing any response should be to ask the question: "can we avoid doing work here?"

Interventions to move any of the western rivers out of the buffer will generally take place only when:

- The historical channel lines indicate an unusually high risk to adjacent land if the river should erode further; or
- The erosion is continuing further landward with no signs of migrating downstream (i.e. a considerable "hook" is developing which threatens to result in a major realignment of the river); or
- The erosion has occurred and worsened through a series of minor events, giving concern that the land behind the buffer would be threatened by ongoing erosion in further minor events; or
- There is a threat to public infrastructure.

Exceptional circumstances may arise but the OMPs are expected to follow these principles.

To assist with decision making, a hierarchy of intervention has been developed. The general concept is that where there is erosion risk to land within the buffer, the scale and type of works used would be limited to those which result in a low risk of adverse impact. As the risk presented by a particular situation increases along with its associated potential impacts, then the range of activities available for intervention also increases to include activities assessed as having medium and high risks of adverse impacts (explained in the table overleaf).

HIERARCHY OF INTERVENTION FOR THE WESTERN RIVERS

	SITUATION	INTERVENTION TYPE	USE OF ACTIVITIES	TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION
LOW RISK	Land within buffer is at risk of erosion	Limited intervention / monitoring of risk by staff	Only able to use activities which will result in a low risk of adverse impacts (this will have the effect of limiting work in the wetted channel or in high value riparian areas)	Scheduled regular maintenance (annual work programmes)
MEDIUM RISK	The outer management line is at risk from erosion	Moderate priority intervention	Only able to use activities which will result in low and/or medium risk of adverse impacts, or a limited quantum of high impact activities	Incorporated within annual work programmes
HIGH RISK	Risk to life Risk of damage to key infrastructure Erosion has occurred beyond the outer management line	Immediate intervention	All activities available – with low, medium and high adverse impacts	Urgent – to be completed ahead of programmed work which may be practically deferred to allow for completion of priority, reactive work

This process provides an effective way of aligning the risks that the situation presents with the potential adverse impacts associated with the intervention. In effect, this will mean that low risk situations, such as minor erosion of land within a buffer where there is no critical infrastructure, can only be managed with activities that are not undertaken in the wetted channel. At the other end of the scale, if there is a high-risk situation, such as breaching of the outer management line or immediate risk to critical infrastructure, then all of the activities are available including those undertaken in the wetted channel. In further developing this guidance, there will be recognition of the need to maintain a degree of flexibility to deal with different situations that may arise while still providing enough direction to ensure a high degree of consistency and achievement of the agreed outcomes.

3.2.1 Code of Practice

The Code of Practice guides all river management activities undertaken by GWRC for the purposes of flood and erosion protection across the Wellington Region, irrespective of funding, location or whether an activity requires resource consent. This means it applies to permitted activities as well as those activities for which resource consent is required by the Regional Plan.

The Code of Practice aims to achieve:

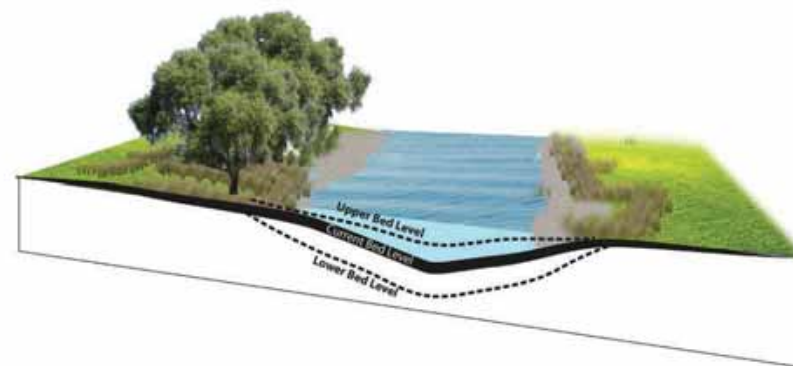
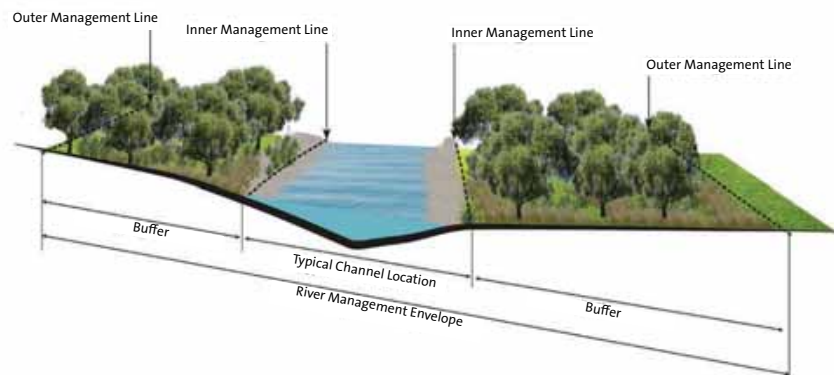
- Greater awareness of the effect of river management decisions and activities on a river's natural character and other significant river values, at both broad (whole of river) scale and detailed (reach or specific site) scale;
- Greater consistency of river management practice across the rivers that GWRC administers and manages;
- Good management of the environmental and cultural impacts of river management activities; and
- Adaptive river management practice to improve environmental outcomes.

While consideration of individual catchments has fed into the development of the Code of Practice, it is not intended to determine the best method or activity to use at a catchment, river or reach scale. It provides direction on the detail of how different river management activities are carried out on the ground.

This FMP gives direction on where and how the common methods are applied in specific reaches together with an understanding of the identified values to be taken into account. The OMPs must be consistent with these directions and users of the Code of Practice will need to note these directions or restrictions when planning which activities to use (and how/when/where to use them).

This FMP identifies values that should be managed in certain locations or certain constraints that should apply in choosing the river management activities. However, this is not exhaustive and other constraints will apply in different places and at different times. GWRC staff will consider the values at a given location together with the direction in the FMP/OMP when planning annual work programmes. The activities will need to be carried out in accordance with the Code of Practice.

Put simply, this FMP and subsequent OMPs direct which common methods are applicable within each river and/or reach. The decision to implement the available common methods in accordance with the Code of Practice is made by GWRC staff.



3.2.2 River Management Envelopes

River management envelopes define the lateral extent within which the river will be managed. River management envelopes are only used within the western rivers. An 'outer management line' defines the extent that may be eroded in small to moderate floods and/or will be used for riparian planting purposes. The space between the banks of the river and the outer management line is also known as a 'buffer'. GWRC will seek to manage the envelope so that the land outside is protected from erosion to around a 5% AEP level of service (a flood that has a 5% chance of happening every year).

These river management envelopes (also known as design lines) have been in place since the early 1990s. They were established to support good river management practice and also to give a level of confidence and clarity to adjacent landowners as to the maximum lateral extent that the active river channel will be managed to.

The inner management lines indicate the area where the active river channel is most of the time, and the outer management lines indicate the outermost extent to which the river will be managed, thereby giving the river room to move within the buffer.

Landowners make an important contribution to flood and erosion security and ecological benefit by making land available for protection of their own and the community's assets and for allowing natural river behaviour. This contribution is addressed by the approach to strategic land purchase described in Section 3.3.8 of this FMP.

Allowing the river more room will enable the river to adopt a more natural form, which will present less risk of high flows breaching the wider river corridor into people's homes and farms. Wider channels put less pressure on banks, so the buffers are likely to be retained. We are aware, however, that there will be a tendency for lateral shift, which will need to be monitored closely.

Giving the river more room will allow it to have natural resisting elements such as bed armour, vegetation and bar forms. Once these elements are in place erosion rates should decrease.

Also, reducing the channelised floodways within some reaches of Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment will remove the rapid flow of nutrients and other contaminants, therefore reducing their discharge into the coastal marine ecosystems.

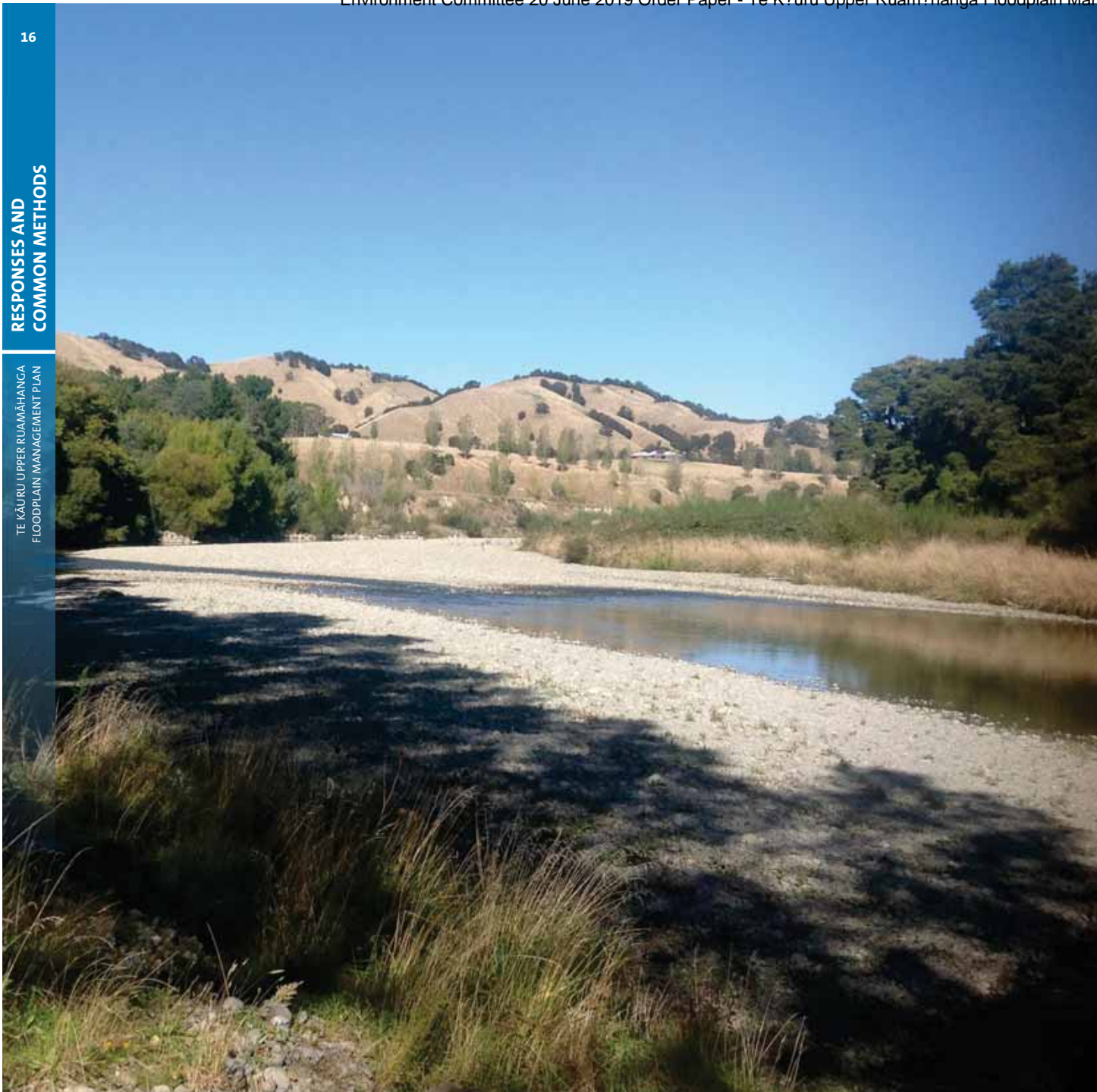
3.2.3 River Bed Level Monitoring

The bed of a river can rise (aggrade) and fall (degrade) over a period of time, and over a longer period of time can fluctuate between these two states. This happens due to natural events but can also be significantly affected by human activities. This process is particularly evident within a gravel bedded river (i.e. the western rivers), where rising and falling bed levels can be observed during a relatively short timeframe.

GWRC has an extensive network of cross sections on all the main rivers in the region and these have been surveyed since the 1990s. Over time, and with more information, longer term rising and falling trends can be recorded to better understand the processes of sediment movement and be used to inform those in the community who are particularly interested in the effect of river bed levels and their close connection to the ground water table.

With sufficient data collected over time, it will be possible to establish river bed envelopes that will include limits for the upper and lower envelope. These envelope limits will be used to identify problems starting to occur so that GWRC can assess the area and determine a response. The actions triggered by these limits may include, for example, a gravel extraction response, a review of the river management envelopes or prioritisation of other management methods in the reach.

Using river bed envelopes and monitoring of long-term rising and falling trends will allow GWRC to make decisions ahead of time regarding when current river management approaches may need to change and how they might change.



3.2.4 Gravel Extraction and Analysis

Gravel extraction is one of the tools used by GWRC to manage the gravel within the western rivers. Various monitoring is undertaken (see Sections 3.2.3 River Bed Level Monitoring and 3.2.8 Pool, Riffle, Run Envelope).

One of GWRC's key objectives for gravel extraction is to use it as a means to maintain the capacity of a river to hold water within its banks as well as to manage problem beaches and channel alignment. However, there are negative effects of extraction including: reduced water quality; impacts on fish and wildlife habitat; increased lateral bank erosion; and the undermining of assets such as bridges, rock structures, stopbanks and riparian planted buffers. Therefore, GWRC tries to extract gravel sustainably, that is, extracting gravel at a rate that matches the gravel supply. This way the capacity of the channel can be maintained while avoiding the negative impacts of over extraction.

A common theme for rivers in the Wellington Region is for aggradation in the flat lower reaches of the river and degradation in the steep higher reaches of the river. This means that GWRC is usually aiming to encourage extraction in the downstream reaches, however, the quality of the gravel downstream is not as desirable to contractors as the gravel further upstream. This provides a continual issue of managing supply and demand. GWRC need to keep contractors interested in extracting the resource as many have the option to abandon river extraction in favour of dry extraction.

Contractors are licensed or may obtain a licence to extract under the existing GWRC river management/operations consents. This will continue with the proposed new global consent for GWRC's Wairarapa operations. The licences allow GWRC to monitor as well as regulate extraction locations and quantities. This is important information to monitor and record as it is vital in carrying out appropriate gravel analyses. Individuals can extract 15m³ per 12 month period for personal use and riverside landowners can extract 50m³ per 12 month period as per R120 of the pNRP and R38 of the Operative Regional Freshwater Plan.

A gravel analysis process is used to establish the locations and gravel quantities required to be extracted. Following on from each gravel analysis a series of recommendations are made to reflect the latest findings in gravel trends. Recommendations may require GWRC to increase, decrease, cease or maintain the current rate of extraction. They may also aim to focus extraction in different areas of the river.

Gravel analysis requires river surveys, which GWRC has set up for all the major rivers and streams throughout the Wellington Region. The survey data is processed by GWRC and compared to data collected from previous surveys.

3.2.5 Riparian Planting of Buffers

A buffer is an envelope of land beyond the river channel on all western rivers that is allocated for erosion control and protection – often, but not exclusively, in the form of trees. Establishing these envelopes is useful for other common river management methods, including: river management envelopes; bed level monitoring; and mixed riparian planting within buffers.

In the Wairarapa, the planting of willow tree buffers for river and erosion management has been a practice for more than 30 years. The advantages of riparian planting of buffers include:

- Reduced lateral erosion and sedimentation;
- Improved meander alignment and reduced channel distortions;
- Cover and habitat for wildlife; and
- Reduced nutrients and pathogens from runoff entering the waterways.

The establishment of vegetation can increase resistance to erosion along a bank edge without preventing it altogether. In effect, it slows the erosion process, meaning less land will be eroded compared to bare, unplanted land. Whilst willow trees are frequently used to bind the river bank material together, this FMP directs a move towards a more diverse mix of planting for both the western and eastern rivers (see Section 3.2.6 Mixed Riparian Planting within Buffers).

Land which is included within buffers may incur erosion damage prior to erosion control measures being established. For example, during a flood event, a buffer may erode prior to subsequent planting being established along a lowered river margin. In some instances, these buffers will naturally refill with gravel and be replanted as river meanders migrate downstream, and at other times these buffers will be artificially reconstructed by machine work and replanted.

Buffers that are already planted may incur some loss of vegetation due to allowing the river more room. This will depend on the land area, soil types, bank slope, land use, and type and density of vegetation.

High banks or erodible cliffs can be included within the buffers. In these cases, vegetation cannot be planted in the buffer because its root zone will be too high above the river to be effective in slowing erosion (or for tree survival). The common method approach is to allow the buffer to partly or fully erode so that riparian planting of buffers can be established at river level to protect the land behind the buffer.

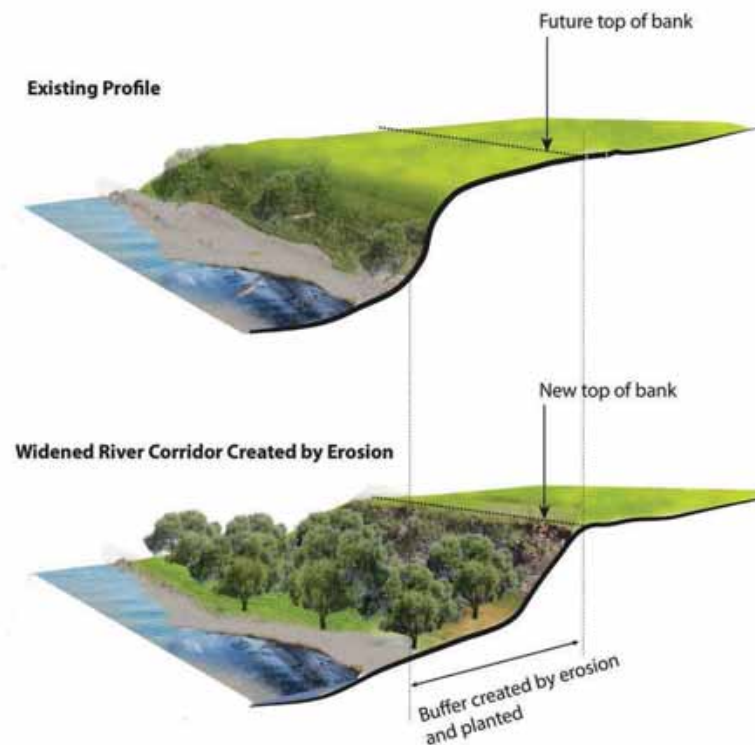
There has been mixed success historically in the establishment of riparian planting of buffers or edges across the catchment as nearly all the land on which these buffers exist is privately owned. Riparian planting of buffers was not previously recognised economically within the schemes for their value in managing river erosion.

There is considerable opportunity to combine riparian planted buffers with environmental enhancements (explained in Section 3.5) such as including wetland areas where appropriate. The Environmental Strategy will identify areas where greater environmental enhancement opportunities exist. This process can also identify sites where landowners are keen to participate in environmental enhancement efforts, areas where wider buffers could be established, and/or areas where additional land could be purchased.

There are many benefits of planting the western buffers and planting the river bank edges of the eastern rivers, including:

- Bank stabilisation, which helps reduce fine suspended sediment inputs;
- Assisting infiltration of surface runoff, therefore reducing contaminant input to the rivers from land use activities;
- Improvement in water quality by reduction of sediment inputs and contaminants from land use activities;
- Improvement in biodiversity and visual amenity;
- Regulation of in-stream temperature;
- Improving the rivers' natural character; and
- Improving cultural values with native planting.

It is also recognised that the benefit of a given buffer width is dependent on the land use, soil type, bank slope, and type and density of riparian vegetation.



The width of a buffer has an effect on the benefits to the river. Some studies have indicated that a buffer width of 30m will protect stream health, while others have recommended a 50m buffer width. A significant aspect of buffer planting is the length of the buffer for bank stability. In addition, they also help support invertebrate communities due to a reduction in water temperature.

Economic benefits of riparian planting are related to the economic value of ecosystem services which benefit humans by increasing water quality and aquatic life and decreasing sediment and contaminant loading.

It is recognised that along with benefits there are also risks associated with planting the western river buffers and the eastern river banks, including:

- Potential for increased roughness, sediment migration and channel realignment which may cause unexpected change of active channels with potential for overtopping and avulsion;
- Buffers may erode with lateral channel shift and therefore erode the vegetation;
- Weed control costs;
- The balance between giving the river more room for its natural hydromorphology and the constraints of current infrastructure and channel form will be difficult; and
- The need to ensure riparian vegetation planted near electric lines is selected or managed to ensure it will not result in that vegetation breaching the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003.

The rivers will need to be monitored via surveys using LiDAR and/or drones to identify any of these potential risks before they become a reality.

With regards to weed control, it is recognised that it may take up to five years post-planting to control weed growth (see Sections 3.2.7, 3.5.3 and 4.4.2).

3.2.6 Mixed Riparian Planting within Buffers

As mentioned in Section 3.2.5, river management in the Wairarapa has relied heavily on willow planting to maintain stable bank edges. This is because willows are fast growing robust trees with branch growth that can reduce flood velocities on berms, and dense root mass that can bind the bank-edge soils together. Willow trees can be mechanically transplanted and have been noticed to be more resilient to stress and more likely to survive compared with many other species.

This FMP encourages a transition from an exotic willow monoculture approach to a mixed native/exotic riparian approach across the entire buffer within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. This approach is used both regionally and nationally. Depending on the location, this could involve using willows for front-line defences and using natives further away from the active bed. Alternatively, under-planting natives into willow stands may occur and when natives are mature enough, the removal, where practicable, of what remains of the willow stands can be carried out. The eastern rivers will continue to have crack willow removal undertaken followed by planting of hybrid willows and/or natives along the bank edges.

Including a range of suitable native plant species provides the added benefit of improving biodiversity, enhancing visual amenity, improving water quality, and further stabilising stream and river beds. There is also a growing realisation of the long-term risk of pests and disease when using only willows for river bank plantings. Mixed planting can reduce this vulnerability.

This FMP encourages the creation of opportunities for innovation and research to explore various options and identify the best methodology for mixed riparian plantings in local circumstances. Examples where mixed riparian planting has happened along the river could be identified to produce information on the implications and potential for success. There is also an opportunity to explore (with tangata whenua) the planting of rongoa, or traditional healing plant species in areas that can be accessed by the public.

Initiatives to plant and maintain mixed riparian planting within buffers should ideally be led by the community. GWRC will be able to provide plants and some resources to assist the planting, but ongoing maintenance will rely on community input. GWRC has already established good working relationships with landowners who are part of river management schemes, but could explore opportunities to broaden the involvement of these groups and those landowners outside of these river scheme areas. Through the Riparian Management Officer (recommended by this FMP in Section 3.5.3), advice and support will be made available to landowners who wish to explore mixed riparian planting within buffers.

3.2.7 Pest Management in Riparian Planted Buffers

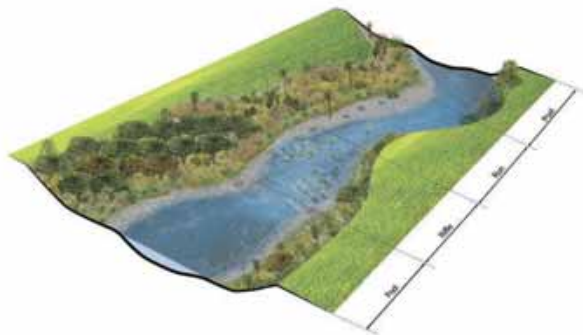
Introduced pest plants and animals can threaten our health, economy, Māori heritage, recreation, native plants, animals and habitats. Depending on the species that need to be controlled and the area to be covered, the method and therefore cost of controlling pest management will vary.

Within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, approximately 880ha of riparian planting (once all planting is complete) will need to be controlled for various pest plants (such as old man's beard and blackberry) and pest animals (such as possums and rabbits). Due to the wide range of species that may impact the buffers, spraying will likely be the most effective method for control of pest plants, while trapping and poisoned bait will be the most effective for pest animal control.

Pest control will be supported by the Riparian Management Officer (Section 3.5.3) and implementation is discussed in Section 4.4.2.



Blackberry along the Ruamāhanga River



3.2.8 Pool, Riffle, Run Envelope

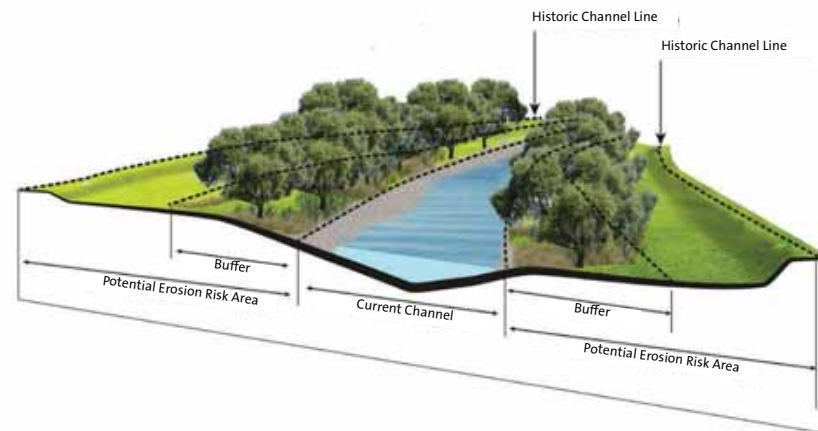
In many rivers, the channel and water level are naturally regulated by sequences of pools, riffles, and runs. A diverse mix of flows and depths is important in a river system to help create the variety of habitats for fish and invertebrate life, and can also support a range of recreation activities. In a meandering river bed, this diversity is largely provided by the number and occurrence of pool-riffle-run sequences.

A pool, riffle, and run count is a method for ensuring habitat and river form diversity is maintained within a managed river system. Within a highly managed or stable river it is practical to set an exact number of pools, riffles, and runs.

The reaches of the gravel fed western rivers flowing from the Tararua Ranges will have a pool, riffle, and run count assigned, with a defined upper and lower acceptable limit per river management reach forming an 'envelope'.

This method will not require intervention in the river system to modify natural changes to the pool, riffle, and run count that may occur during flood events. Use of the pool, riffle, and run count will only be required to inform the planning of the river maintenance works.

The pool, riffle, and run envelope will be included in monitoring and performance measures. By counting the numbers of pools, riffles, and runs, the form of the river and its changes between the surveys can be assessed and compared. In the long-term, it will aid the understanding of the trends occurring in the rivers in connection to river maintenance works.



3.2.9 Historic Channel Lines

The river system has in the past meandered widely across the Wairarapa Plains. Some of these historic channels are clearly identifiable due to old river terraces being visible in the landform (such as the hillside behind Oxford St in Masterton). In other cases, these historic channels have been infilled to change the land use in that area. During large flood events, these areas of infilled or old channels are often reoccupied by rivers and may become areas of higher hazard or subject to greater erosion impacts.

The identification of photographed and observed historic channel extents on plans within this FMP, and on the operational management plans, will raise awareness of historic landforms and assist informed decision making by property and asset owners when siting infrastructure.

These historic channel lines would be used in an information-only approach, to identify those assets of a farm or business that would not otherwise be controlled under district plan rules for avoidance of hazard. This is intended to include irrigators, cattle shelters, some farm outbuildings and other utility type structures. It may also help with siting of roads or other infrastructure.

3.2.10 Isolated Works Support

GWRC may provide, on application, a financial contribution towards river works that fit within the Isolated Works Policy. Isolated works are privately owned flood or erosion protection works that are undertaken outside areas where GWRC manages river schemes. The intent of the contribution is to provide a level of service to the areas that are not eligible for works under river management schemes.

Minor alterations to the Isolated Works Policy will be undertaken to provide an opportunity for people within existing schemes to access this support. For example, support should be available for erosion control within a river management scheme area if erosion control is not provided for directly in the scheme's level of service. As the Policy is currently written, funding is strictly for areas outside of any existing schemes and this is to be reviewed.

3.2.11 Alternative Land uses within Riparian Planted Buffers

Riparian planted buffers, in most instances, currently serve only a single purpose of making land available for erosion control and protection. Some alternate land uses have been trialled to recognise potential revenue streams from these parcels of land that are not available for the adjacent rural land use (usually cropping, dairy or sheep and beef). Such additional revenue streams could include beekeeping and growth of willows as an alternate fodder crop for drought periods.

Through the Community Support Officer (Section 3.5.2) position recommended by this FMP, advice and support will be made available to landowners who wish to explore additional revenue opportunities from the riparian planting of buffers.

There may also be opportunities for land leases for public recreation, access, and flood protection and erosion control purposes.

3.3 Planning and Policy Responses

Planning and Policy responses can include: flood mapping; zoning land; rules restricting the type of development allowed in flood-prone areas; development of standards for activities undertaken in flood prone areas; and plan provisions (i.e. rules or consent conditions) to ensure the operation, maintenance, and protection of flood protection works.

River management envelopes which are subject to active erosion could be recognised within district plans, through hazard mapping, zoning and designations, or any combination of these mechanisms.

Plan provisions may also need to consider such matters as location, building, maintenance, operation, and protection of structures, such as stopbanks, weirs, groynes, flood gates, diversions, or other flood protection measures when writing objectives, policies, and rules.

3.3.1 Land Use Controls

To reflect the updated flood and erosion information, District Plan amendments are required to update recommended land use controls. Amendments include overlays and zones that capture provision of:

- River Corridor;
- Overflow Path;
- Ponding (inundation area);
- Residual Overflow
- Residual Ponding; and
- Erosion Hazard.

This FMP concludes that the six-tier approach, or similar, more clearly defines the nature and extent of the flood hazards from direct flood risks and "residual" risks. To see this approach advance, changes need to be made to the Wairarapa Combined District Plan (WCDDP). This process can either be carried out under a regular District Plan Review or a separate "Plan Change". The main recommended changes to the WCDDP involve:

- Introducing and mapping categories of hazard (preferably by way of a Flood Hazard Overlay);
- Restricting buildings/structures/earthworks in the River Corridor and Overflow Paths;
- Ensuring all new habitable buildings in Ponding and Residual Overflow have elevated floor levels;
- Not allowing any new subdivision in Ponding Areas, or critical infrastructure that doesn't take the hazard into account; and
- Requiring setbacks from stopbank structures.

Until the changes to the WCDDP are made, the information and outcomes in this FMP provide Carterton District Council and Masterton District Council with information that can be taken into account in any future planning applications. Furthermore, as an interim measure, the District Plan maps could be updated with the revised flood hazard information, without any need to change the underlying policies or rules. The timing of any review or change to the District Plan will be determined by Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council, and South Wairarapa District Council.

3.3.2 Designations

One of the methods GWRC is seeking to use is the Notice of Requirement process (under the RMA) to designate the major projects and the River Management Envelope (buffers) on the western rivers.

Designations do not confer automatic access to the designated land. Most of the land designated for buffers, stopbanks, floodways and drains remain in private ownership. This is described in more detail in Sections 3.3.7 River Management Access and 3.3.8 Strategic Land Purchase. A designation will enable GWRC to:

- prevent unauthorised activities (e.g. structures, planting and pipes) on or under the buffer or stopbank that could affect the stopbanks structural integrity;
- prevent access onto the buffer or stopbank from unauthorised vehicles; and
- prevent the location of obstructions (shelter belts, tree planting, structures) in the floodway that would adversely affect the conveyance of floodwater in a flood event occurring within the designated areas.

3.3.3 Flood Hazard Maps

Flood hazard maps were produced prior to the preparation of this FMP to help to understand and communicate the flood issues. The maps are generated using computer modelling to predict flood behaviour, along with historical data to match the model as closely as possible to past events. A 1% AEP event is used in line with regional policy and guidance documents, but a range of other events are also mapped, including historical floods, and those both smaller and larger than the 1% AEP event.

Climate change impacts are included in most of the scenarios because this FMP considers the outcomes with long timeframes where predicted climate change will be significant. Consideration of climate change is required under national guidelines, as well as GWRC policy. Uncertainties in the data and other factors that cannot be included directly in the model are also considered via a freeboard or sensitivity allowance in modelled flood levels.

Mapping is undertaken at a catchment scale rather than modelling the flooding behaviour in detail at a particular site. This scale is appropriate for planning the solutions to flooding, informing emergency management and providing advice on flood hazard for existing or new developments. GWRC uses the information to meet its statutory requirements to understand and manage flood risks. District Councils use the information in carrying out their obligations in district planning, providing Land Information Memoranda (LIMs), and their functions under the Building Act. Flood hazard maps are important inputs to many of the other common methods.

The flood hazard maps are peer reviewed and represent the best information available at a particular point of time. Over time, technology and information change (for example, more powerful computers are developed, and the length of rainfall or river flow records get longer). The flood hazard maps are updated from time to time to reflect these changes and to make sure the information continues to be fit for purpose.

Flood hazard maps will be used to support future plan changes for the WCDP. Depending on the timing of the plan change, and the level of information required at that time, further development work may be required for the flood maps and for erosion hazard areas at that time.

3.3.4 Rural Stopbanks Policy

Stopbanks are embankments built to stop floodwater from rivers flooding nearby land. They may just look like grassy banks, but they have been constructed according to specific engineering designs and standards.

The established stopbanks in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment have a variety of levels of service (or capacity levels) defined by an AEP. The definition and identification of level of service for each stopbank is identified within each reach in Part 2.

In assessing the level of service of each stopbank, some existing "legacy" stopbanks within the river schemes have been identified that are less effective in terms of who they benefit and what service they provide. This gives rise to issues of equity between different areas or landowners. To ensure a more equitable outcome can occur, this FMP provides guidance for each stopbank asset, including options such as maintaining, retreating or retiring/transferring the asset. This becomes particularly important when existing stopbanks are located within the buffer. Removing or retreating rural stopbanks from within the buffer will not be considered a high priority for implementation until the integrity of the stopbank is threatened.

This FMP does not propose any new stopbanks to protect rural areas with the exception of consideration of stopbank alignment at Rathkeale College. It is possible in the future that a private landowner may propose to build a stopbank to protect their land. GWRC will consider whether it supports or opposes such a project on a case-by-case basis including consideration of:

- The benefit provided by the stopbank;
- Impacts on the flood hazard to other properties;
- Vulnerability of the land behind the stopbank, including in the case of stopbank failure;
- Stopbank level of service (including that the level of service is not too high, thereby facilitating inappropriate residential development); and
- Impacts on river management, particularly distance from the river.

3.3.5 Scheme Funding Decision Making Policy

The 2019 scheme funding model addresses flood events up to a 20% AEP event through annual rates, and between 20% AEP and 5% AEP event through reserves. Floods bigger than a 5% AEP event can access funding from GWRC's Major Flood Damage Reserves. Central government funding may be made available following a major flood that exceeds a 2.5% AEP event. However, if additional funding cannot be obtained, damage may need to be tolerated in events greater than 5% AEP magnitude or repair works may need to be completed using debt funding. The decision-making process regarding works required in excess of these funding levels will be clarified by development of a policy that will determine:

- What works can be carried out under annual works;
- What works can be carried out using reserves; and
- How decisions are made regarding works that exceed reserve funds.

3.3.6 Abandonment / Retirement of Assets

There are a number of assets that no longer provide the service or perform the function for which they were designed. These assets have been identified within each reach, including the method of retirement/abandonment and an indicative time frame where practical to do so.

As a general rule, assets for flood protection that exist within a river management envelope will be retreated to a less erosion-prone location, or abandoned/retired, although this will not become a priority until the integrity of the stopbank is threatened.

3.3.7 River Management Access

GWRC requires access to land in order for works to be carried out, either for river channel management or for the construction and maintenance of assets. Often this access needs to be ongoing and have a reasonable degree of certainty. There are a number of ways of achieving this, including:

- Informal access agreements;
- Formal access agreements;
- Esplanade strips (created during subdivision);
- Easements;
- Designations; and
- Land purchase.

The existing river management schemes rely largely on informal goodwill and willingness by landowners to allow river works and buffer establishment on their properties, although GWRC's existing stopbank assets have been designated in the WCDP. As mentioned in Section 3.3.2, GWRC is seeking to designate the river management envelope in the District Plan. This will clearly identify that this particular area of land is needed for river management purposes and would enable GWRC to control activities and/or structures that can be located on that land. Before any Notice of Requirement to designate land is made, further consultation with the affected community would be required.

3.3.8 Strategic Land Purchase

GWRC's preference is to own the footprint of stopbanks (these may be leased back to the adjacent landowner for grazing). However, some landowners hold concerns about public ownership of river corridors and margins. These include concerns about the security of their property and changes to the way the land would be managed if in public ownership. In most circumstances in the Wairarapa context GWRC has designations over its structural assets.

Implementing the major projects described in this FMP will require significant works on private land. This may require land purchase in the future. Some of these physical works may be many years away but as a high priority in implementing this FMP, GWRC will seek designations over all sites where future major project responses require assets to be built or relocated.

Implementing the river management / buffer approach in this FMP in the western rivers will require changes in land use, such as open areas of river margin being planted with riparian plants. In cases where the landowner would prefer to sell that land to GWRC rather than retain ownership, this FMP seeks funding for GWRC to be able to buy that land. This would also apply to landowners who have already set their land aside to establish riparian planted buffers because it is important that they are treated equally. This FMP does not seek to bring all river corridor or buffer land into public ownership. However, a strategic land purchase list will be developed, costed, and a plan put in place to acquire this land over time through mutual agreement via a strategic land purchase fund. This will need to align with reach-specific buffer recommendations, planned major project responses and high-priority sites identified in the Environmental Strategy. An indicative cost for this, based on purchasing half the land that sits within the river management envelopes, is \$5 million over the life of this plan. GWRC will also support the creation of esplanade strips by District Councils when subdivision of riverside properties takes place.

The strategic land purchase fund will also be available for funding the retreat of infrastructure from the river management envelope. The contribution from GWRC would be in line with funding policies at the time with the remainder to be funded by the asset owner. The contribution from GWRC would be capped at a level based on an estimate of the cost avoided by retreating the asset. For example, GWRC may contribute to a road being retreated where doing so avoids the need to construct rock groynes. GWRC would contribute the difference in cost between building the rock groynes and what a standard, vegetated buffer approach would cost to implement and maintain. A more comprehensive policy will be developed as part of implementing this FMP.

3.3.9 Protection Against Deforestation in Upper Catchment

The upper catchments of the western rivers fall within the Tararua Ranges, including in the Tararua Forest Park. Much of this area is protected as DoC estate. Areas outside of this that are currently forested have differing levels of protection.

Rules are required to prevent deforestation within the upper catchments to ensure that the run-off characteristics of this area remain intact. This can be achieved through Regional Plan and District Plan rules, as well as advice and support from GWRC.

3.4 Emergency Management Responses

Emergency management plays a very important role in floodplain management planning. When a flood emergency occurs, how well a community copes depends entirely on how well prepared it is – this includes the preparedness of emergency services, public agencies, utility services, businesses, and ordinary residents.

3.4.1 Community Resilience

Community resilience means that communities are well prepared and ready for emergencies and have knowledge, skills, resources, and relationships to respond to and recover from a flood event. When a flood emergency happens, how well a community copes depends on how resilient it is.

Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO) will work with the community to increase its resilience through public education programmes. Education symposia address three different target groups:

- Tools for business continuity planning will be offered to the community to increase resilience of their businesses;
- School teachers will be educated about emergency management; and
- Aged residential care facilities will be addressed specifically as these facilities are one of the most vulnerable areas.

Educational brochures developed by WREMO and supported by the materials from this FMP will be available for the public to inform their personal emergency planning.

An outcome of this FMP will be that GWRC provides WREMO with detailed mapping tailored to emergency management uses. These maps include vulnerable access routes or lifelines, and the scale of events that will cause these lifelines to be cut. Additionally, an address list can be produced for properties located within an extent of the 1% AEP flood event, with the intention that the community preparedness message is delivered to these property owners and occupants. Properties that are vulnerable to more frequent floods will be highlighted.

3.4.2 Flood Forecasting and Warning System

GWRC and WREMO together provide a flood warning service for the Wellington Region. Separately from formal warnings, GWRC also makes environmental data, such as river flows and rainfall amounts, available to anyone via a range of methods including its website.

Flood warning is recognised as a major tool for equipping people to take their own actions to avoid flood risk. In a large flood or in areas that have very low levels of flood protection, flood warning is crucial for people who are exposed to these hazards and for emergency managers who are trying to minimise risk to life and property.

The development of this FMP has led to a number of suggestions for improvements to the system. This has occurred in parallel with a 2016 review of GWRC's and WREMO's flood warning system.

As an example, some potential areas that have already been identified for investigation or improvement are:

- More focus on supporting people to plan their response to flooding, so that the warning will result in people taking effective action;
- Use of automated technology to supplement telephone trees;
- Providing the means for recipients of flood warnings to manage their own subscriptions to alerts (so that details are kept up to date);
- Additional or relocated gauges to provide greater warning time (especially on the upper reaches of rivers);
- Purchasing of advanced weather forecasting and/or supporting improved forecasting through financial contributions (e.g. contributing to a new weather radar site);
- Improved reliability of communications for critical warning sites;
- Additional resourcing to carry out more river gauging to improve the accuracy of flow estimates;
- Opportunities to expand or develop the flood forecasting system to give advance warning of flooding; and
- Developing ways to monitor river flow gauges for landslide dam formation, especially during heavy rainfall events.

3.5 Environmental Enhancement Responses

Environmental enhancement responses seek to raise the awareness and understanding of the natural values and character of the river environment to encourage and support environmental restoration and maintenance efforts. The primary goal of environmental enhancement responses is to recognise and improve environmental values alongside flood and flood risk management.

3.5.1 Environmental Strategy

The Environmental Strategy coordinates the projects required to deliver the environmental, amenity, and cultural outcomes sought by this FMP that are beyond those achieved solely through flood and erosion risk management. It also helps to coordinate the actions of groups involved in managing the rivers and creates a strategy to enable these groups and organisations to work in a supportive manner.

The preparation of the Environmental Strategy is to be undertaken either in partnership or in close collaboration with other affected or interested parties, including, but not limited to, the District Councils, Department of Conservation, iwi, Fish and Game, Forest and Bird, and other identified stakeholders.

The table overleaf sets out the identified environmental issues for the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment and outlines the general actions that can be taken to enhance the river environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND ACTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Public access and private ownership
The majority of the land adjacent to the river is in private ownership. Public access to the river is generally limited to the areas in the DoC estate, including upstream areas of the Ruamāhanga and Waingawa, and urban areas of the Waipoua River

Weed management

The buffers are infested with weeds including blackberry, tree lucerne and old man's beard

Crack Willow and Grey Willow

Historically, crack willow (*Salix fragilis*) was used extensively through the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment

Loss of Diversity

Loss of mahinga kai

River management

River management methods, particularly bulldozer operations in the channel, impact on the environment. These impacts can include loss of aquatic habitat, reduction in water quality and associated reductions in amenity values

Straightening of river channels

IMPROVEMENTS

Work with District Councils and support recreation opportunity improvements, including connecting access along the Waipoua, Ruamāhanga and Waingawa Rivers

Support landowners who wish to retire farm land and advocate for improved recreational access

Integrate riparian planting and wetland creation opportunities with buffer establishment. For example, where buffer land is being purchased or retired in partnership with willing landowners, look at opportunities to create a wider buffer to allow for wetland creation/restoration and native planting behind

Weed clearance programmes

Yearly checks to ensure areas of weed infestation are identified. This shall inform measures required to ensure weeds are kept under control (also see Sections 3.2.7, 3.5.3 and 4.4.2)

Reduce the presence of crack willow and restore ecological value to the eastern rivers

Use hybrid willows (such as *Salix matsudana* and *tangoio*) when carrying out new plantings and, when suitably mature, for use in other protection methods to minimise self-propagation potential

Advocate for private planting of natives in association with willows and outside riparian planted buffers

Improved buffer planting and widened strips will help improve diversity

Support landowners who wish to retire farm land and carry out native planting. Provide information on how to access contestable funding to support these efforts

To be developed in association with Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa

Minimise impacts by undertaking works in accordance with the Code of Practice (for river management activities)

Utilise other measures which require less regular and/or extensive in stream river works, where possible

Seek to allow the river more room to move and maintain natural processes

3.5.2 Community Support Officer

GWRC works with communities to manage flood risk from the region's rivers and streams. This includes developing floodplain management plans, providing an advice and consultation service in relation to flood and erosion risks, maintaining and building new flood protection works, maintaining or improving the environment and recreational opportunities, and providing management and advice to Civil Defence during large floods.

Further opportunities exist for GWRC to build upon existing relationships with landowners, iwi and the wider community who wish to be involved in the health of river environments.

There is potential to establish a part-time or full-time role to support and advise the community on local projects and initiatives relating to the river environment (i.e. Community Support Officer). The key tasks of this role will include:

- Providing a point of connection with the community;
- Building relationships with local river recreational groups;
- Reinforcing partnership with iwi;
- Calling for volunteers through GWRC website, social media and volunteer websites;
- Facilitating practical education days with community groups including schools, marae, and business organisations; and
- Showcasing the areas of concern in the region and the positive results of volunteer efforts at local events to encourage greater participation.

This role could be facilitated by including a portion of current officer working time for community support and drawing on local expertise and knowledge to work with the broader community, current scheme committees, and landowners. For the Eastern Hills area, this role could cross over with Land Management advisors who already work with rural landowners and have established relationships in the area.

GWRC would seek partnerships with other organisations or agencies to fund this role.



Photos courtesy of Don Rutherford, riverside landowner undertaking enhancement native tree planting on his section of Waipoua River.

3.5.3 Riparian Management Officer

A new role is sought as part of this FMP to focus on the establishment and maintenance of riparian plantings within the buffer and ensuring that there is a coordinated approach to pest management within the buffers. Responsibilities could include: managing the budget for and distribution of traps and sprays for landowners to undertake their own pest management; assisting in the development of riparian management plans for buffers; coordination of community groups, volunteers, etc. who wish to assist with plantings and maintenance; and undertaking weed management on planted sites for up to five years post-planting, which will be reviewed after two years.

3.5.4 Care Groups and Clubs

Healthy streams and rivers are an asset for any community. They are peaceful and fun places to be near, have cultural significance and can be full of wildlife.

River care groups can participate in their local rivers by involvement in:

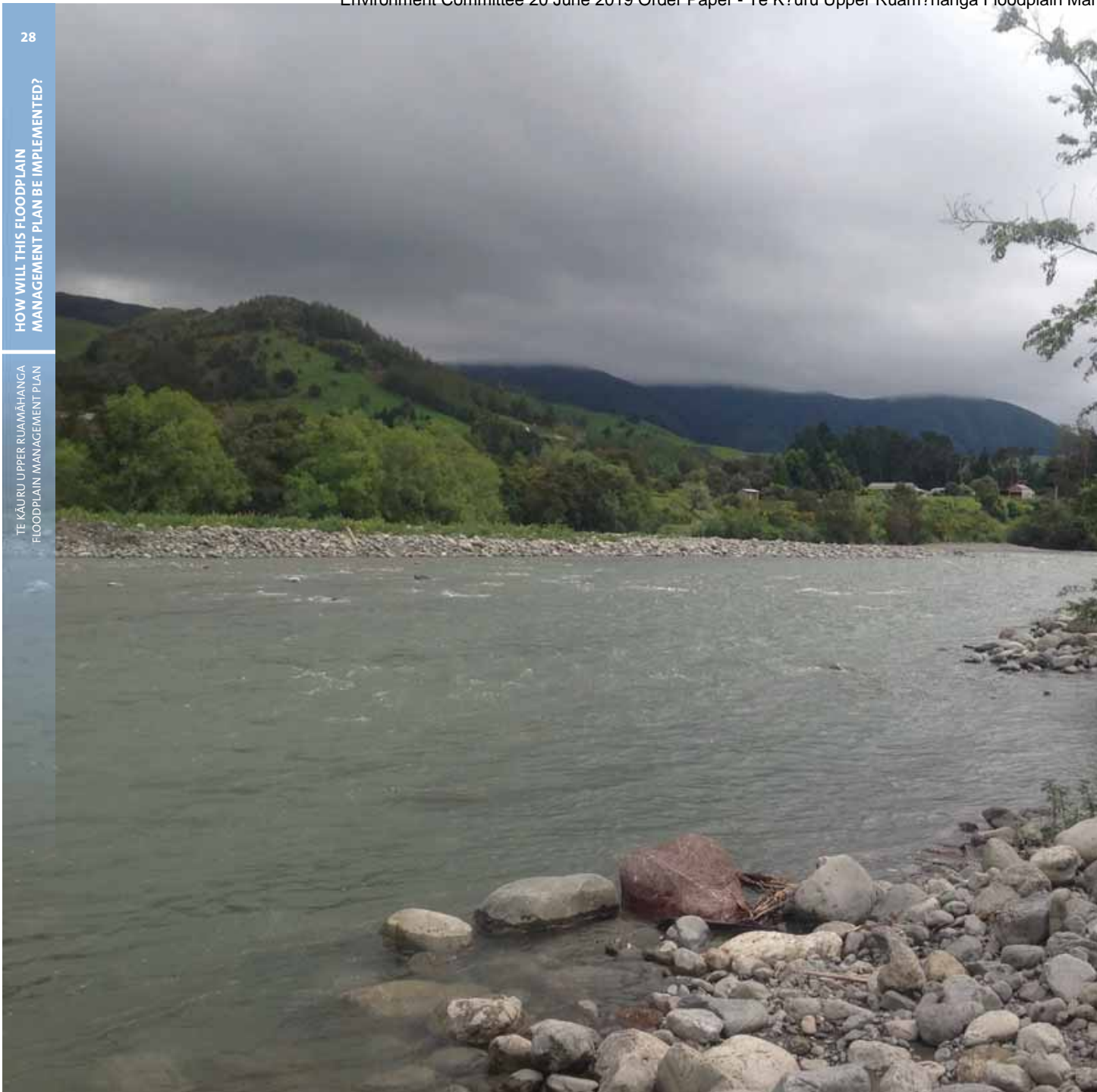
- Delivering native planting programmes and/or other Environmental Strategy outcomes;
- Maintaining vegetation to prevent waterway obstruction;
- Encouraging the community to take a greater interest and have greater involvement in river environments;
- Advocating and working with landowners to improve access;
- Managing animal and plant pests; and
- Monitoring and reporting on river management and FMP implementation on behalf of the community.

The western rivers of the Wairarapa are perhaps more suited to the care group concept than those in the eastern half of the valley, given that they have better public access and higher rates of recreational use.

There are a number of care groups that GWRC works with in the Wairarapa. The range of tasks carried out by river care groups can include:

- Strategic planning: developing a stream restoration plan and timeline for the work;
- Communications: keeping all interested people informed;
- Baseline assessment: walking the river/stream and recording what state it is in at the start, so there is something to measure improvements against;
- Research: working to find the most successful and efficient techniques for improving the health of the stream/river; and
- Operations: rubbish removal, planting, weeding and other jobs to restore and maintain a healthy stream/river.

As mentioned in the previous common method description, establishing a Community Support Officer at GWRC will assist in building community relations and encouraging the establishment of new river care groups in the western half of the catchment.



4. How will this Floodplain Management Plan be Implemented?

This section sets out how the flood protection and management measures in this FMP will be implemented and funded. In short, the implementation measures outlined in this section will be carried out by a number of different authorities and individuals.

4.1 Governance

For over 50 years river management schemes have been maintained to protect people, property, infrastructure, and productive rural land in the Wellington Region. The schemes have been designed to reduce, mitigate, and manage the flooding and erosion risk throughout the region. The schemes have been drafted and implemented at various times based predominantly on the wishes and support of the local communities.

The Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment includes eight existing schemes that make up a large portion of the floodable land area.

Each scheme has an annual maintenance programme which is identified prior to the start of each new financial year. This programme identifies and prioritises work to be carried out within that financial year. Each scheme also has a committee which is made up of directly affected landowners adjacent to the respective river or reach of river, as well as GWRC and territorial authority representatives. Schemes within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment have reported to the Environment Committee of GWRC.

GWRC COMMITTEES

UPPER RUAMĀHANGA RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVES FROM RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUPS, TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES, IWI AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

<p>WAINGAWA RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>SCHEME MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS</p>	<p>WAIPOUA RURAL RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>SCHEME MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS</p>	<p>WAIPOUA URBAN RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>COUNCILS AND COMMUNITY</p>	<p>UPPER RUAMĀHANGA/ MOUNT BRUCE RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>SCHEME MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS</p>	<p>UPPER RUAMĀHANGA/ TE ORE ORE RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>SCHEME MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS</p>	<p>UPPER RUAMĀHANGA/ GLADSTONE RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>SCHEME MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS</p>	<p>EASTERN SCHEME AREA REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE THREE EASTERN SCHEME AREAS</p> <p>KOPUARANGA RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>SCHEME MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS</p> <p>TAUERU RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>SCHEME MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS</p> <p>WHANGAEHU RIVER MANAGEMENT GROUP</p> <p>SCHEME MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS</p>
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4.1.1 Governance Structure

For this FMP, the governance structure will comprise a formal Advisory Committee being the 'Upper Ruamāhanga River Management Advisory Committee'. The specific responsibilities of this committee are outlined in Section 4.2.1 below.

The Advisory Committee will make recommendations regarding implementation of the FMP to GWRC. The Advisory Committee will act as a point of contact for members of the public, landowners and other stakeholders for any issues they have regarding the plan, including the implementation methods and action plan.

The Advisory Committee will be made up of seven representatives from river management groups (renaming of existing scheme committees) within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga area (including one from within the eastern scheme areas). It will also include two representatives from Carterton District Council, three from Masterton District Council, two from GWRC and two iwi representatives.

As witnessed through the implementation of previous schemes, community input is invaluable to implementation, given the wealth of local knowledge and experience they contribute. Additionally, the diversity of representation and knowledge within the scheme committees has improved with the inclusion of representatives from DoC, Fish & Game and iwi representatives. This involvement has contributed to an increase in understanding of the broader values and benefits from the river management work undertaken. In time, representation may evolve further so as to continue to represent the communities through which the rivers flow, as these communities change. The scheme committees will be renamed as 'river management groups'.

The river management groups will continue to be made up of landowner representatives and other community groups and organisations. The reporting structure of the river management groups will be retained. In this respect, the river management groups will continue to have an annual meeting supported by Flood Protection staff from the GWRC Masterton office to consider the annual maintenance works programme and associated expenditure. The river management groups' representatives will then be able to take these views to the Advisory Committee which in turn reports to GWRC.

The Advisory Committee will meet more frequently than the existing scheme committees do (perhaps quarterly) in the initial stages of the FMP implementation.

The Advisory Committee will report up to Greater Wellington Regional Council through appropriate committees. Currently, a specific responsibility of the Environment Committee is to, among other things, monitor and oversee the development and implementation of floodplain management plans, including the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan. The relevant specific responsibility of the Advisory Committee is that it may consider and make recommendations to Council on flood protection issues relevant to the Wairarapa.

This new governance structure will align with the funding structure changes. Funding changes are to spread the targeted rate portion of rates across the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment and therefore the governance structure will allow for the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment community involvement.

4.2 Responsibilities

The following parties have direct or indirect roles in implementing this FMP:

4.2.1 Upper Ruamāhanga River Management Advisory Committee

As discussed in Section 4.1.1, an Advisory Committee will be established to monitor the implementation of this FMP. The role of this Advisory Committee will be to ensure the action plan in this FMP is further developed and implemented, including the monitoring of progress against actions. The Upper Ruamāhanga River Management Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) will be established by GWRC and operate under an agreed Terms of Reference.

The Advisory Committee will also act as a point of contact for members of the public, landowners and other stakeholders for any issues they have regarding the plan, including the implementation methods and action plan. The Advisory Committee will make recommendations on implementing this FMP to GWRC and other organisations with responsibilities in this area.

4.2.2 Greater Wellington Regional Council

GWRC will be responsible for the overall coordination and monitoring of this FMP, as well as relevant physical flood protection structures and works such as river management and stopbanks. In addition, GWRC will provide flood hazard mapping and advise territorial authorities on flood hazard areas to inform the development of appropriate land use planning controls in the District Plan.

4.2.3 District Councils – Masterton and Carterton

Many of the land use planning control measures will be implemented by Masterton District Council and Carterton District Council through their District Plan. These Councils also have a responsibility to maintain and protect public assets, including several bridges established along local roads. District Councils would also implement some environmental enhancements (e.g. walkways on riverside reserves).

4.2.4 Landowners

Landowners in the floodplain are important parties for implementing identified actions as they are the beneficiaries of successful implementation of this FMP. In addition to landowner representation on the Advisory Committee, landowners may be required to work with GWRC staff on particular projects or works that directly affect their land, for example, the final composition of riparian planted buffers. Landowners also play an ongoing role in maintaining projects or works (e.g. protecting stopbanks or vegetated buffers from damage by machinery or stock).

4.2.5 Community Groups and Other Parties

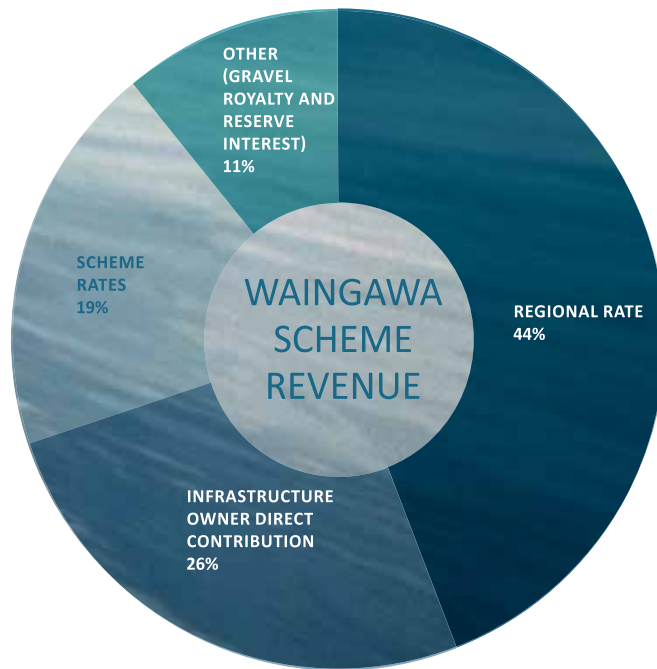
Interest or community groups can be a valuable resource and may help to implement various actions. They have significant local knowledge that is of importance in the management of the rivers for flood and erosion purposes. For example, community groups could assist and contribute to the work of other parties, including contributing to riparian planting of buffers. The governance structure will encourage community groups to be a part of the river management groups and/or the Advisory Committee.

4.2.6 NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail

NZ Transport Agency and KiwiRail are responsible for the maintenance and protection of their assets in the Wairarapa, including bridges which cross the Waingawa, Waipoua, Ruamāhanga and Kopuaranga Rivers.

4.2.7 Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa

Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa are partners with GWRC within the Wairarapa. This relationship includes maintaining meaningful engagement as required through statutory acknowledgements and as promoted under the pNRP.



4.3 Funding Structure

There are significant costs associated with the flood management responses in this FMP. A new funding structure is proposed to support the implementation of this FMP. The measures will be implemented in accordance with the funding policy in place at the time.

4.3.1 Summary

Previously, landowners within the schemes funded a portion of the total scheme costs, also known as targeted rates. However, to recognise and reflect the wider benefit of the implementation measures of this FMP, it is proposed that these targeted rates be spread over all ratepayers in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment.

The funding approach recognises that:

- This FMP seeks to provide greater security, a wider range of benefits, a needs-based approach to river works and some solutions to long-standing problems, particularly relating to water quality. This will, in the long-term, cost more to implement and maintain than the current river schemes cost;
- This FMP will deliver wider benefits which should be funded from the wider catchment community;
- This FMP is seeking to address current inconsistencies and complexities within and between the schemes; and
- In this FMP, the concept of using the buffer areas for river management purposes will require a change in use of affected land. This contribution has to be recognised or compensated.

The outcomes and feedback received as part of the development of this FMP have informed the FMP funding approach.



4.3.2 Previous Funding Structure

With respect to funding, the schemes were divided into different categories, or classifications, depending on the flood and erosion protection benefit that landowners received. Landowners were then rated on the basis of which pieces of land fell into these different classifications which became outdated as situations changed or as needs changed based on new information. As experienced in the schemes, these rating classifications became outdated as situations changed or as needs changed based on new information. The ratings were also difficult to keep up-to-date as properties changed hands, or were subdivided and developed. They were overly complex – for example, the Kopuaranga scheme had 12 different classifications for a simple scheme of willow tree removal and management and only \$13,000 per year of rates collected. A proportion of the operational costs of the schemes were funded from the general rates paid by ratepayers across the whole Wellington Region (up to 50%).

GWRC agreed through the Long Term Plan (LTP) process in 2018 to retain the current funding policy for flood protection. This is subject to review through the LTP process every three years. The funding policy includes:

- The general rate to fund 100% of the work for the “understanding flood risk” activity, and
- Up to 50% of the funding to come from the general rate for the other two flood protection activities of “implementation” and “operations and maintenance”.

Note that the “understanding flood risk” activity is the investigations and modelling required to ascertain flood risk in our region as well as development of mitigation strategies through the development of Floodplain Management Plans.

The balance of the funding is termed the “local share” and must be contributed from the local community in some form. The “local share” is made up of:

- Local Councils’ (TA) contributions for infrastructure protection;
- Gravel royalties;
- Interest on river scheme reserves; and
- Scheme landowners via a classification model.

Scheme landowners have previously contributed on average 28% of the total funding but the amount varied from 16 to 51% of the total funding for the schemes in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, depending on the scheme.

The example on page 32 shows the breakdown for contributions to the Waingawa River scheme in the 2017/18 financial year.

The rivers schemes, as a rule, did not carry out major works using loan funding (capital expenditure, or “capex”) but rather through annual budgets and use of flood damage reserves following major floods.

4.3.3 Drivers for Change in Funding Models

1. This FMP is proposing to spend money on major projects and general works that are not necessarily “scheme” based and are a departure from the current scheme approach of annual work programmes. This additional expenditure, likely staged over many years, must be funded and it is doubtful that the current scheme funding approaches are appropriate. We expect these would be loan-funded projects, or capex, and the existing model doesn’t accommodate this easily.
2. The projects and new approaches in this FMP to managing the rivers are intended to deliver a wide range of benefits including cultural, environmental, recreational, economic and social. The costs of delivering these wider community benefits should rest with the whole community.
3. The previous funding arrangements led to some unintended outcomes. The scheme budgets were determined by how much the landowners were prepared to contribute, and the scheme budgets determined how much and what kinds of work was carried out. Seeking wider funding would assist a more coordinated, consistent, fair and needs-based approach.
4. The concept of using the buffer areas for river management purposes means that a change of use in some affected areas is required. A common theme resonating with the landowners of the schemes is that “if the community wants to use this land for community outcomes then the community should be paying for the scheme.” This FMP proposes a fair and equitable approach to funding including recognising that some landowners under the existing schemes have already agreed to flood protection measures on their land such as by allowing vegetated buffers to be planted.

4.3.4 Costs and Proposed Funding

At the time of writing, the total funding required to cover the eight schemes in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment is approximately \$930,000 per year. Of that, riverside landowners, as a targeted rate, fund approximately \$290,000. If a catchment-wide funding model is adopted and the \$290,000 currently paid by affected landowners was spread across all the ratepayers in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, the rate would be about \$4.8 per \$100,000 of Capital Value (or \$17 per year for a \$350,000 property for example).

The 2017/2018 total revenue in percentage and dollars for the eight schemes in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment are listed in the table below. Of this, the targeted rates (collected from scheme members), is the portion that is being proposed be covered by a catchment-wide rating.

2017/2018 Scheme Revenue breakdown

	TOTAL REVENUE FOR EIGHT SCHEMES	PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE
Regional rate	~\$407k	44%
Infrastructure owner direct contribution	~\$174k	19%
SCHEME RATES	~\$290K	28%
Other	~\$80k	9%
Total	~\$930k	\$100%

4.3.5 Cost to Ratepayers

The benefits sought from this FMP include flood hazard and erosion protection, and the enhancement of environmental and cultural values of the river. These aim to benefit the wider community and the environment. The costs involved in this FMP relate to three separate changes or increases to rates: spread of the targeted rate; increased operational expenditure through general responses; and new capital expenditure through major projects. The increases in rates estimated are for the 'local share' as well as the increase in regional portion. These are based on the current model of the regional share being up to 50%. Therefore local share, collected through a targeted rate, is approximately half of the associated costs, but how they are distributed across ratepayers will vary.

Operational expenditure is used for annual expenses involved in flood and erosion protection, including on-going river management work and many of the general responses listed on page 41. While the on-going river management costs are not expected to increase, there are additional operational activities proposed. Consequently a rate increase for all operational activities has been estimated at \$13 per \$100,000 of CV. It is expected that increases will be spread over a number of years.

Capital expenditure funding will be used to finance the Major Projects Responses outlined in Part 2. Further investigations and options consideration of the Waipoua urban flood risk will be undertaken during Stage 1 of implementation. Subsequent Stages of work will be determined upon completion of Stage 1 and are not detailed. The major project responses (including Stage 1 of the Waipoua urban reach only) are estimated to cost a total of \$4 million. \$2 million of this will be rated across the entire region. The remaining \$2 million, the local share, will be funded through a targeted rate across the Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. This would equate to a rates increase of approximately \$3 per \$100,000 of CV. For each of the Major Project Responses, guidance will be sought from MDC, CDC and the asset owner on whether each project will be funded more directly.

The timing of rate increases are estimated to be:

- 1-2 years – approximately \$2-3 per \$100,000 CV
- 3-5 years – approximately \$5-10 per \$100,000 CV
- 6-10 years – to be confirmed

4.3.6 Affordability and Willingness to Pay

Making sure the proposed works and funding arrangements are affordable and spread fairly is important. Staging of works will be crucial in ensuring the works are appropriately funded. This FMP will be implemented over decades and when individual works programmes have been confirmed, the prioritisation and staging of works can be agreed.

Councils fund their infrastructure works through Long Term Plans (LTP). Through the LTP process, councillors weigh up all the work programmes and proposals for new expenditure and make decisions about what work should be undertaken, and when. This FMP will provide a key input to future LTPs and in the end, the pace of implementation will be controlled by Council decisions on expenditure and the budgets / spend outlined in the LTPs.

4.3.7 Scheme Reserves

Previously, the river schemes put money aside in reserve funds to cover years when there was a lot of flood damage. The value of reserves across the schemes varied between approximately 100% and 400% of the annual operational / maintenance budget.

The potential flood damages have not been assessed scheme-by-scheme to determine what the reserve targets should be. However GWRC applies a rule-of-thumb that reserves should be at least 200% of the normal annual operational spend. This reserve would only likely cover the 'clean-up' costs and emergency repairs immediately after the flood event, not any subsequent remediation works.

Without major flood events for many years, the reserve balances have built up. If there is any change to funding arrangements that affect how reserves are managed, then contributions made by scheme members over time need to be recognised and GWRC will ensure that reserve balances and debts are treated fairly.

In adopting a level-of-service based approach and the move towards funding river operations from the wider community, the response to flood damage in the future will be less dictated by reserve balances. The response will instead be to direct community funds into the locations where the urgency is greatest. Over time it is also likely that the existing scheme reserves would be amalgamated into a single reserve. If this approach is adopted, a transitional period would be required, whereby previous scheme reserves could be "earmarked" for expenditure within that scheme area only.

Central government has also indicated that it is considering changes to policies on financial support to regions following a large flood event. This may trigger the need to reconsider appropriate reserve levels in the future. However, a reliance solely on central government support for large events is not assumed in this FMP.

4.4 Outcomes

This section of the FMP provides more detail for how major elements from each group of FMP responses can be implemented over time. It also includes a table of the general responses (Section 4.6.6) that are more catchment-wide (not covered in Part 2) with an indication of cost and priority.

4.4.1 Structural

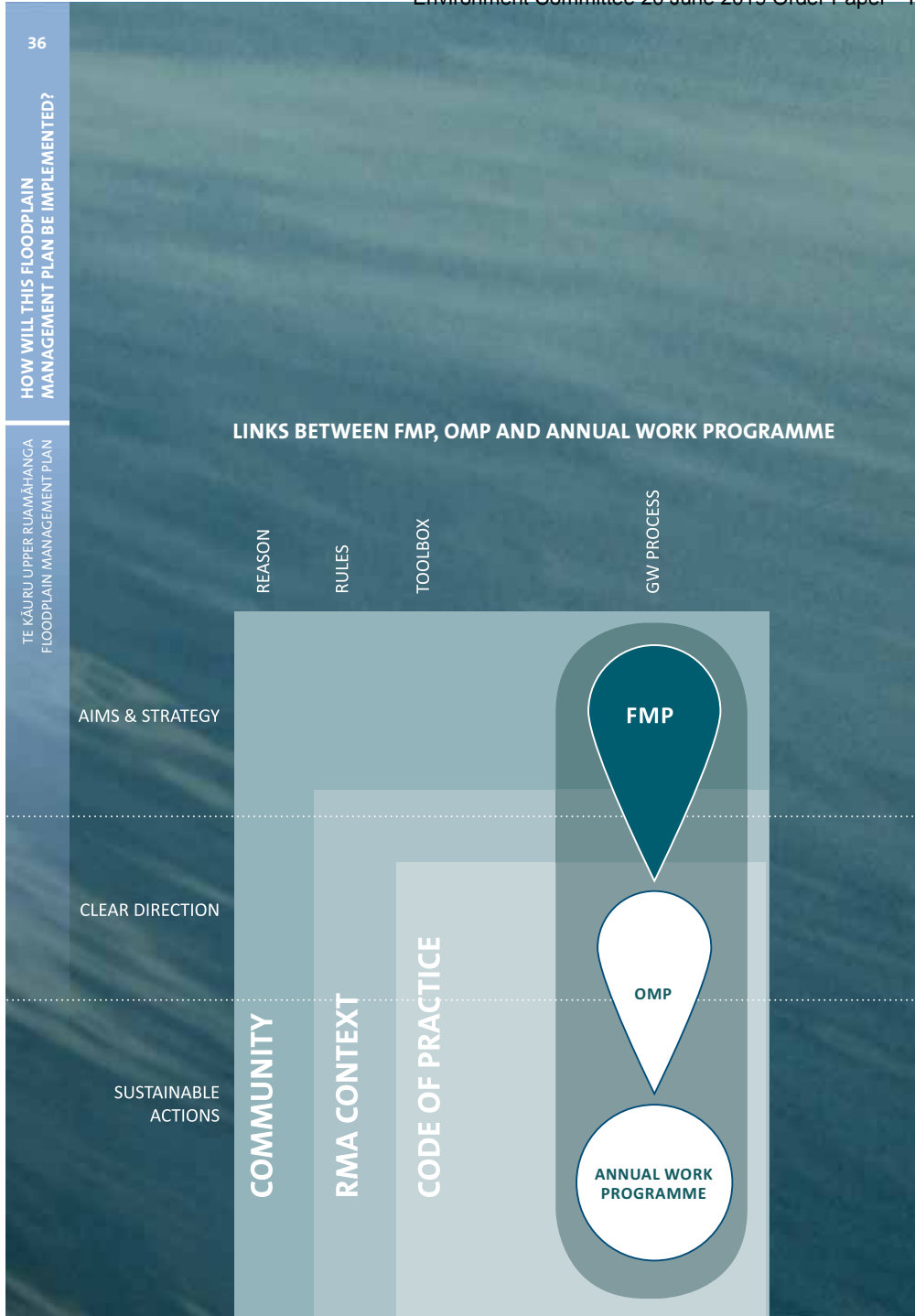
New structural measures, mainly stopbanks, will be delivered through site-specific Major Project Responses. These responses are described in detail in Part 2 and summarised in the table to the right. The majority of these projects have been developed in response to known problems and situations that have not been resolved through the works programmes contained in the existing schemes.

Response priorities have been indicated as High, Medium or Low. The prioritisation in this FMP has been based on community feedback, the nature of the known hazard, the nature of the associated risks, and the perceived urgency of rectifying the existing situation.

Generally, the High Priority Response Projects (refer summary to the right) will be carried out in the first ten years of FMP's implementation.

Major Project Response Summary (Refer Part 2)

NAME	MANAGEMENT MEASURE	PRIMARY REASON FOR RESPONSE	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
WAIPOUA URBAN REACH	Assess and address flood issue to Masterton	To increase current and future flood protection to urban area of Masterton	High	Stage 1 \$350,000	Capital funding TBC
RIVER ROAD PROPERTIES	Increase bank protection to river edge at River Road and widen river channel	To increase protection to River Road, Masterton	High	\$575,000	Capital funding TBC
RIVER ROAD PROPERTIES	Easements and other legal costs as required	To allow construction/maintenance of groynes and widening of the river	High	\$50,000	Capital funding TBC
MDC WATER SUPPLY	Targeted operational river management with revised emergency management plan	To manage risk of erosion posed to the water supply pipeline	High	Varying but of magnitude of \$5-20,000 per annum generally, with allowance for targeted emergency works as required	Operational funding
HOMEBUSH WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	Resilience works within headworks facility (plinth for generation, raising electrical works)	To increase resilience of HWWTP headworks in case of stopbank overtopping	TBC	\$50,000	Capital funding TBC
PAIERAU ROAD	Permanent warning signs and improved flood forecasting	To increase the safety of road users by providing permanent warning signs and increasing lead time for road closure to 2.5 hrs	Medium	\$20,000	Capital funding TBC
SOUTH MASTERTON STOPBANK AND URBAN GATEWAY	Contaminated site assessment, visual improvements within the buffer, establishment of public access to the river	Appealing gateway to Masterton, recreational access and contaminated site management	Medium	\$100,000 for contaminated site assessment	Capital funding TBC
RATHKEALE COLLEGE STOPBANK	TBC	To increase flooding protection to Rathkeale College and reduce erosion risk to stopbank and Rathkeale College	Medium	\$1,000,000 TBC	Capital funding TBC
MDC WATER SUPPLY	Increase bank protection to river edge at Black Creek	To increase protection to water supply pipeline	Low	Up to \$300,000	Capital funding TBC
SOUTH MASTERTON STOPBANK	Retreat existing stopbank to less erosion-prone location outside the buffer	Stopbank is non-critical asset from flood hazard perspective but may be important for preventing contaminated material entering the river	Low	\$485,000	Capital funding TBC
HOOD AERODROME	Rock line connecting terrace with existing rock groyne at the end of the runway	To increase protection to the runway and avoid any contaminated material being eroded into the river	Low	\$755,000	Capital funding TBC



4.4.2 River Management

River management will take place under the hierarchy of this FMP, Operational Management Plans (OMPs) (developed on a five-ten year cycle) and annual work programmes.

- FMP: Provides the overall direction at a river- and reach-wide scale and principles/policies that apply across the rivers. States what is trying to be achieved with each reach and may give direction on particular management methods to be used or avoided. It also directs Major Project Responses and any exceptions to the common methods.
- OMPs: Contain five to ten years of works programmes, including detailed priorities and management approaches for these works. The OMPs must be consistent with the FMP but through the preparation of the OMPs, these plans may propose changes to this FMP.
- Annual work programmes: Annual programmes of work, based on the OMPs but also dealing with reactive work and prioritising various minor repair and buffer implementation projects. Annual work programmes will be worked through with local river committees.

All works in the rivers will be carried out in accordance with GWRC's Code of Practice (CoP). This is a consented document that applies regionally, is evidence-based and regularly updated to provide standards of good management practice. The CoP does not direct which activities should be used in a specific location (this should come through the hierarchy above and the decisions of GWRC staff) but it does provide for the range of river management activities available and the good management practice in how they should be applied.

In-stream works have the potential to affect aquatic and riparian habitat, aquatic species and morphological features. GWRC undertakes a range of in-stream works for flood protection, which are governed by the CoP. Within the CoP all potential effects are acknowledged and assessed to ensure all works are undertaken using good management practice. Good management practice means to plan, communicate, record, review all river works activities and to continually develop and improve methods to achieve improved outcomes for cultural and environmental values.

River management envelopes

The river management envelopes (design lines) within the western rivers have been reviewed following consultation on the draft FMP. There are some areas where the inner and outer management lines obviously do not match the current position of the river. These have been identified and updated in consultation with specific land owners.

A key project to be undertaken as part of implementing this FMP is a full review of the inner and outer management lines to ensure consistency along the various western river reaches. Where applicable, and if deemed necessary, modern geomorphology theory (study of landforms and landscapes, primarily with regard to erosion and deposition of rock and sediments by water) will be applied to envelope locations if there is value in doing so to address specific issues. This may include review of locations where the river envelope (see Section 3.2.2) has not been performing in a way that is consistent with the use of riparian planted buffers as the primary management tool. To ensure ongoing relevance and consistency, it is proposed that the river management envelopes be reviewed every 20 years as part of a major FMP review.

Other management envelopes (bed level and pool/riffle/run) will be developed as an outcome of this FMP. Monitoring and analysis of river bed levels (see Section 3.2.3) and gravel volumes (see section 3.2.4) will be ongoing as further specified in the final FMP.

Buffers

The main change to river management measures outlined in this FMP is to allow rivers to erode the western rivers' buffers from time to time, and to not always intervene urgently with works in the wet to "hold the line" to the inner management line. This shift represents a change in approach from frequent, small, reactive responses to less frequent but more often larger works.

Continued use of non-intrusive works such as dry river bed maintenance works and vegetation maintenance will carry on unchanged from past maintenance activities. In order to achieve this, most buffers should be established with dense vegetation in order to slow erosion. The implementation of this new approach is understood to deliver wider benefits to the river system and in turn, to the community.

To be effective, a buffer must be at, or only slightly above, riverbed level in order for the tree roots to hold the soil. After reaching maturity, willow trees can be "layered" against the bank edge to provide greater protection against erosion. The best sites (and high priority sites for buffer establishment) will be areas where the river has already eroded the buffer, or in some cases where the buffer is in farmland slightly above the riverbed.

This FMP acknowledges that allowing the river room to move may result in an increase in sediment supply to the western rivers from bank erosion. However, due to the unpredictable nature of rivers, it is difficult to say for certain if an increase in erosion will occur. If an increase in erosion does occur the sediment source is likely to be areas in the lower reaches that have previously been artificially constrained. If additional sediment is introduced to the system, it is likely that the sediment will be deposited within the Lower Valley (after the confluence with the Waiohine, but before the coast).

Riparian planting across the entire buffer will be established by planting trees. This would involve willow poles being supported by mixed native vegetation where possible. This will either be on private land with the agreement of the landowner or on publicly-owned land.

High priority sites for riparian planted buffer establishment will be identified through the Operational Management Plans. These sites will generally be:

- Where there is high erosion risk where regular in-stream works have been required to protect the edge; and
- Already eroded by the river; or
- Low farmland where riparian plants can be effectively established.

While these sites will be priorities for implementation, there will be an ongoing need to respond to flood behaviour and either reinstate or plant new areas of buffer. Over time, new areas of erosion will occur and create further opportunities. This will require acceptance from landowners that their land may be required for river space, meaning that this land may be allowed to erode back to, or close to, the edge of the river management envelope before physical intervention occurs.

On the other hand, there will be parts of the river management envelope that are low erosion risk. If these areas are high above the river then there is no benefit in installing dense vegetation. Buffer implementation will be driven in large part by flood events and the behaviour of the rivers.

Cliffs are a special case for buffer establishment. Unless there is an exception identified in this FMP or existing erosion control structure (scheme assets), the preferred use of riparian planting of buffers applies to these cliffs too. In this case, the river managers will wait until the buffer has been eroded (or mostly eroded) down to river level before establishing riparian planting within the buffer at the toe of the cliff.

Areas where the buffer management method does not apply (instead relying on a higher level of mechanical intervention, or greater use of rock edge protection for example) are identified in the reach-specific approaches described in Part 2.

The implementation of this changed river management approach will be gradual, taking place over decades. It is also not irreversible, although if unsuccessful, there could be a "re-investment" phase, and a significant reliance on in-stream works involved with regaining the control of river alignment that currently exists. Eroded topsoil would also take some time to re-establish.

An adaptive monitoring and management strategy will be developed to support the vision of this FMP. Measuring channel morphology over time, using drones or aerial photography and reporting changes using the Habitat Quality Index (HQI) will form part of the monitoring strategy. Other potential monitoring could include river cross sections, depth distributions, bank vegetation canopy and the calibre of floodplain trees. Some of these monitoring techniques are currently being undertaken, such as river cross sections.

GWRC has a number of existing monitoring regimes in place that can be collated to assist in assessing the effects of planting the buffers on the western rivers as well as stabilising the banks on the eastern rivers.

The implementation of these methods and particularly the planting of new buffer areas requires the support and agreement of landowners. Land purchase is allowed for in this FMP and will be pursued with landowners who prefer not to own the buffers under this change to the management regime. It is not proposed to compulsorily acquire land or use any other powers to compel landowners to establish vegetation on their land. However, landowners will not receive the full level of service (protection) to their land behind the buffer until a buffer is established to provide such protection.

Costs – riparian planting of the buffers

Costs associated with planting the buffers (western rivers) and eastern river banks have been estimated and include ground preparation, plants, planting and fencing (note that weed control is covered separately in Section 4.4.2). These costs will be largely covered by the operations and maintenance costs of flood protection in the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. The responsibility of managing the riparian buffers will be shared between GWRC and with individual landowners. Other funding options will also be explored to supplement this, for example planting initiatives such as “1 Billion Trees” and “Trees that Count”.

GWRC will work with other planting initiatives and local nurseries to ensure that sufficient supply is available. We are aware that existing and new suppliers are looking to scale up production to meet anticipated demand in coming years.

The western rivers will have the whole buffer planted and then fenced (at the buffer boundary) to protect the plantings, whereas the eastern rivers do not have buffers so will instead have the crack willow removed and replaced with hybrid willows and/or natives within the riparian margin. Fencing costs relating to the eastern rivers will be explored with the landowners.

Within the western rivers there is a total of 876ha of buffer. Of the 876ha, 537ha or 61% are in pastoral land or vegetation less than 1.5m high and 338ha or 39% are currently vegetated. The eastern rivers, as stated above, will have willows planted along the river bank for erosion protection. It is estimated that the total length in kilometres of all three eastern rivers is 81km.

The estimated cost for planting is approximately \$625,000 per annum, over the life of the plan. As mentioned above, additional avenues for funding will be considered over this time.

Implementation – riparian planting of the buffers

Below is an outline of the planting implementation plan. Assuming that 40% of the buffer area is currently planted, targets for establishing riparian planting of buffers include:

- Year 10: 60% of the total buffer area to be in riparian vegetation
- Year 20: 80% of the total buffer area to be in riparian vegetation
- Year 40: 100 % of the total buffer area to be in riparian vegetation

Further on-site information will be required to develop a detailed plan. This process will be developed in the Operational Management Plans.

PLANTING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

	YEAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11-40
PHASE 1 - IDENTIFY HOTSPOTS												
Waipoua												
Waingawa												
Ruamāhanga - Mt Bruce												
Ruamāhanga - Te Ore Ore												
Ruamāhanga - Gladstone												
Kopuaranga												
Whangaehu												
Taueru												
PHASE 2 – WEED CONTROL SUPPORT FOR EXISTING RIPARIAN PLANTED BUFFERS												
PHASE 3 - LANDOWNER DISCUSSIONS AND SITE PREP												
PHASE 4 - PLANTING/FENCING OF HOTSPOTS, WEED CONTROL												
PHASE 5 - LAND PURCHASE												
PHASE 6 - PLANTING/FENCING OF PURCHASED LAND, WEED CONTROL												
PHASE 7 - EVALUATION AND PRIORITISE ALL RIVERS												
PHASE 8 - COMMENCE PLANTING/FENCING/WEED CONTROL BALANCE												

Pest plant and animal management

This FMP outlines the following for implementation of management and funding responsibilities of pest control within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment.

- Establish a riparian management officer position**

The job would consist of several responsibilities with a focus on the establishment and maintenance of riparian plantings within the buffer and ensuring that there is a coordinated approach to pest management within the buffers. Responsibilities could include managing the budget for and distribution of traps and sprays for landowners to undertake their own pest management; assisting in the development of riparian management plans for buffers; coordination of community groups, volunteers etc. who wish to assist with plantings and maintenance; and undertaking weed management on planted sites for up to five years post planting, which will be reviewed after two years. Approximately \$120,000 per year would be required to establish this position which includes a salary and overheads.
- Provide assistance where required or requested for the management of weeds for up to five years after the buffer is planted, including a review after two years**

Responsibilities for weed control of planted buffers would be jointly managed by GWRC, landowners and community groups as appropriate and would be coordinated by the riparian management officer. Following this period of up to five years it would be expected that undertaking weed control would largely be the responsibility of landowners, with advice, provision of spray and assistance from community groups being coordinated by the riparian management officer. Training and certification would also be available for those who require or request spray (that are not already trained).
- Provide advice, traps, bait and bait stations for the management of pest animals**

Responsibility for the control of pest animals within planted buffers would sit with landowners. However, GWRC would provide advice on pest management, supply traps and bait stations to set-up when buffers are initially planted, and supply bait for the stations to landowners for up to five years post-planting.
- Budget for pest management of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga buffers**

This budget would be split into two sections. The first section would cover the initial set-up cost of weed and pest control on recently planted buffers (placing traps and bait stations and pre- and post-planting spraying of weeds for up to five years). The second section of the budget would be an ongoing maintenance budget which would cover costs for providing spray, training for weed control, and bait for pest animal control for the duration of the plan. The budget would vary from year to year depending on the percentage of new area planted each year. An average annual budget of \$82,000 is allocated.

4.4.3 Planning and Policy

The most important planning and policy methods are the land use controls under the Wairarapa Combined District Plan (WCDP). These will be progressed in partnership with the District Councils either as a Plan Change or as part of the review of the WCDP.

A Strategic Land Purchase and Asset Retreat policy and funding, is an important method for enabling the river management implementation described above.

4.4.4 Emergency Management

Emergency management measures will be implemented as described in Section 3.4. These are mainly actions to be taken by departments of GWRC working in partnership with WREMO.

4.4.5 Environmental Enhancement

The key environmental enhancement response is to develop and implement an Environmental Strategy. This will bring different agencies together with a plan and priorities for improvements to the river environments. A Community Support Officer and a Riparian Management Officer form an important part of implementing this, and GWRC will explore options for co-funding from different agencies to deliver environmental outcomes. It is expected that a small amount of increased cost will be involved in river maintenance activities to provide for better river amenities management.

4.4.6 General Responses

Below is a summary table of the general responses discussed throughout this FMP with an indication of priority and cost. These responses are more catchment-wide and are therefore not covered in Part 2. Ongoing river management works costs are included in the table. Although we can't be certain, these are not expected to increase in the future as a result of the changes in operational approaches outlined in this FMP. Operational costs will be reviewed as part of assessing the success of the proposed changes when this FMP is reviewed. There will, however, be an increase in costs for flood and erosion protection associated with the additional outcomes of this FMP listed in the General Responses Summary (page 41) and the Major Project Response Summary (page 35).

GENERAL RESPONSES SUMMARY

ACTION	DESCRIPTION	SECTION REFERENCE	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
Ongoing river management work	Based on 2018 operational budgets	n/a	High	Approximately \$930,000 annually	GWRC operational expenditure
Develop bed level envelopes for Waipoua, Waingawa and Ruamāhanga Rivers	A bed envelope with guidance on how to respond to areas of degradation (bed is dropping) and aggradation (bed is filling in)	3.2.3	High	\$200,000	GWRC operational expenditure
Develop pool, run and riffle envelopes	Upper and lower envelopes for pool/riffle/run sequences in different river reaches – to be used in planning programmed physical works	3.2.8	High	\$50,000	GWRC operational expenditure
Riparian planting of buffers	Planting of the full buffer area of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, including ground preparation, plants, planting and fencing	3.2.5	High	\$625,000 per annum	GWRC operational expenditure
Wairarapa Combined District Plan Review	Developing flood mapping and contributing policy advice for input to District Plan review. New designations for Major Projects.	3.3	High	\$200,000	GWRC loan-funded expenditure
Develop Environmental Strategy	A strategy and action plan for specific enhancements in the river environments – multi-agency	3.5.1	High	\$200,000	GWRC loan-funded expenditure
New governance and funding structures	Establish new governance structures and funding approaches required to implement this FMP. May require changes to Council policies and/or to be implemented via Long Term Plan.	4.1 and 4.3	High	\$50,000	GWRC operational expenditure
Design lines review	Review outer and inner design lines in line with operational experience and any new information	4.4.2	High	\$200,000	GWRC operational expenditure
Pest plant and animal management	Budget set aside to assist with the establishment and ongoing management of pest animal and plant control	4.4.2	High	\$82,500 per annum	GWRC operational expenditure
Operational expenditure	An agreed and understood framework for how works will be prioritised following a major flood, and how this relates to normal scheme governance arrangements	3.3.5	Medium	\$30,000	GWRC operational expenditure
Strategic land purchase and asset retreat	Funding available for purchase of land for FMP implementation – for buffer establishment, future major projects, environmental strategy implementation, etc. Also, for GWRC contribution to retreating public assets out of the buffer when this is a suitable alternative to protecting them in place. Criteria to be developed.	3.3.8	Medium	\$5M	GWRC loan-funded expenditure
Riparian management officer	Resource to assist in the establishment and management of riparian planting the entire buffer	3.5.3	Medium	\$120,000 per annum ongoing	GWRC operational expenditure
Emergency management and flood warning improvements	Collaboration with WREMO on emergency management planning. Technical advice and support to WREMO including new mapping. New flood warning infrastructure such as additional rain gauge or flow monitoring sites.	3.4	Medium	\$100,000	GWRC loan-funded expenditure for infrastructure upgrades
Community support officer	Part or full-time resource to establish/support community groups and help to deliver environmental/recreational/cultural outcomes	3.5.2	Low	\$60,000 per annum ongoing	GWRC operational expenditure, seeking partner support
Major review of FMP	Formal review of FMP performance	4.4.7	Low	\$300,000	GWRC operational expenditure

4.4.7 Monitoring and Review

Ongoing monitoring of the aims and objectives of this FMP will enable the outcomes to be regularly reviewed. This FMP will be a living document so regular review means that the floodplain management planning process, updated flood hazard maps, and flood hazard mitigation measures, can be updated and changed where the need arises.

Outcomes of this FMP will be largely implemented through river management activities authorised through resource consents. Both the resource consents, and the associated Code of Practice, include adaptive management processes whereby improvements can occur as new information and techniques become available. The consents and the Code of Practice are both mandated through a statutory process.

An outline of the monitoring plan for the implementation of the buffers is included in Section 4.4.2.

A comprehensive review of the final FMP will be undertaken every 20 years, or earlier if the flood hazard is significantly altered by flooding, earthquakes or new information. A review could also be triggered by major regulatory or resource consent changes.

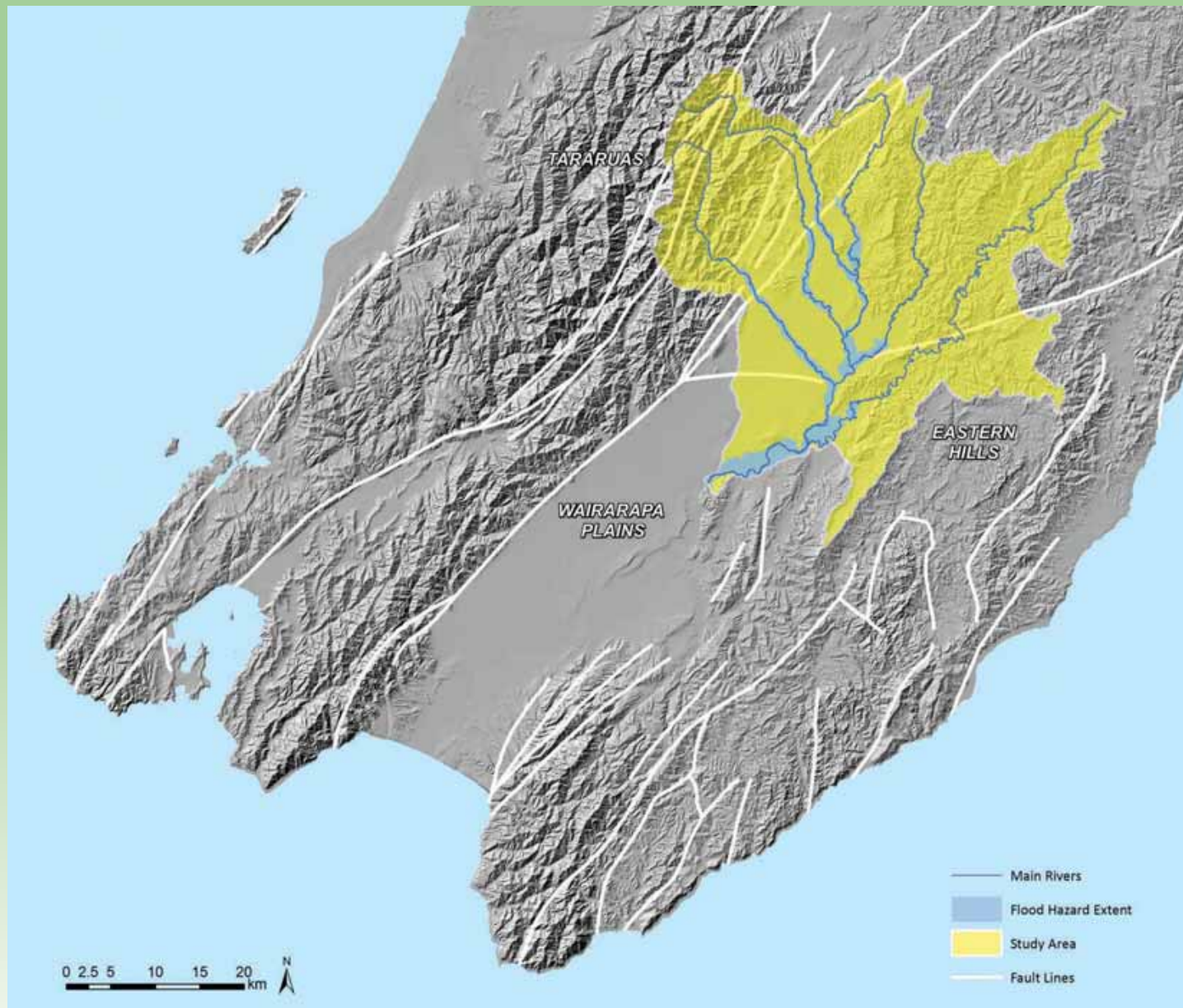
Operational Management Plans (providing more detail on how this FMP will be implemented operationally over five to ten-year horizons) will be completed and reviewed on a more frequent basis. Minor reviews will also be done yearly through GWRC's annual plan process. The comprehensive review would involve re-modelling of the flood hazard to ensure that information was accurate.

The table following summarises what will be reviewed and when.

REVIEW TIMEFRAME	REVIEW SCOPE	REPORT ON WHAT?
ANNUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation programme Operational programme summary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was proposed What work was done Why the difference Proposals for next year Summary of implementation status
EVERY 3 YEARS (TO FEED INTO GWRC/CDC/ MDC LONG TERM PLANS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation progress Priority and costs of major projects and operational expenditure Alignment between different agencies on projects and funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment priorities Staging / speed of implementation Risks and opportunities
INITIAL 10-YEAR REVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An assessment that key aspects of implementation are on track and a formal report to the Advisory Committee and Wairarapa Committee incorporating external feedback as appropriate Incorporate changes or new information due to other plans external to this FMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review progress on delivering all high priority major projects Review how Operational Management Plan process has performed Review how design envelope and buffer approach has performed, and degree of success in implementing it Incorporate any changes required due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource consenting outcomes Waiohine and Lower Wairarapa Valley Floodplain Management Plans Whaitua/Natural Resources Plan outcomes Wairarapa Moana treaty settlement outcomes
EVERY 20 YEARS – MAJOR REVIEW	<p>Scope to be agreed with iwi and stakeholders. Expected to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectiveness/progress of all common methods and general responses Progress in implementing major project responses, and what has been achieved (e.g. flood damages saved) Appropriateness of governance structure and funding approach Review of catchment hydrology and flood extents River bed envelopes and river edge envelopes/design lines Learnings from major flood events Future budgets proposed – affordability, value and sufficiency Reprioritising and costing all outstanding works 	<p>To GWRC, MDC, CDC and the Upper Ruamāhanga River Management Advisory Committee as a standalone report and updated FMP following consultation with stakeholders.</p>

An aerial photograph of a wide river floodplain, showing a network of channels and meanders. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'PART 2: LOCATION SPECIFIC VALUES, ISSUES AND RESPONSES' is positioned on the right side of the image.

PART 2:
LOCATION SPECIFIC
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Regional

5. Overview and Regional Context

This part of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) sets out the spatial floodplain management plan outcomes to be delivered across the Upper Ruamāhanga catchment. This should be read in conjunction with Part 1 of this FMP which sets out the background and overview including implementation and responsibilities.

The six rivers which make up the Upper Ruamāhanga catchment have been divided into 20 separate reaches (17 for the western gravel bedded reaches, and three eastern silt bedded rivers) for the purpose of directing floodplain management responses. These are also set within the broader catchment and regional context introduced at the beginning of this document. Each reach is then described in terms of the following, reflecting a summary of the findings of the phases of the FMP development process:

- The character and values that exist within each reach, including upstream or downstream influences;
- The identified flood and erosion issues to be addressed (note that any amendments to the flood hazard maps resulting from recommendations in the independent audit will be undertaken. Updated flood hazard maps will be issued within the next year to be incorporated into the updated Wairarapa Combined District Plan); and
- The reach-specific flood and erosion responses, including Major Project Responses where relevant.

The reaches of the eastern rivers have been amalgamated for the purpose of defining floodplain management responses, given the similar attributes and outcomes which are shared across this area of the catchment.

5.1 Wairarapa Valley

The Wairarapa Valley is situated in the Wellington Region at the southern end of Te Ika a Maui, the North Island of New Zealand. It has a temperate climate with distinct seasonal variations. It is known for having relatively stable weather patterns, commonly experiencing long hot relatively dry summers and mild winters.

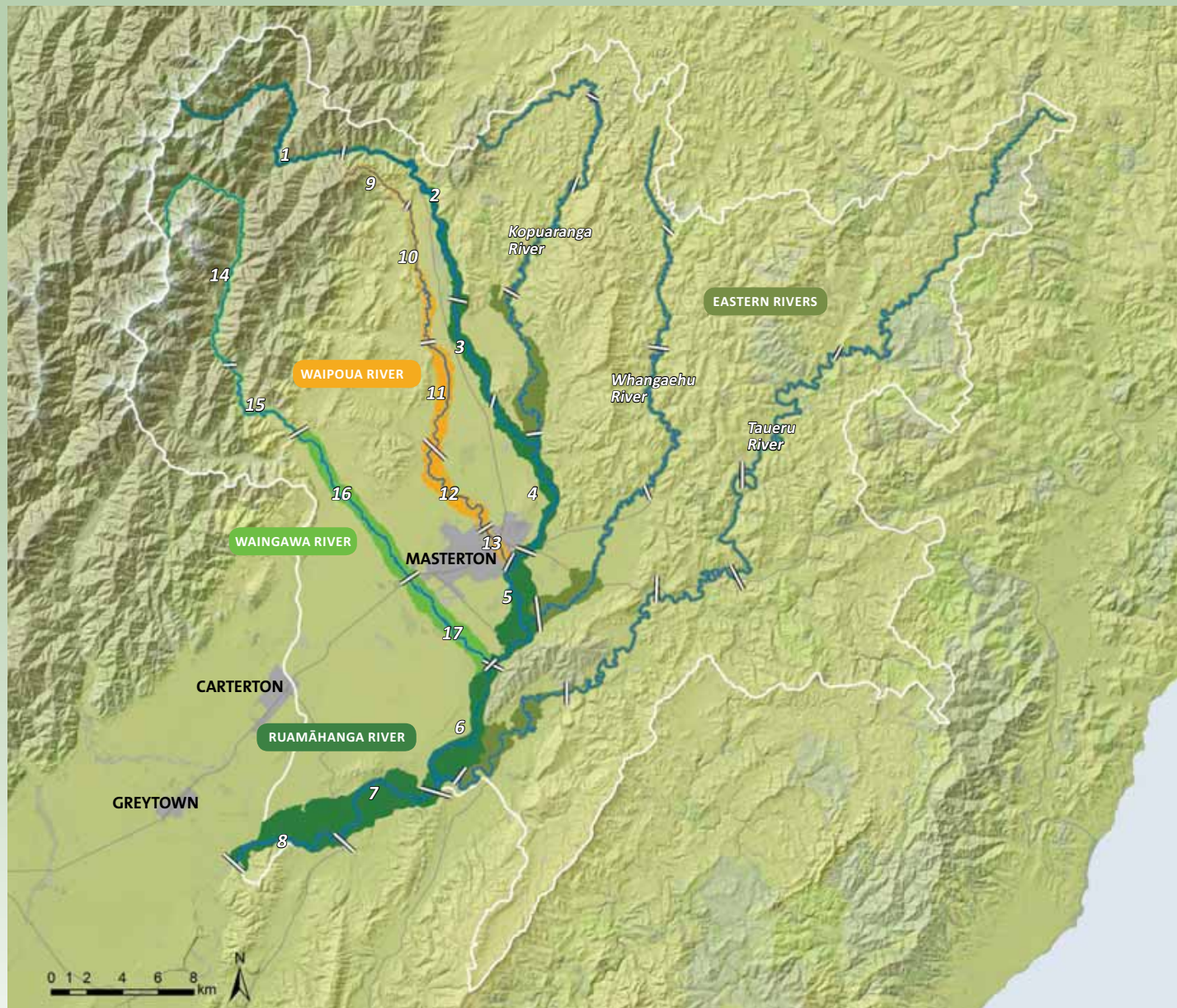
The Wairarapa Valley is made up of: the western Tararua Ranges – formed of greywacke rock of varying ages; the Wairarapa Plains – formed from deposited alluvial gravels and silts; and the eastern hills – formed from deposited marine sediments. The geology of the area is dominated by the underlying active boundary between the Pacific and Australian plates, which have created extensive faulting throughout the valley, predominantly on a north-east/south-west alignment. The largest recorded fault movement occurred in the 1855 Wairarapa magnitude 8.3 earthquake, causing a 13 metre horizontal movement and significant changes to the plains and river systems. These geological and climatic characteristics of the Wairarapa are reflected through the rivers – contrasting between the high energy, gravel bedded western rivers and the low energy, generally soft sediment bedded eastern rivers.

Humans have had an influence on floodplain and channel form characteristics in the Wairarapa since early settlement, and it is suggested that the impact of Western civilisation came at a time when the indigenous vegetation was already in a state of flux. Considerable areas of land were cleared through burning in the first few centuries of Māori settlement and the extent of cleared land increased after the arrival of Europeans.

Early observers estimated that around 200,000 acres of the Wairarapa was grassland, 80,000 acres was forest, 25,000 acres was fern and scrub, and 20,000 acres was swamp. The large areas of natural grassland and the close proximity to Wellington made the Wairarapa an attractive area for farming, and this saw the first sheep station in New Zealand being started in 1844. At the time, the land along the Ruamāhanga River was covered with dense bush, and detailed surveys of the Waingawa River from 1900 show native scrub coverage of the banks and islands.

Farming continued to develop, and the introduction of further exotic species – deer, pigs, and possums – continued a trend of deforestation, exposing further areas of the ranges to natural erosive forces. This would, over time, be seen to have impacts on raising the levels of river beds across the plains. European settlers introduced the use of willows as an early bank erosion and flood protection tool to address some of these impacts. With further population increases, more detailed and varied methods were developed to protect both farmland and homes. These included the use of stopbanks, river diversions, improved willow works, reforestation, and exotic pest control.

Rainfall patterns in the catchment are dominated by the Tararua Ranges. These create a relatively dry plains area (800mm average annual rainfall) with a significant increase in rainfall in the mountains (6000mm average annual rainfall).



Upper Ruamāhanga Catchment

5.2 Rivers and Settlement within the Upper Ruamāhanga Catchment

The Ruamāhanga is the river into which almost all other rivers in the Wairarapa Valley eventually flow. It connects the Tararua to Wairarapa Moana, eventually flowing from there into Raukawa Moana / Palliser Bay. The Upper Ruamāhanga catchment extends from the Tararua Ranges to the confluence with the Waiohine River, covering an area of 1,560km² through which the Waipoua, Waingawa, Whangaehu, Kopuaranga and Taueru (Tauweru) rivers and their tributaries flow.

The western rivers emerging from the rugged Tararua Ranges are well known for their pristine environments near the headwaters and as a result they are much valued for their beauty, mauri, recreational opportunities and spiritual significance. The eastern tributary landform is characterised by undulating hills which are today dominated by agricultural use. However, there remains a strong cultural significance within and around these eastern rivers for tangata whenua, and they are popular in some areas for recreational pursuits.

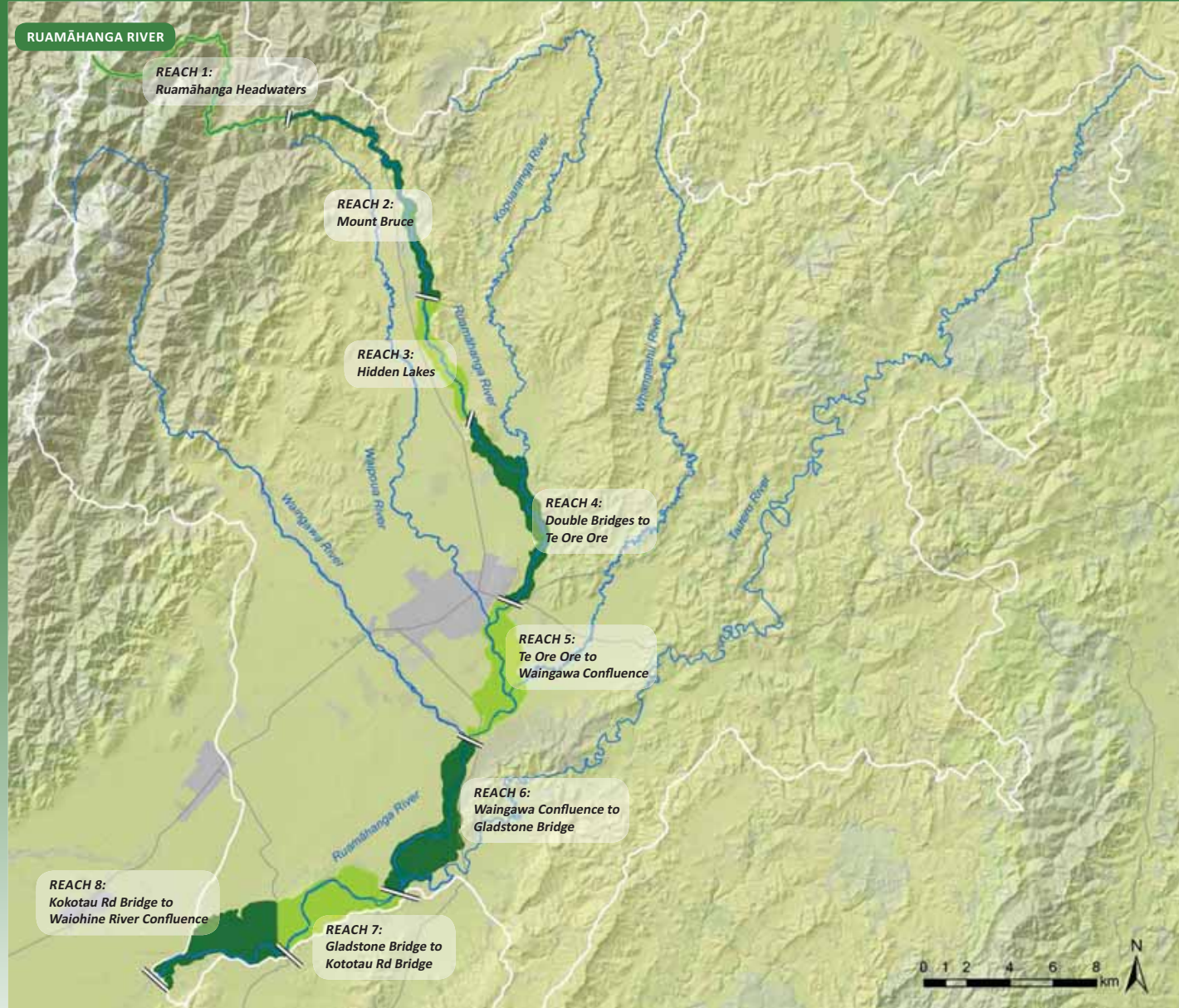
Both the western and eastern tributaries run out onto the fertile Wairarapa Plains which have been formed over time through deposition of alluvial material, including greywacke alluvium from the Tararua Ranges and alluvial silts and sands eroded from a mixture of mudstones, sandstones and limestones which form the Eastern Wairarapa Hills. The land use of the catchment is dominated by native forest in the upper Tararua Ranges, which transitions into a range of primary production activities (plantation forestry, dry stock grazing, dairying, and cropping), rural lifestyle development, and urban areas on the floodplain.

Tangata whenua have a long-standing connection with the Ruamāhanga River and all of its tributaries spanning many generations. Both Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa currently share in the role of kaitiaki for these catchments.

While non-Māori have been present in the Wairarapa for a shorter period, over several generations they also have developed strong ties to the land and landforms. Some of the families were present on the first European settler ships, and they have made their mark on the modern social, political and physical landscape through recurrent involvement in the ongoing development changes in the Wairarapa.

Today the Wairarapa has a distinct identity. It has both a legacy of, and a future rich with, cultural significance to Māori. With strong agricultural roots – the leading industry in the area – it is also noted for the quality of its landscape and associated recreational opportunities, and its hosting of a number of regional events and concerts. Home to some 40,000 residents, the Wairarapa has produced or become home to more than a representative share of well-known ambassadors ranging from noted scientists and engineers to popular musicians and film directors.

All rivers of the catchment have a diverse range of values attributed to them, and as generations come and go the emphasis on these values shifts in response to the culture of the people who value them.



Ruamāhanga River

6. Ruamāhanga River

The Ruamāhanga flows from its source in the Tararua Ranges down through steep mountainous terrain and native forests, running through rock-lined gorges and boulder garden rapids before leaving the foothills close to Pukaha / Mount Bruce. From there, it flows through a number of steep-sided gorges where historic river terracing can be seen through the fringes of patchy native and exotic vegetation, before opening out into the pastoral Wairarapa Plains. Here it turns to a more southerly direction flowing downstream through confluences with all of the other rivers which flow through the Wairarapa Valley.

The Ruamāhanga is the most significant ancestral river of Wairarapa mana whenua. Its name is attributed to a number of stories relating to its translation of 'Rua' meaning two and 'Māhanga' meaning twins, forks or snare trap. One story is that the translation of two-forks refers to the east/west alternating confluences along its length as it travels from north to south. Another is that its name was given by Haunui-a-Nanaia who caught two birds in a snare trap on the banks of the river.

The main river channel from the State Highway 2 Bridge near Mount Bruce downstream to the Waiohine confluence extends some 58km. This is characterised by a semi-braided form in its upper reaches and changes to a managed single thread following a gravel corridor in the lower reaches (approximately at Te Ore Ore).

Different soil types have developed at various locations on the floodplain depending on the rate of flood deposition, the source of material, time since deposition, and natural drainage. The natural fertility and erodibility of these soils is quite variable. Inappropriate land use and lack of shelter may cause wind erosion.

Land use in the catchment includes native forest in the upper catchment within the Tararua Ranges, which transitions to a range of primary production activities (dairying, dry stock grazing, cropping, and plantation forestry), rural lifestyle development, and urban areas (Masterton) on the floodplain.

The Ruamāhanga River has many significant wāhi tapu and archaeological sites associated with its waters and banks, which include urupā, pā, kainga, and middens. Several of the archaeological sites are recorded with the New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) and some urupā also have a registered title.

Key recreational activities include: hill walking; wilderness fishing in the Tararua Ranges; jet boating below confluence with the Waingawa River; and kayaking. The Ruamāhanga is also well known for its good quality swimming holes and gravel beaches suitable for summer picnics.

The Ruamāhanga River is an important ecological corridor including nesting sites for birds, habitat and migratory trout for both native and exotic fish species. It is also becoming nationally important for threatened bird life. In recent years it has been recorded as bucking the national trend of decline in black billed gull species, and supports populations of black fronted dotterel, pied stilts, black shags and NZ pipit. The current river managers have worked over the past decade to improve their management techniques to lessen harm to the habitats of these species, with positive impacts on the bird populations.

Within the project extent, 26 different species of fish have been identified, and at some point each of these would have lived in or passed through the Ruamāhanga River. Over half of the 20 species of native fish found within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment are considered to be "at risk", meaning that their population nationwide is considered to be declining. The associated restoration of the Wairarapa eel (tuna) fishery is of particular significance to Māori.

General Issues

The Ruamāhanga River is well known to the Wairarapa community for its flood flows. The relatively entrenched upper reaches of the Ruamāhanga River contain much of the flood water, confining it between old river terraces, and its passage is controlled in several locations by prominent rocky outcrops. As it turns to the south at its confluence with the Kopuaranga River it opens into a broader floodplain, and the modelled flood events show a greater extent of the adjacent land under water. This trend of a broadening floodplain continues to its confluence with the Waiohine River.

The flooding of the Ruamāhanga River also strongly influences the flooding in each of its tributaries. If a flood event occurs in the Ruamāhanga River at the same time as one in any of the tributary rivers, much higher flood levels are experienced in the tributary.

There are several sites of particular concern in relation to erosion risk. These include the banks of the river adjacent to Hidden Lakes and the areas around Henley Lakes and eastern Masterton, both of which are protected by substantial erosion protection works. Flood protection work has recently been upgraded to protect the Homebush Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is also a former Masterton landfill site and several stock bridges and structures related to farming activities along the length of the river at potential erosion risk.

General issues relating to the Upper Ruamāhanga River include:

- lateral erosion of the river banks occurring due to natural processes in the river such as meandering of the channel, degradation and aggradation of the river bed. The stability of river banks can be compromised by degradation or can be affected by additional erosion pressure as the river tries to wind its way around aggradated islands in the middle of the channel;
- reduced channel capacity to carry flood waters due to aggradation occurring, generally in the lower reaches;
- invasive introduced vegetation species including yellow lupin, tree lucerne, broom and crack willow that dominate in channel areas leading to flood flow obstruction;
- threats to existing planted vegetation, predominantly willow buffers from 'old man's beard' and other plant, animal and insect pests that attack the species;
- numerous private water intakes from the river channel that require protection to ensure water supply;
- the river being restricted within the design lines, creating additional erosion pressure and reduced flood capacity; and
- the value of the rivers for recreation and habitat at times conflicting with river management works.

Ruamāhanga Headwaters – Reach 1

Character

The upper reaches of the Ruamāhanga River flow through Tararua Forest Park. The river follows a narrow gravel-choked valley surrounded by steep bush-clad mountainous terrain. Much of the headwaters of the Upper Ruamāhanga are in a natural state with pools and rapids enclosed by diverse areas of native vegetation.

Key Characteristics

Narrow gravel valleys with boulder gardens and pools

Predominant cover of native vegetation along margins

Wilderness recreation opportunities

Values

The headwaters of the Upper Ruamāhanga are protected as part of the DoC estate which provides the setting for wilderness experiences. Overall the landscape has very low levels of landscape modification with corresponding very high scenic value. The entirety of this reach is zoned Rural (Conservation) in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan (WCDP, 2013).

Due to the strong underlying wilderness and scenic values, this reach contains popular walking and tramping tracks with huts, leading into the Tararua Ranges. Wilderness fishing is popular, with some grade 2+ kayaking also occurring through boulder gardens and sharp ends. All recreation access is limited to foot access only.

Substantial ecological values have been identified along this reach in association with its underlying conservation value. This includes terrestrial habitats associated with fenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefields and boulderfields.

Wāhi tapu have been identified in this area with the headwaters providing an important cultural connection to the Tararua Ranges.

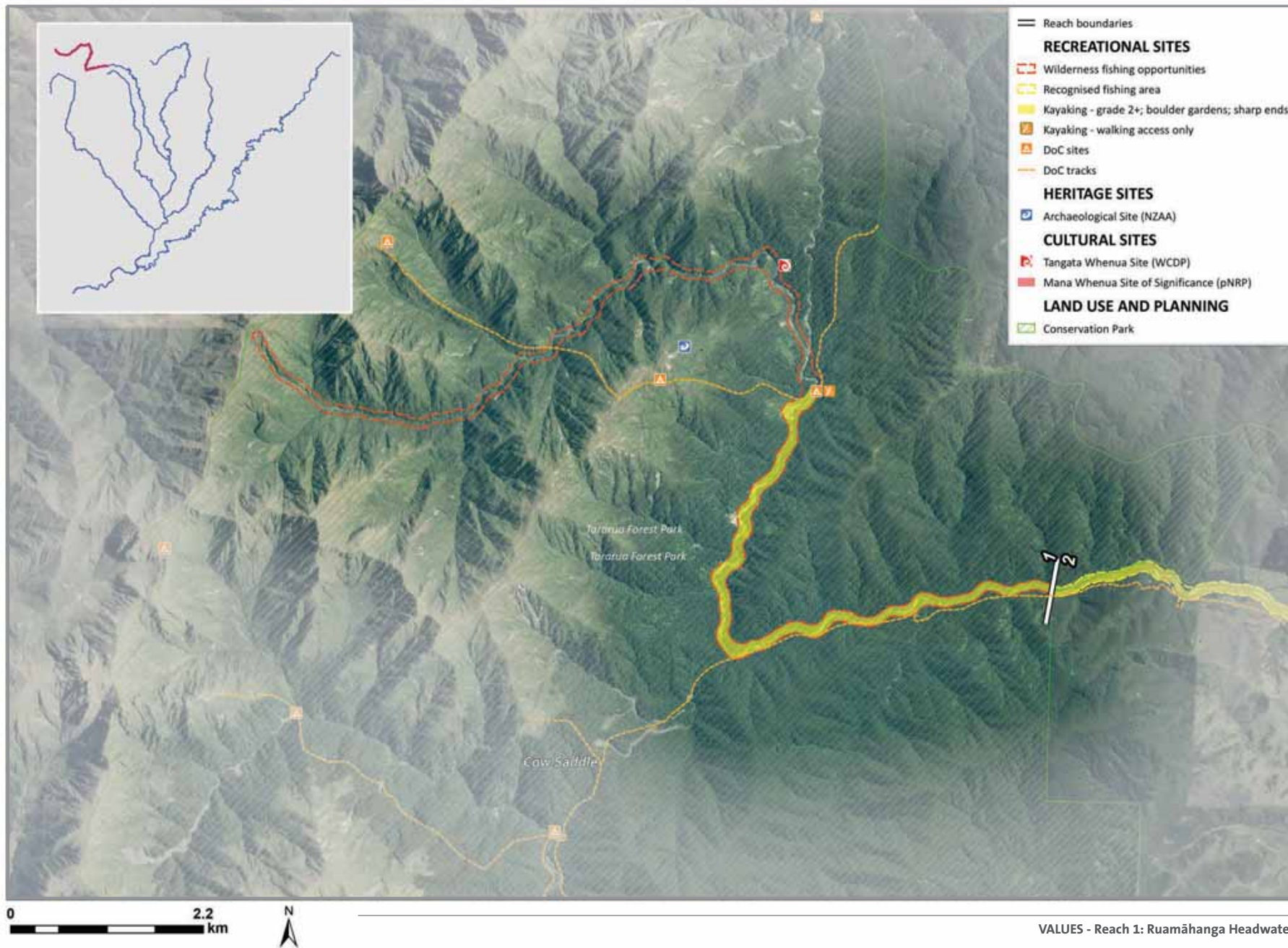
Key Floodplain Management Points

- Encourage continued recognition of the values and character of this reach.
- Support initiatives that aim to preserve or improve the natural values of this reach.

There is no intent to carry out any maintenance activity within this reach as part of this FMP. There are no specific flood and erosion issues identified for this reach.

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	Isolated works support, Code of Practice
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Protection against deforestation in upper catchment
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, flood forecasting and warning system
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Community Support Officer

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Very Low	Very High	Walking tracks and huts (DoC), angler access, kayak access (foot only), kayaking, wilderness fishing	-	Sacred place, wāhi tapu; stopover camp, puni; wāhi whakawātea	Rural (Conservation), Road, River	Fenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields



Mount Bruce – Reach 2

Character

This reach flows from the base of the Tararua Forest Park south of Mount Bruce (Pukaha) into the Upper Ruamāhanga Plains. In this area, the river remains partially contained within the semi-enclosed flat valley floor which follows the base of the Tararua Ranges. The formative influence of the river remains clearly apparent along adjacent terraces aligned in a north-south direction beyond the main channel of the river.

In the upper section of this reach, the river passes through a series of gorges in the vicinity of Mount Bruce Bridge. Below this, much of the river settles into a series of pools, runs and riffles with narrow braids. The margins of the river are predominantly enclosed by mixed native and exotic vegetation which separates the river from adjoining farmland. A more significant area of podocarp forest is also apparent at Dunvegan Forest on the western banks.

Key Characteristics

Steep rock-lined gorges containing boulders, pools and rapids

Distinct river terraces stepping down to the river corridor

Mixed exotic and remnant native vegetation

Key Floodplain Management Points

- Protect the Dunvegan Forest RAP site from negative impacts of flooding and erosion.

Values

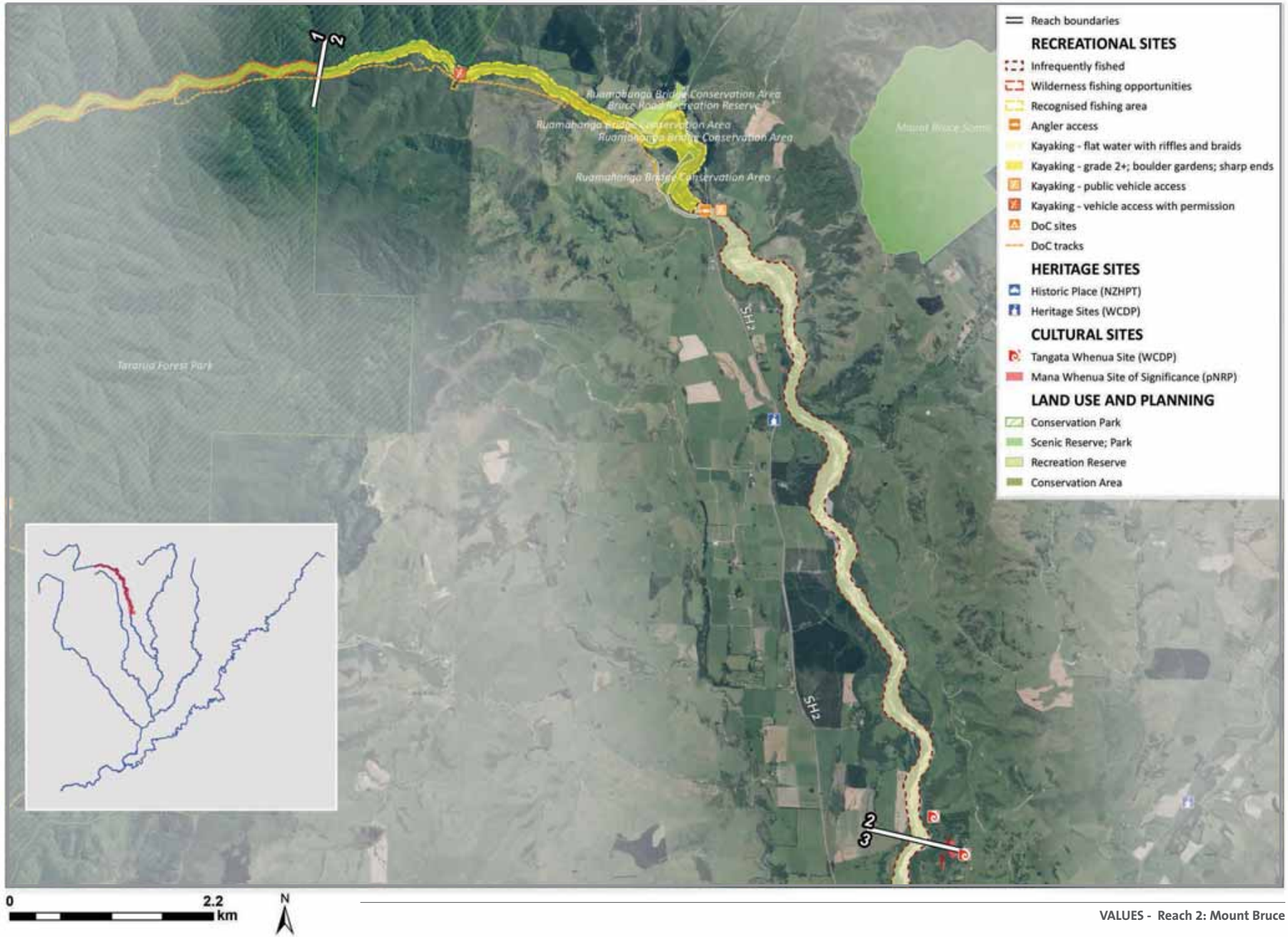
This reach of the river is slightly more modified than the headwaters of the Ruamāhanga, with much of the surrounding landscape used for primary production. Whilst parts of the reach continue through gorges surrounded by indigenous vegetation. The presence of exotic scrub and State Highway 2 also influence its character and values. Overall it has a low level of modification and corresponding high scenic value.

The upper parts of this reach contain popular walking, fishing and kayaking areas accessed from Mount Bruce Bridge and connecting with Tararua Forest Park. South of Mount Bruce Bridge, the presence of flat water with riffles and braids means the area is valued for kayaking, although this area is infrequently fished.

Several important ecological values have been identified along this reach including a Recommended Area for Protection (RAP) encompassing remnant indigenous vegetation at Dunvegan Forest and terrestrial habitats associated with fenced indigenous forest, unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefields, boulderfields, natural wetlands and ponds.

There are numerous sites of cultural importance including wāhi tapu, an historic village, pā, and waka landing sites.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Low	High	Walking tracks (DoC), angler access, kayak access, fishing, kayaking	Old Settler's Cottage (WCDP)	Tangata whenua site (WCDP), wāhi tapu, historic village site, historic pā site, historic waka landing site	Rural (Conservation), Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, State Highway	Dunvegan Forest Remnants (RAP), Fenced indigenous forest, Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



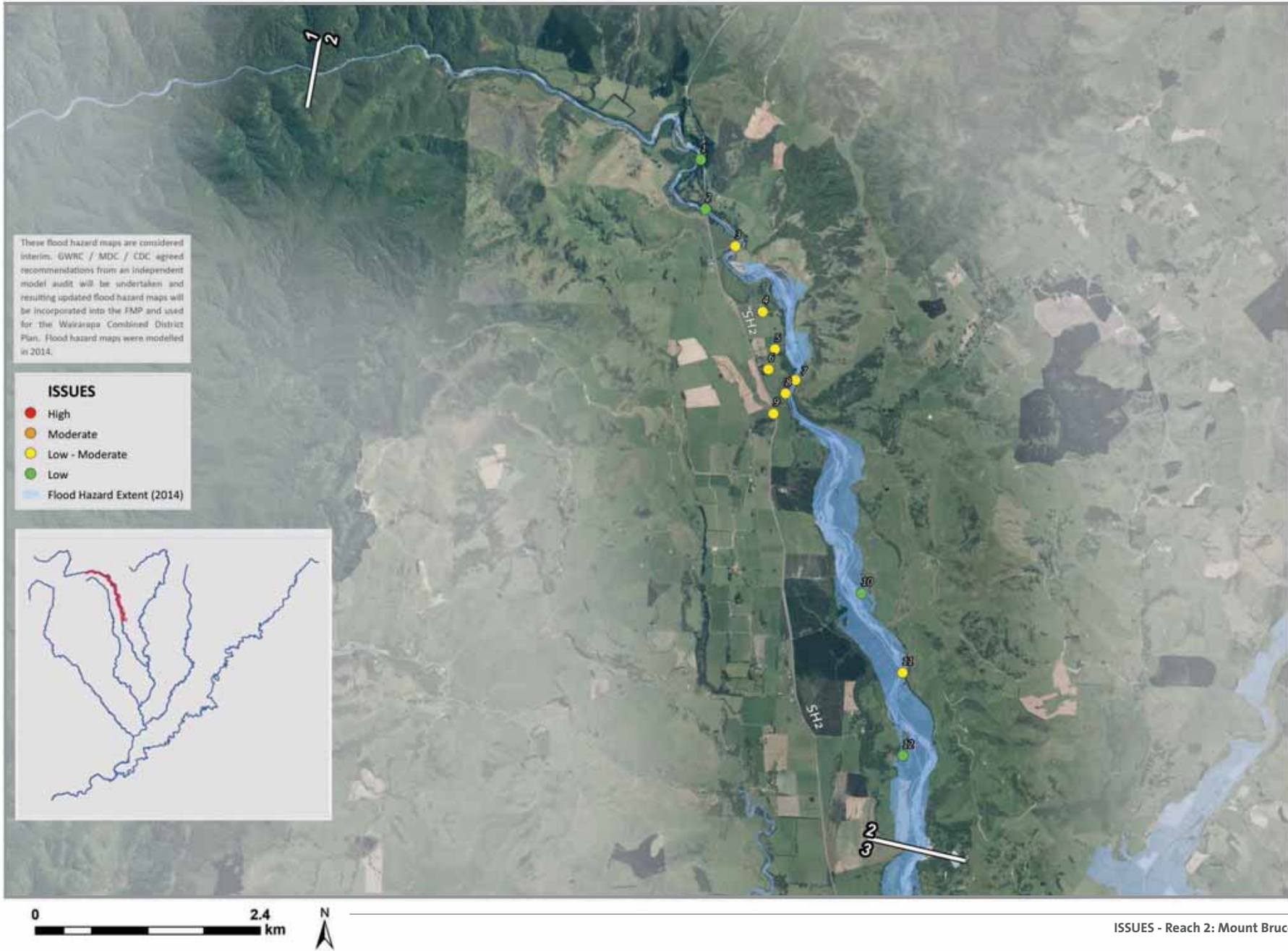
VALUES - Reach 2: Mount Bruce

Mount Bruce – Reach 2

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 12 flood and erosion issues have been identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	
LOW	<p>State Highway 2 [1] State Highway 2 runs close to a gorge section of the Ruamāhanga and sits within the erosion study area. The risk of erosion is considered low due to the natural rock formation which controls the erosion risk.</p> <p>State Highway 2 Bridge [2] The abutments of the State Highway 2 bridge sit within the erosion study area. The river at this location is well entrenched and the risk to the structure from erosion is considered to be low.</p>	<p>No defined design channel [10] No design channel has been developed as a management tool upstream of this location. This provides less certainty for adjacent landowners, however it may be of limited benefit due to surrounding geology acting as a natural control on the river.</p> <p>Dunvegan Forest RAP site [12] Dunvegan Forest, a RAP site, sits within the erosion study area and is affected by the 1% AEP flood extent.</p>
	<p>Scheme boundary [3] The upstream boundary of the Upper Ruamāhanga schemes sits below the gorge area. It is recommended that this is reviewed in conjunction with landowners in the upstream area, and with reference to issues 1 and 2</p> <p>Private houses in erosion study area [4, 5, 6, 8] A number of house sites sit within the erosion study area. The houses are not affected by the 1% AEP flood event.</p> <p>Stock access bridge [7] A privately owned stock access bridge sits within the erosion study area and is potentially at risk of damage linked to flood debris, bed level changes and large flood events.</p>	<p>State Highway 2 within erosion study area [9] State Highway 2 sits within the erosion study area at this location. It is considered to be at lower risk due to its distance from the active channel of the river, and the underlying geology.</p> <p>Private bridge [11] A private access bridge crosses the river. Its abutments are within the erosion study area. It may be susceptible to debris flows, erosion and bed level changes.</p>
MODERATE		
HIGH		



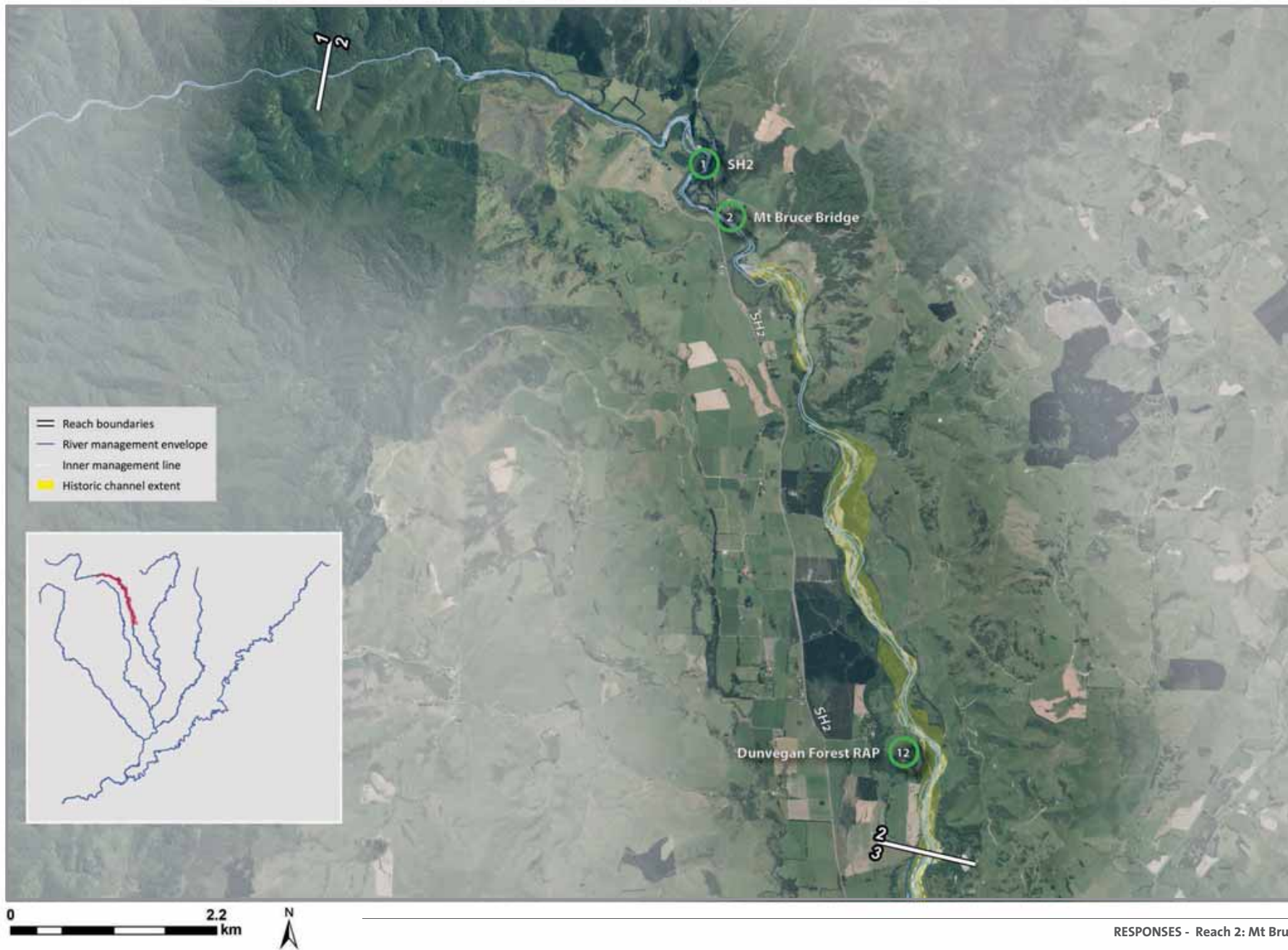
Mount Bruce – Reach 2

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	12	Dunvegan Forest RAP site	River management	Dunvegan Forest is an area of remnant native forest. While there is no requirement to protect this area against natural erosion or flood effects, there is an opportunity to reduce the impacts of flooding and erosion through river management approaches sensitive to impacts on the forest. GWRC to provide advice to the managers of the RAP site on how to avoid erosion losses and damage to the site. Only soft edge protection is required. This area is ideal as a trial site for native tree edge protection methods.			Landowners	GWRC	Low
	1 2	SH2 and Mt Bruce Bridge	River management	GWRC Operations to provide information to NZTA if any erosion risk is identified to State Highway 2. NZTA to continue to monitor risks to State Highway 2 and Mount Bruce Bridge. A couple of locations have been identified as being within potential erosion extents, however the risk is considered low and there are no known historic issues that have required management.			NZTA	GWRC	High
		Mt Bruce Bridge	Environmental enhancement	The Mt Bruce Bridge access area is a popular access location. Opportunities will be developed as part of the Environmental Strategy to formalise this access point to provide clear safe access to the river and associated facilities. Community ownership of these access points is an essential component of their success. GWRC will initiate and support the formation of a care group to work with clubs and individuals that value this location.			GWRC	Community	Low
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Protection against deforestation in upper catchment, land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					
		Entire reach	River management	Remove this reach from the current river scheme. Begin standard Isolated Works funding policy for landowner initiated works upstream of Hidden Lakes					



RESPONSES - Reach 2: Mt Bruce

Hidden Lakes – Reach 3

Character

This reach undergoes a transition from a semi-enclosed channel in the upper valley into the broader open character of the Upper Ruamāhanga Plains. As the river continues south, the channel increases in width and begins to form a more distinctive semi-braided channel. In association with braids, bank modification also becomes increasingly more prevalent, with shelves covered by willow planting and tree lucerne common along this reach.

Key Characteristics

Emerging semi-braided form containing riffles and pools

Willow-lined margins

Open pastoral character culminating along modified river margins

Values

This reach continues through rural land used for primary production and predominantly established in pasture grassland. Beach re-contouring and willow planting becomes more common along this reach together with several areas of indigenous vegetation. Overall the level of landscape modification is medium with medium-high scenic value.

Some kayaking continues along this reach benefitting from flat water with riffles and braids that continue downstream from Mount Bruce Bridge. Whilst fishing remains infrequent in this area, fish passage to the upper reaches remains important. Double Bridges provides a popular swimming site from which kayaking and fishing also continue downstream.

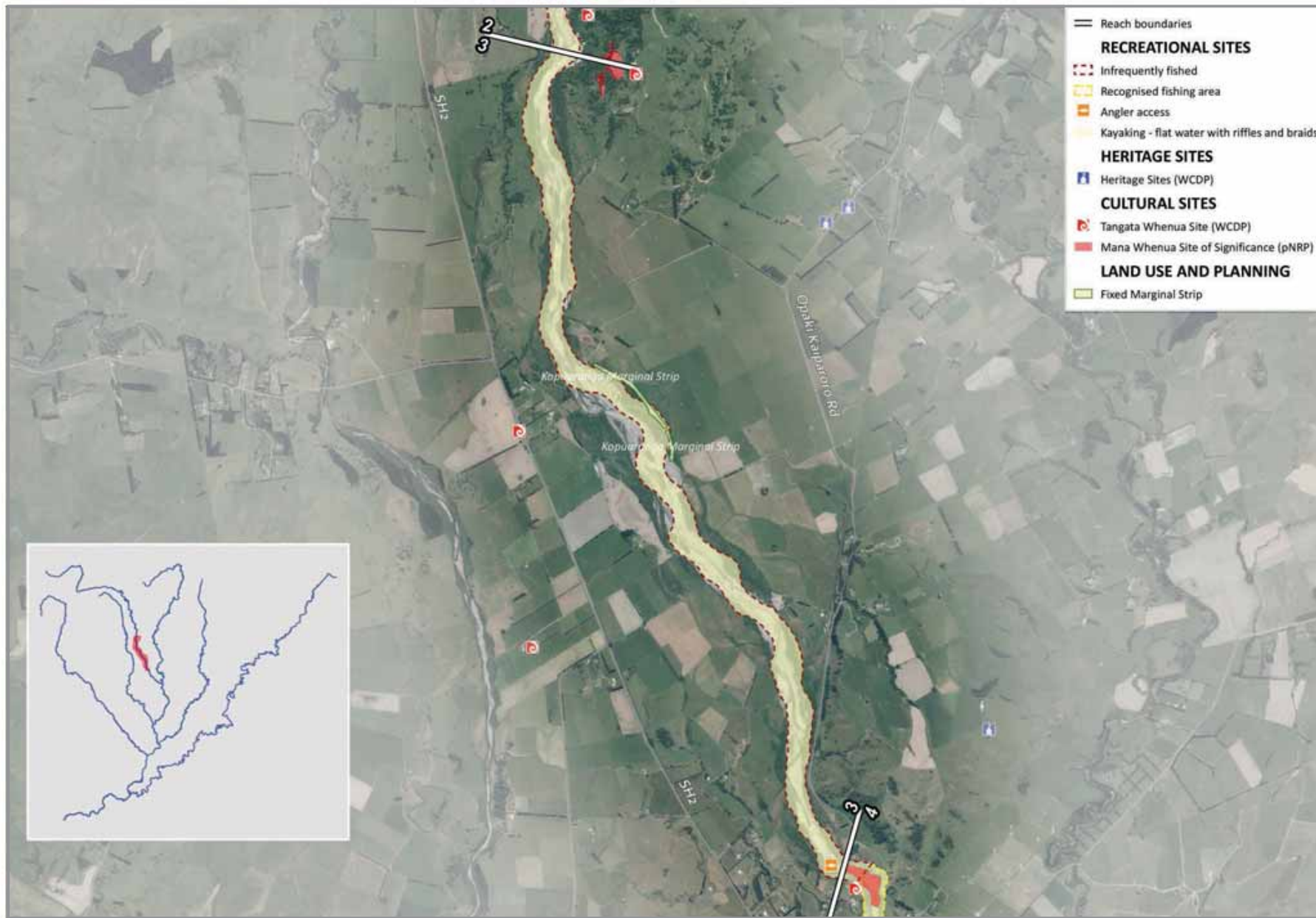
Terrestrial habitats with identified ecological value along this reach include areas of unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefield and boulderfield, and natural wetlands and ponds.

There are also numerous sites of cultural importance along this reach, including a strong association with an historic pā site adjoining Hidden Lakes alongside other house sites, a taniwha lair and established associations with mahinga kai.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- River enhancement expenditure has previously been between 0% and 3% of total annual expenditure and this FMP increases this allowance. A Community Support Officer will also support enhancement works.
- This FMP will shift the focus of river maintenance towards more intensive implementation of vegetated buffers. The design buffers will be allowed to erode when and where appropriate. This method will replace previous work practices of immediately responding to erosion issues with machinery in the channel.
- Recognise the significance of cultural values associated with this reach.
- Sustainably manage the gravel quantities within this reach in order to protect the Double Bridges from scour or the effects of reduced flood capacity.
- Work with the asset owners of the Double Bridges to ensure their protection against flooding and erosion impacts and maintain their ongoing operation.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium	Medium - High	Kayaking, infrequent fishing	-	Tangata whenua sites (WCDP) – historic pā site, historic house site, taniwha lair, mahinga kai	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Railway, Flood Protection and Mitigation	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



- Reach boundaries
- RECREATIONAL SITES**
- ⋯ Infrequently fished
- Recognised fishing area
- Angler access
- Kayaking - flat water with riffles and braids
- HERITAGE SITES**
- Heritage Sites (WCDP)
- CULTURAL SITES**
- Tangata Whenua Site (WCDP)
- Mana Whenua Site of Significance (pNRP)
- LAND USE AND PLANNING**
- Fixed Marginal Strip

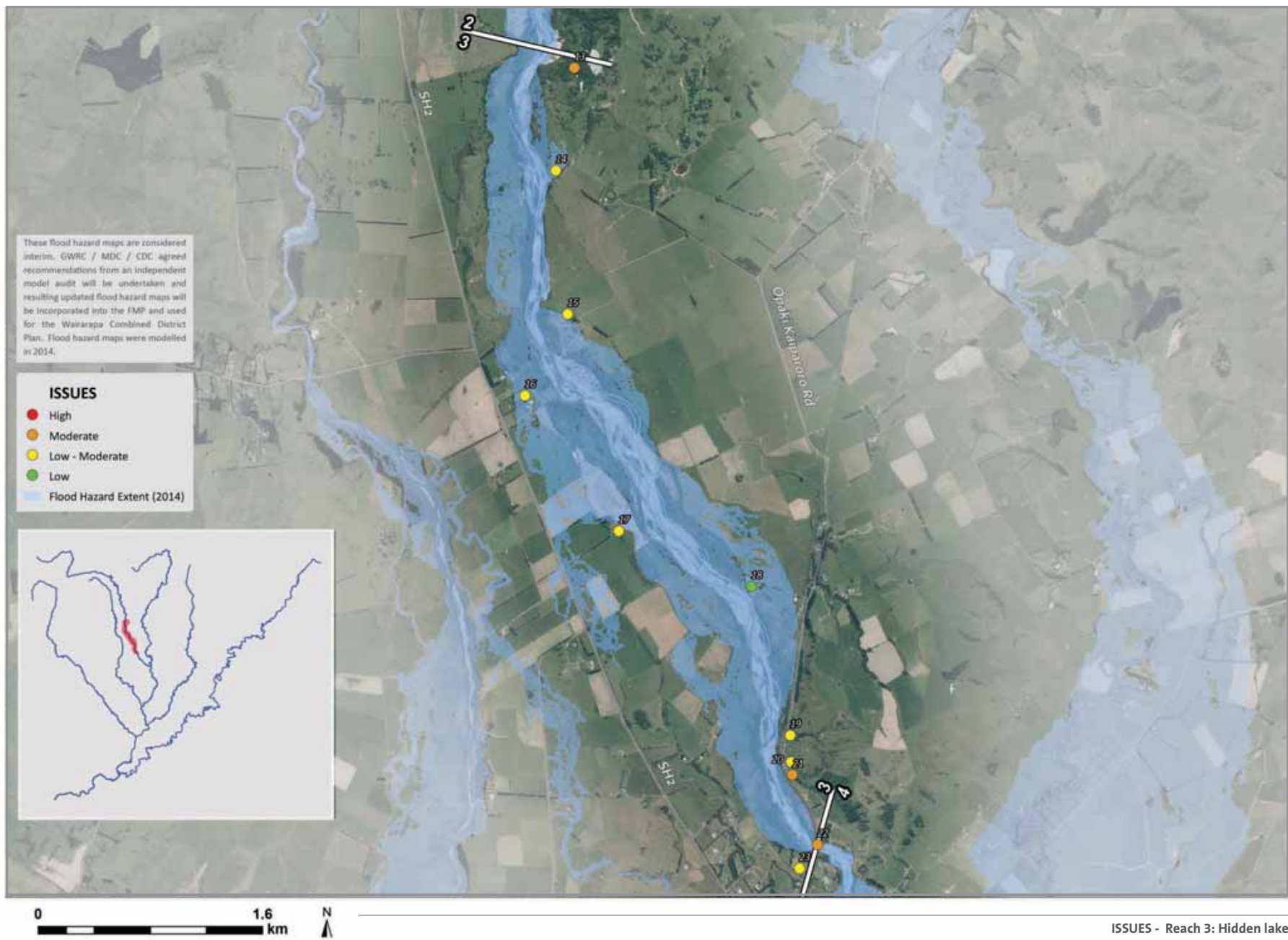
VALUES - Reach 3: Hidden lakes

Hidden Lakes – Reach 3

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 11 flood and erosion issues have been identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Gravel extraction [18] This location is a good gravel extraction point with good current access. Significant degradation has occurred which may limit opportunities for gravel extraction in the future. Used and licenced by GWRC Flood Protection.</p>
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Farm ancillary buildings [14] A small group of buildings believed to be farm ancillary structures are located in the erosion study area and are modelled as affected by the 1% AEP flood event.</p> <p>House within erosion study area [15] House located within the erosion study area and outside the 1% AEP flood extent.</p> <p>Houses within flood hazard areas [16, 17] A couple of houses sit within but near the edge of the erosion study area and are affected by the 1% AEP modelled flood extent.</p> <p>Houses in erosion study area [19] Two houses sit within the erosion study area. These are, however, protected by the railway line and State Highway 2. The erosion risk at this location is believed to be low.</p> <p>Opaki Kaiparoro Rd in erosion study area [20] Opaki Kaiparoro Rd sits within the erosion study area. However, it is considered of low risk due to adjacent geology.</p> <p>Houses in erosion area [23] There is a small group of houses near the southern abutments of Double Bridges which sit within the erosion study area. These are set far back from the channel edge, and are considered to be of low risk due to underlying geology.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Hidden Lakes [13] The Hidden Lakes area is a site of regional significance. It sits within the erosion study area, and the bank edge adjacent to this site is subject to active erosion. There is no requirement to protect this site from natural erosive forces.</p> <p>Railway line in erosion study area [21] The main north-south railway line sits within the erosion study area. The area is considered to be low risk due to surrounding geology and the infrequent use of the line.</p> <p>Double Bridges [22] Both the rail bridge and Opaki Kaiparoro Rd Bridge that make up Double Bridges sit within the erosion study area. Current bed level management allows sufficient freeboard for flooding through the structures up to the bridge soffits. There are, however, concerns about scour around the bridge piers.</p>
HIGH	



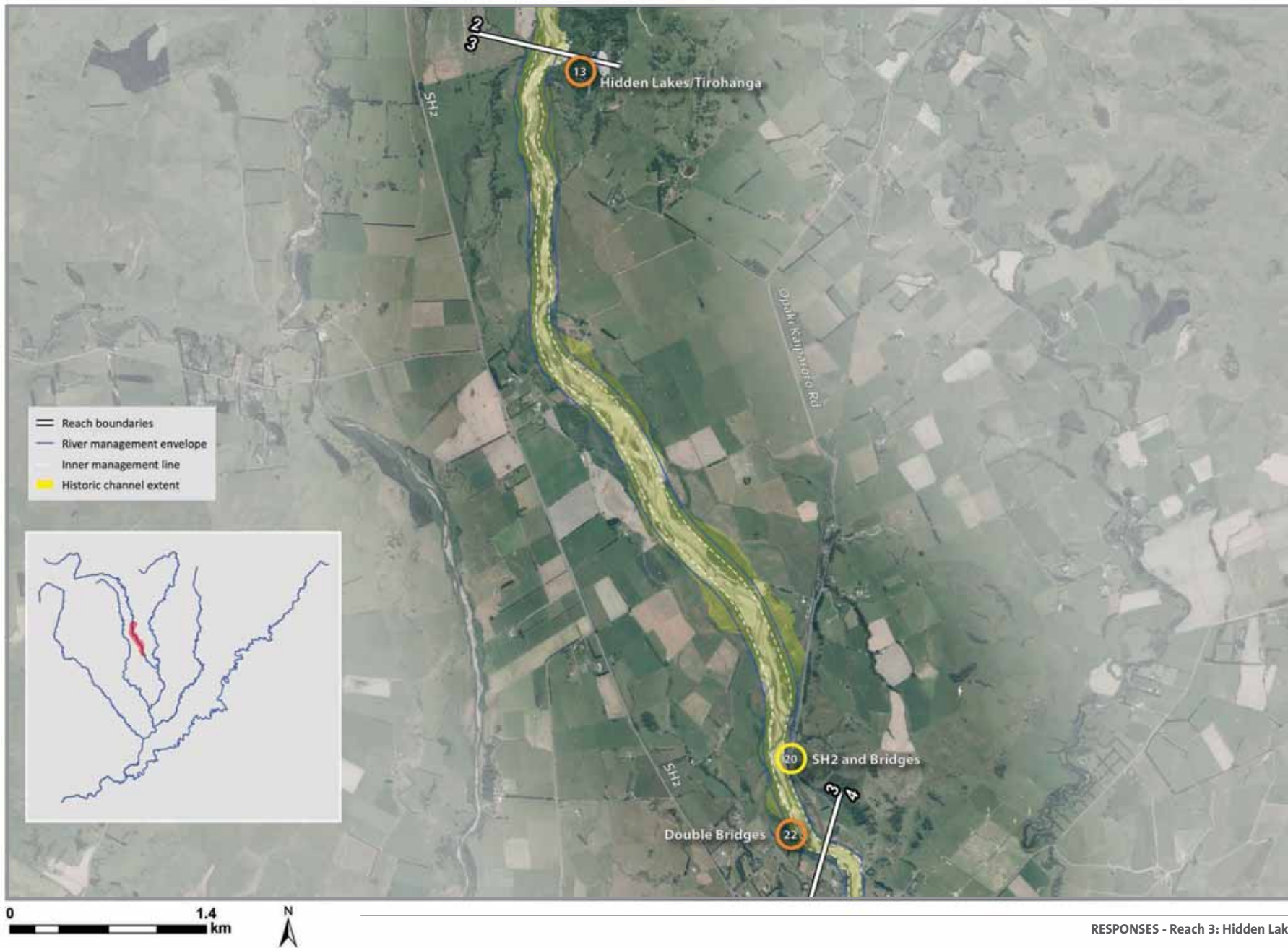
Hidden Lakes – Reach 3

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	19	Hidden Lakes, Tirohanga	Planning and policy	The site is protected in the proposed Natural Resources Plan. There is no requirement or expectation to protect this site against natural erosion processes. GWRC will avoid upstream or downstream works worsening erosion at this site.			Mana whenua	GWRC	Low
	20	Opaki Kaiparoro Rd	River management	Asset owner to continue to monitor risks to Opaki Kaiparoro Rd. In several locations the road has been identified as being within potential erosion extents, however the risk is considered low and there are no known historic issues that have required management.			Asset owner	GWRC	Low
	22	Double Bridges	River management	GWRC Operations to provide information to asset owners if any erosion risk is identified to Double Bridges.			GWRC	Asset owners	Medium
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed vegetation planting, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					



Double Bridges to Te Ore Ore – Reach 4

Character

This reach continues a semi-braided character which becomes progressively more channelised through the Wairarapa Plains along the western toe of Te Ore Ore. The confluence with the Kopuaranga River occurs midway along this reach, below which the river widens and continues a semi-braided form across gravel with pools and riffles. Belts of willow enclose most of the river corridor and include cabled willows in some areas. Much of the surrounding landscape remains in productive rural use including several pivot irrigators, with playing fields and mixed indigenous and exotic vegetation also adjoining the river near Rathkeale College.

Key Characteristics

Broad semi-braided form

Continuous belts of willow planting enclosing margins

Cabled willow trees established in some areas

Rounded paddocks associated with pivot irrigators

Proximity to playing fields at Rathkeale College

Values

This reach flows through rural land to the north of Masterton predominantly established in pasture grassland and increasing rural lifestyle settlement. Through this area, the margins of the river become increasingly modified with stopbanks and willow and pole planting, particularly adjacent to Rathkeale College. Overall the level of landscape modification is medium with a corresponding medium level of scenic value.

The area is commonly used for fishing and kayaking as it contains flat water which is easily accessible for beginners. Such recreation activities are typically accessed from bridge crossings at Double Bridges and Te Ore Ore Road, with an additional access point identified along Black Rock Road. Swimming is also popular at these access points, as well as a swimming hole identified at Rangitumau Bluff.

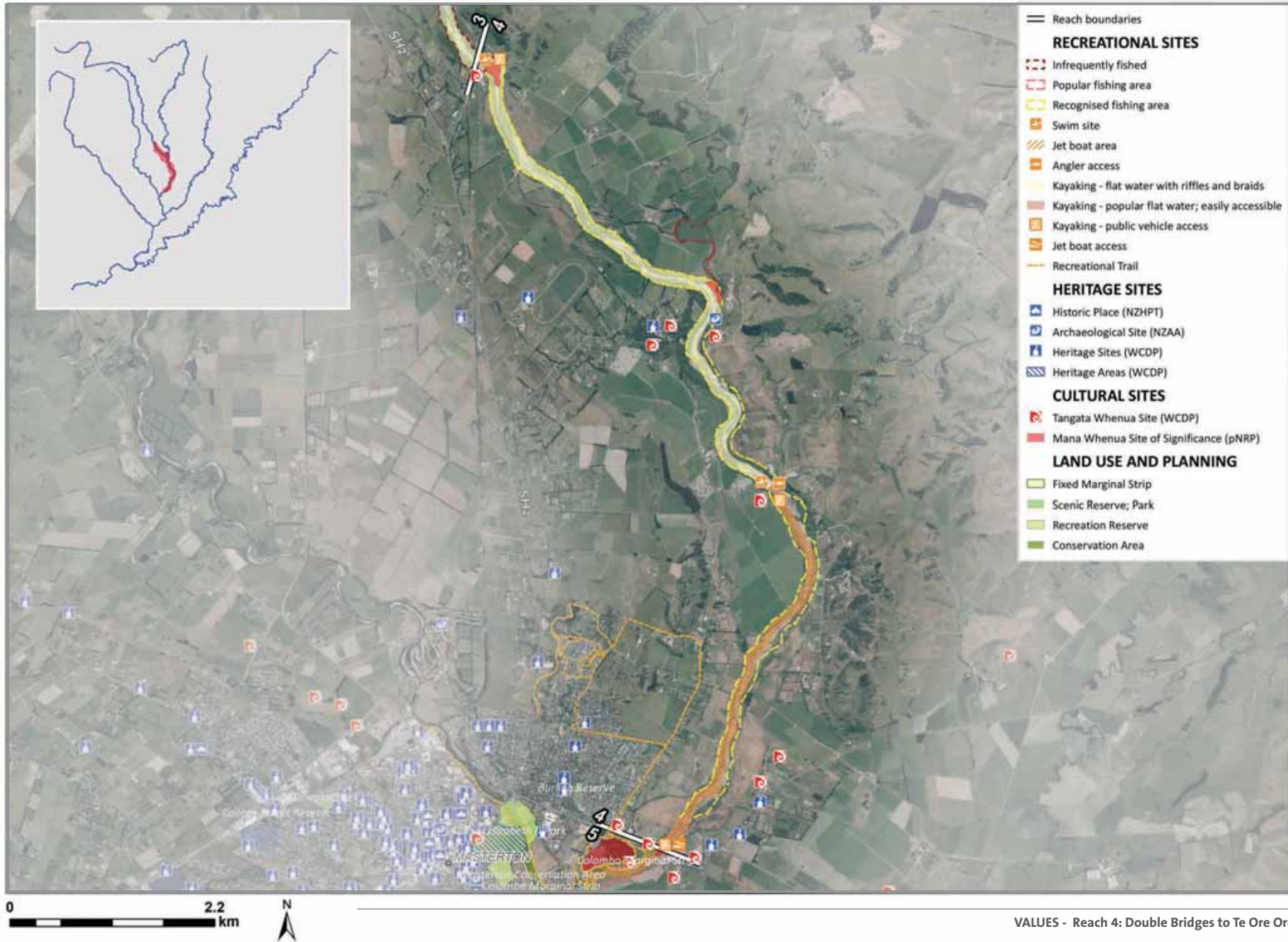
Terrestrial habitats with identified ecological values along this reach include fenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefields, boulderfields, natural wetlands and ponds. The area also accommodates a breeding population of nationally endangered black-billed gulls along the stonefield and boulderfield areas and represents one of the few locations where populations of this species have grown in number in recent years in New Zealand.

Along the western banks of the river, the main house of Rathkeale College is an important heritage site identified in the WCDP. There are also several cultural sites in this area including marae, historic pā sites, urupā, wāhi tapu and mahinga kai associations.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- River enhancement expenditure has previously been between 0% and 3% of total annual expenditure and this FMP increases this allowance. A Community Support Officer will also support enhancement works.
- This FMP will shift the focus of river maintenance towards more intensive implementation of vegetated buffers. The design buffers will be allowed to erode when and where appropriate. This method will replace previous work practices of immediately responding to erosion issues with machinery in the channel.
- Protect the swimming hole at Rangitumau Bluff and enhance recreational opportunities.
- Reduce risk of failure to the stopbanking network which protects Rathkeale College and grounds.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium	Medium	Angler access, kayak access, fishing, kayaking, swimming	Rathkeale College (WCDP), pā site and urupā (NZAA)	Tangata whenua sites (WCDP), Mana whenua Sites of Significance (pNRP) - Marae, historic pā sites, historic sites, urupā, wāhi tapu trees, historic baptism sites, mahinga kai, eel weir, pā tuna (kohekutu); mahinga kai; canoe landing place, tauranga waka; water spirit and guardian, taniwha (tuere), swimming place, wāhi kauhoe	Rural (Conservation), Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, State Highway.	Fenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, natural wetlands and ponds, breeding population of national endangered black billed gulls.



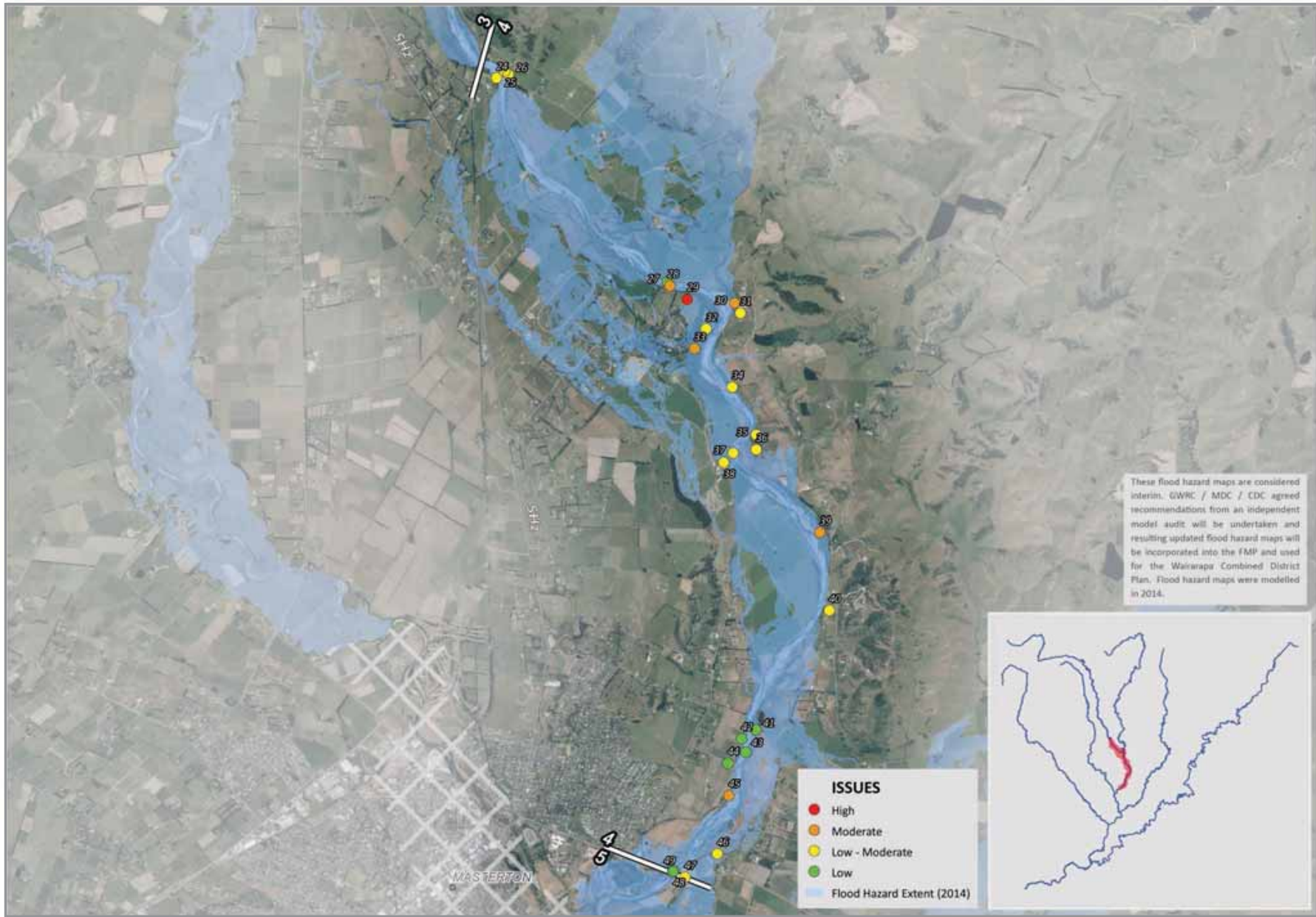
VALUES - Reach 4: Double Bridges to Te Ore Ore

Double Bridges to Te Ore Ore – Reach 4

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 26 flood and erosion issues have been identified along this reach given its close proximity to Masterton. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Stopbank within erosion study area [27] A stopbank sits within the erosion study area and inside the existing management buffer extents.</p> <p>Water intake [41] A private subsurface intake that would be adversely affected by any changes in bed level.</p> <p>Water intake [42] A water intake sits within the erosion study area for use as part of a frost protection system.</p> <p>Channel alignment [43] The channel alignment is being artificially maintained by hard edge protection. The river naturally tends to a wider channel through this reach.</p>
	<p>House [44] A private house sits within the erosion study area. However, it is considered of low risk due to underlying geology and distance away from river. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Te Ore Ore Bridge Sub-Transmission Lines [48] Sub-transmission lines cross the river north of the Te Ore Ore Bridge. The pylons are located within the erosion study area but are set back from the river bed and outside the active channel. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Te Ore Ore Bridge [49] Te Ore Ore Bridge is relatively new and therefore less susceptible to scour issues. Weirs are located downstream which have historically been used to control bed levels for earlier bridges. These have been modified, and further changes to them could have impacts on this bridge. The bridge abutments sit within the erosion study area.</p>
	<p>Opaki water race intake [24] The Opaki water race intake sits within the erosion study area and is affected by bed level changes within the active channel. The intake bed levels are relatively stable due to the proximity to the Double Bridges. Occasional maintenance undertaken by MDC is required to ensure continued operation.</p> <p>Rangitumau Road [26] The road sits within the erosion study area, however it is well protected by a rock bluff and therefore considered to be of low risk. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Swimming hole [25] There is a popular but occasionally hazardous swimming hole at the base of the bluff near Rangitumau Road.</p> <p>House [31] A single dwelling sits within the erosion study area, but outside and above the 1% AEP flood event extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Rathkeale College outbuildings [32] A number of small facilities for Rathkeale College are contained within the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood extent.</p> <p>River bed armouring [34] The bed in locations downstream of Rathkeale College has a tendency to become 'armoured' and needs ongoing maintenance. This is believed to be caused by erosion of finer sediments from the adjacent cliffs.</p>
	<p>House [36, 35] Houses are located within the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Private water intake [37] A private water take is situated with the erosion study area, however there are no known issues with its ongoing operation. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Outbuildings [38] A farm storage building, or possibly utility structure, is located within the erosion study area, but outside the 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Houses [40] Two houses on Black Rock Road sit within the erosion study area. While these properties sit outside the modelled 1% AEP flood extent, they would be affected by any overflow occurring through the water race.</p> <p>Industrial yards [47] Sheds, machinery and possibility of contaminants sitting within the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Te Ore Ore stopbank [46] This is a low standard stopbank that protects several properties. The modelled 1% AEP event overtops this stopbank and affects a number of properties behind it and Te Ore Ore/Castlepoint Road.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Erosion control works [28] Ongoing erosion controls are required to protect the Rathkeale stopbank which is currently at risk of being undermined.</p> <p>Henley Lake water intake [45] The water intake for Henley Lake occasionally has issues associated with channel alignment and changes in bed level.</p> <p>Urupā Site [30] A historic urupā site sits on the edge of a cliff above the Ruamāhanga River and within the erosion study area.</p> <p>Rathkeale College sewage pond [33] Currently unused sewage settlement ponds for Rathkeale College sit within both the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood extent.</p> <p>Black Rock Road [39] Black Rock Road is located within the erosion study area. It has required erosion protection within the last 10 years.</p>
HIGH	<p>Rathkeale stopbank [29] The Rathkeale stopbank sits well within the buffer and erosion study area and is currently protected to a low erosion security standard by ongoing erosion management works.</p>



ISSUES - Reach 4: Double Bridges to Te Ore Ore

Double Bridges to Te Ore Ore – Reach 4

Response

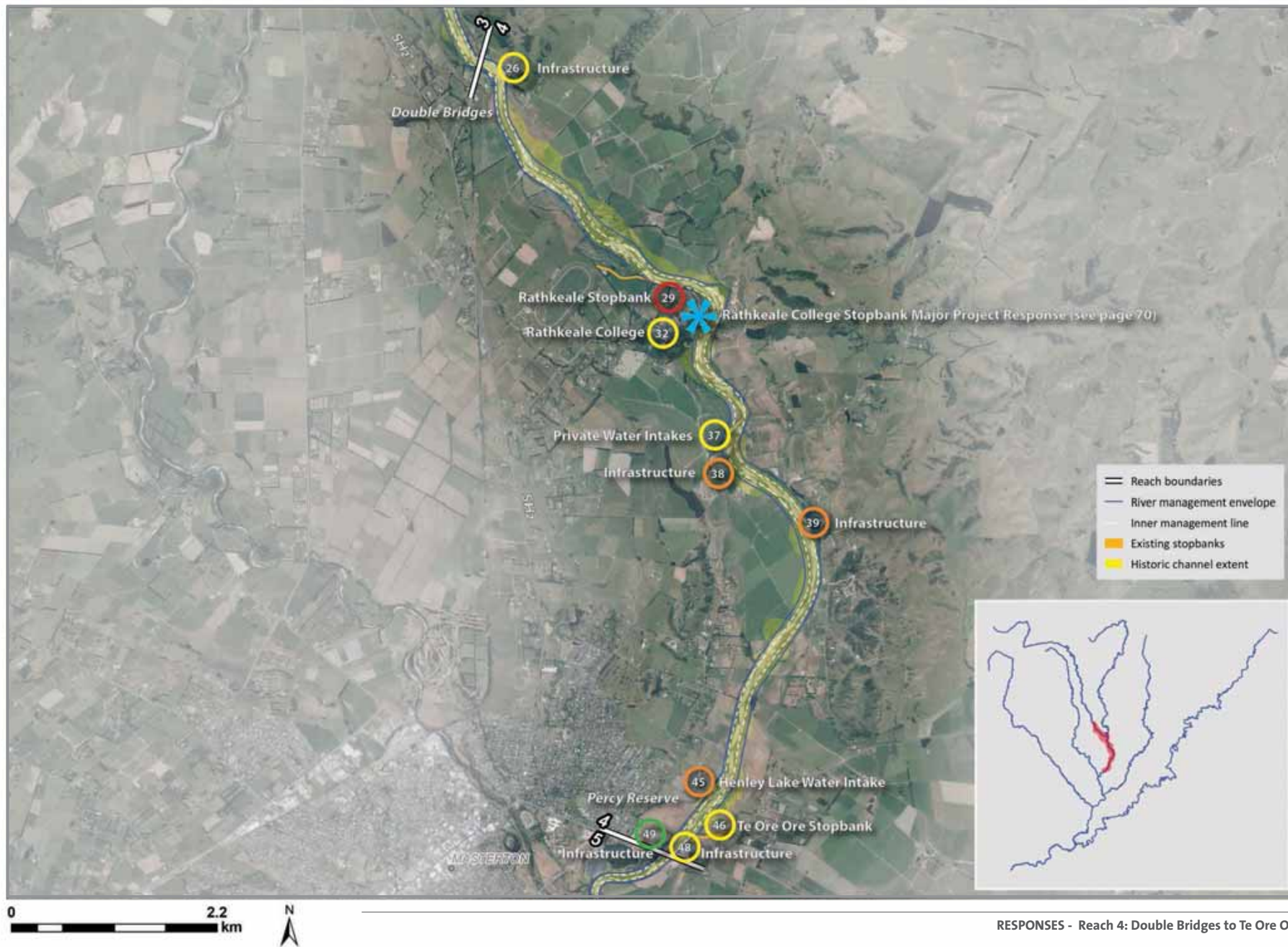
Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	29	Rathkeale stopbank	Emergency management	The stopbank at Rathkeale College breach scenarios will be defined to identify likely overflow routes and consequences of failure affecting the college and accesses to the college. While it is unlikely that a breach or failure of a relocated and upgraded stopbank will occur, it is possible that any overdesign event will affect access into the college area during such an event leaving the college, its pupils and staff more vulnerable.	5%	1%	GWRC	Rathkeale College, Landowners	High
	32	Rathkeale College	Emergency management	WREMO to develop an emergency management plan with Rathkeale College for large flood events. In a 1% AEP event without further improvement to the protection infrastructure, the college will be cut off from access to external services for a short period of time due to an overland flow path that runs south of the college. Due to local topography it is likely that heavy rainfall events in the vicinity of the college could have a similar effect of cutting road access.		1%	Community	WREMO	High
	45	Henley Lake water intake	River management	GWRC to work with Masterton District Council to maintain security of intake for Henley Lakes. The river management activities will be planned to not compromise intake functionality.			GWRC	MDC	Medium
	46	Te Ore Ore stopbank	River management	Define the level of service requirement to current standard and maintain to this defined standard.			GWRC	Landowners	Medium
	26, 38, 39, 48, 49	Infrastructure	Emergency management	Inform asset owners of risks to infrastructure assets in this reach and encourage them to prepare contingency plans to address flood and erosion risks. GWRC and WREMO to provide advice and support if requested.		1%	Asset owners	WREMO	Medium
	37	Private water intake		River management envelopes will contribute to security of private water takes. Private water takes will have low risk of damage up to a 20% AEP event. Damage to structures is more likely up to a 5% AEP event.		20%	Landowners	GWRC	Low
		Percy Reserve	Planning and policy	Policy development to address freedom camping in the reserve			MDC	Community	Medium
COMMON METHODS		Double Bridges	Environmental enhancement	Establish a care group and work with local groups to formalise this area as a recreation spot. Improve the awareness of safety around water in the vicinity of this area. Raise awareness of cultural significance of the river in the vicinity of Double Bridges.			Community	GWRC	Medium
		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
	Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs						

Stopbank Summary

ISSUE ID	NAME	CURRENT PURPOSE	LENGTH OF STOPBANK (M)	LENGTH INSIDE BUFFER ZONE (M)	CONDITION RATING (2016) (GOOD1/2/3/4/5 POOR)	CRITICALITY	BENEFITING WHOM? (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE MULTIPLE, PUBLIC, OTHER)	LEVEL OF PROTECTION (AEP)	OTHER ISSUES	FMP DIRECTION	FMP PRIORITY
29	Rathkeale A	Protects school and surrounding area from flooding up to around a 5% AEP	450	0	2	High	School/Private Multiple	5%		Continue existing asset management	Low
29	Rathkeale B	Protects school and surrounding area from flooding up to around a 5% AEP	900	900	4	High	School/Private Multiple	5%	Directly adjacent to river, trees in stopbank	Major Project Response	High
46	Te Ore Ore	Provides some protection to Te Ore Ore Road and local land up to around a 10% AEP	450	0	3	Low	Multiple private/Public road	10%	Low quality, rutted and uneven crest	Continue existing asset management	Low



RESPONSES - Reach 4: Double Bridges to Te Ore Ore



Major Project Response Summary: Rathkeale College Stopbank

The issue

Rathkeale College is a boys' secondary school located approximately 5km north of Masterton, on an inside bend of the Ruamāhanga River. This reach of the Ruamāhanga River is extremely narrow, which has caused significant erosion of the banks on both sides of the river.

There is infrastructure within the erosion hazard zone and associated vegetative buffer on both banks. A pivot irrigator has been installed on the farmland on the north bank, and a stopbank is present along the boundary of the Rathkeale school grounds.

The stopbank is of poor quality, with mature trees growing too close to the bank on the river side. The buffer between the stopbank and the river is very narrow and has been under consistent erosion pressure. Stopgap erosion protection measures including debris fences and rock groynes have been used to protect the stopbank.

The erosion pressure through this reach is anticipated to remain, and therefore a long-term solution that removes the existing infrastructure from the buffer is necessary.

The current vegetative buffer through this reach is significantly narrower than that present upstream or downstream of the reach. This is not considered ideal as it requires significant expense and work to maintain or reinstate the banks after erosion occurs. Planting the full width of the existing buffer, and potentially widening the buffer through this reach, would be beneficial.

Relationship with common methods

The options for this reach (outlined below) are consistent with the use of the common methods 'river edge envelopes' and 'riparian planting of buffers'.

Description

General

GWRC staff and Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga FMP Subcommittee members have undertaken discussions with the adjacent landowners to develop an option for this reach.

Options for this reach include:

- Fully planting the existing (narrow) vegetative buffer
- Fully planting a widened vegetative buffer
- Retreating the Rathkeale stopbank further back from the river edge
- Increasing the width of the river channel
- Realigning the river channel
- Removal of trees within the current inner management line

Implications

All of the options outlined involve the loss of some productive land for the adjacent landowners. River widening, or realignment will have impacts on the river ecology through the reach during construction.

Priority

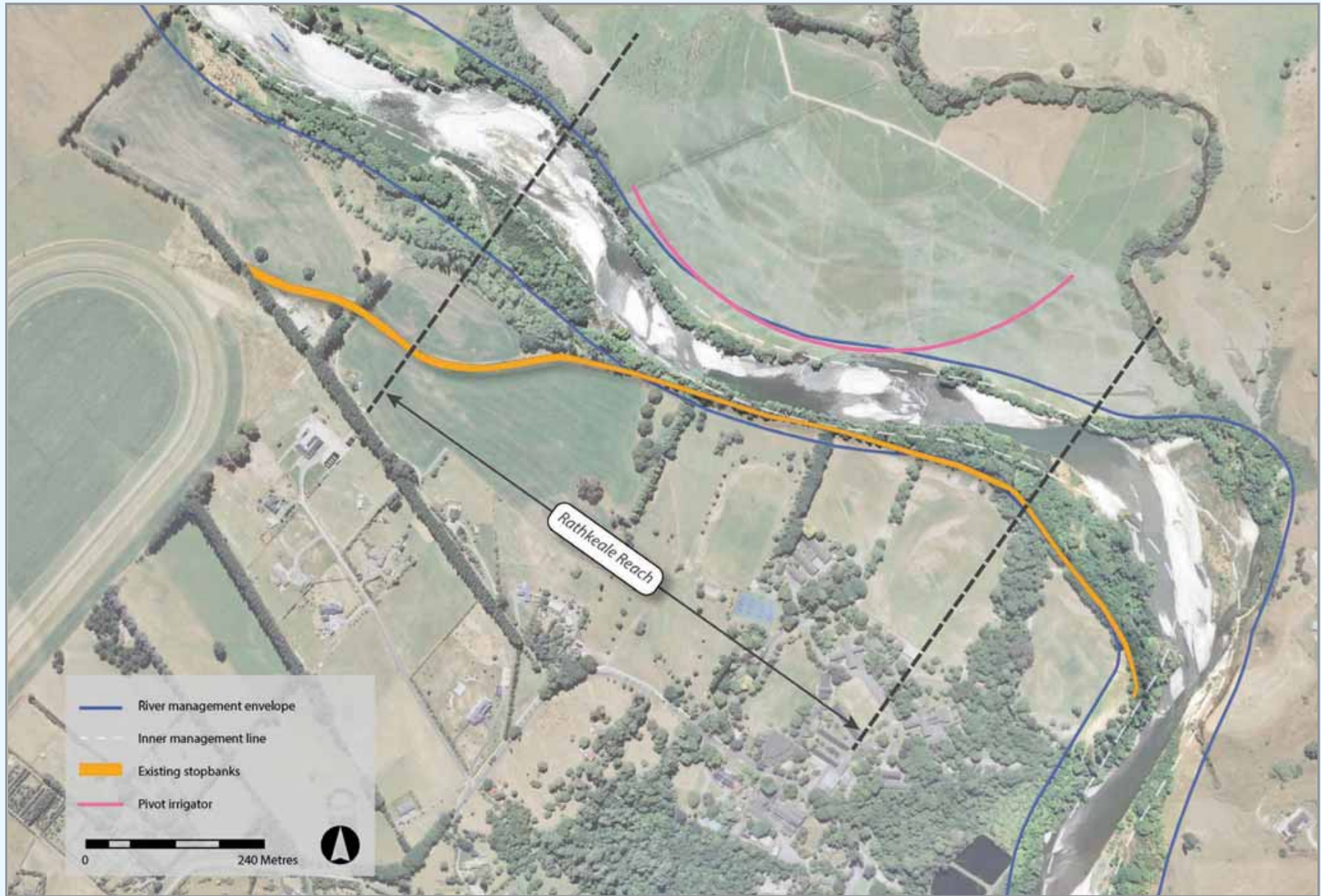
Medium. There has been recent bank erosion on both sides of the river through this reach, including damage to the Rathkeale stopbank (see photo) although this has since been reinstated.

Level of Service

A 1% AEP (with climate change) level of service, to be confirmed with Rathkeale College and local landowners.



REFERENCE NUMBER	MANAGEMENT MEASURE	CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	THREATS TO CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE	PRIMARY REASON FOR RESPONSE	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
28 and 29	TBC	Low	Erosion by the river, overtopping of stopbank	1% AEP, including climate change	To increase flooding protection to Rathkeale College and reduce erosion risk to stopbank and Rathkeale College	GWRC / Rathkeale?	Medium	\$TBC	Capital funding TBC



Rathkeale College Stopbank

Te Ore Ore to Waingawa – Reach 5

Character

This reach extends from Te Ore Ore Bridge to the south of Masterton through the Masterton Plains. Urbanising influences characterise parts of the western banks of this reach including increased public access adjoining Henley Lake, the presence of Masterton Cleanfill, and the earthworks and ponds associated with the Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant. Below the confluence with the Waipoua River, the river channel tends to be managed as a single thread enclosed by willow and poplar belts along its margins, with limited public access.

Key Characteristics

Channelised bed through a gravel corridor

Increasing urbanising influences along its western margins

Poplar and willow bank planting

Values

Modified banks including stopbanks are common along this reach, with willow and poplar tree belts also frequently established throughout this area. This has resulted in a high level of landscape modification overall with corresponding low-medium scenic values.

The close proximity of Masterton has resulted in a variety of recreation values including a well-used recreation area established at Henley Lake Park. This includes recognised fishing areas for rainbow trout and perch. The popularity of fishing increases to the north of this reach in closer proximity to the edge of Masterton. Kayaking also occurs throughout this area in association with flatter water which is easily accessible for beginners.

There are swimming sites throughout this reach particularly at the northern end of the reach in close proximity to Masterton. A preference for swim sites upstream of the Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant was also identified in relation to cultural and recreational values.

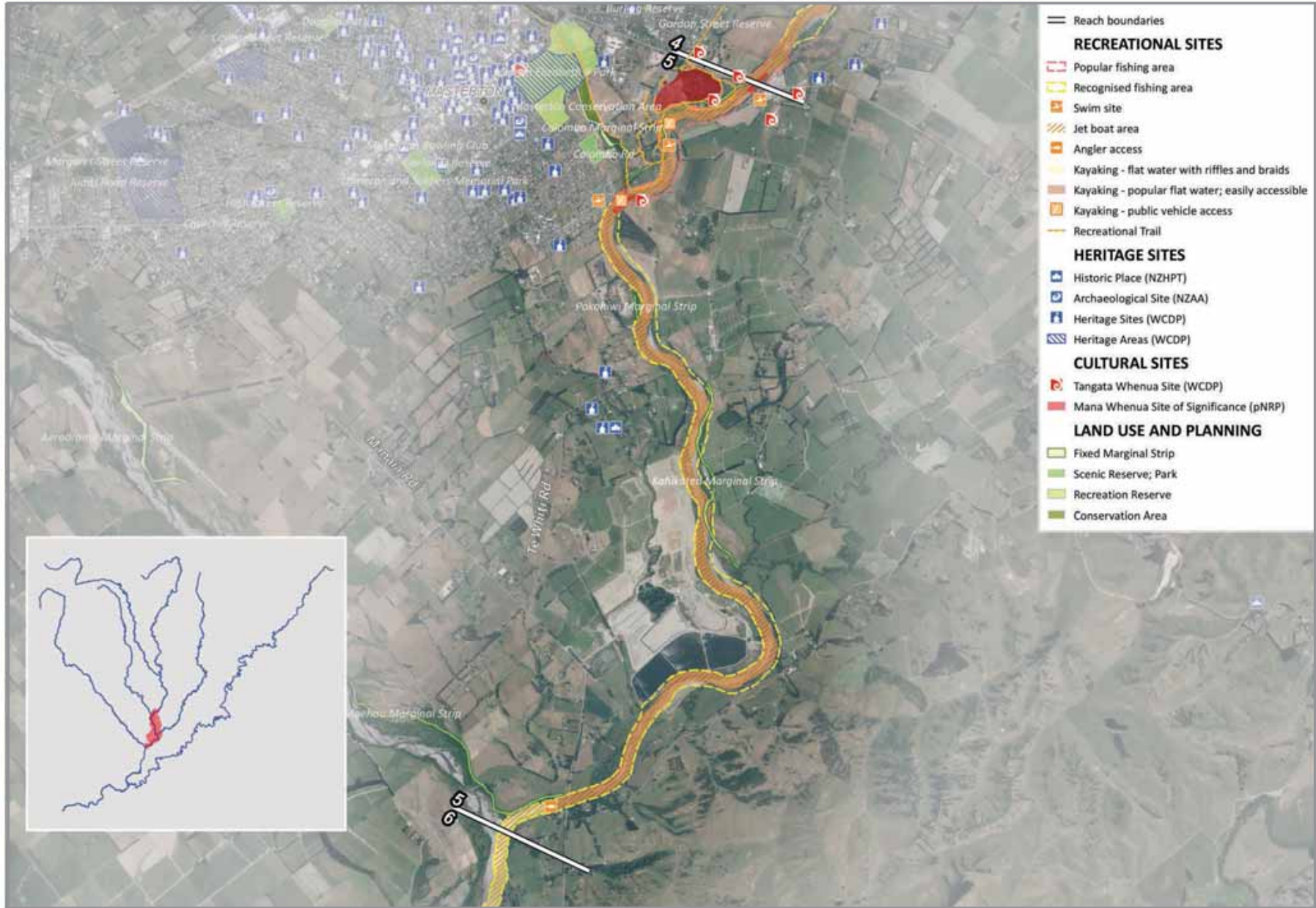
Terrestrial habitats of ecological value identified along this reach include areas of unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefield, boulderfield, natural wetlands and ponds.

There are numerous cultural sites identified throughout this reach including marae, historic pā and house sites, urupā, baptism sites, mixing of mauri, a taniwha lair and associations with mahinga kai.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- River maintenance activities will involve more works to maintain stopbank conditions, and river enhancement opportunities will be explored and supported. There is an opportunity for the community to decide to raise the level of service in the reach and install more erosion protection structures in currently unprotected areas. This option has the higher associated costs of annual maintenance.
- Greater effort will be used to implement buffers where possible, but this FMP acknowledges that maintaining existing rock protection works and continuing to use new rock will be required to protect important community infrastructure and assets.
- Recognise the importance of the confluence of the Waipoua and Ruamāhanga Rivers.
- Work with Masterton District Council to protect Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant assets from flooding and erosion impacts.
- Work with Masterton District Council to protect Henley Lake Park and recreation area from negative effects of flooding and erosion.
- Work with Masterton District Council to protect and ensure continued operation of Wardells Road Bridge.
- Work with Masterton District Council to protect the Masterton landfill and protect the environment from any damage that may be a risk as a result of flooding and erosion.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
High	Low / Medium	Angler access, kayak access, jet boat access, fishing, kayaking, jet boating, swimming	-	Tangata whenua sites (WCDP), Mana whenua Sites of Significance (pNRP) - Historic pā sites, historic house sites, historic baptisms sites, marae sites, urupā, taniwha lair, mahinga kai, mixing of mauri, water spirit and guardian, swimming place, wāhi kauhoe, puna rongoā; source of weaving material, puna raranga; outrigger canoe, waka ama	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Residential, Flood Protection and Mitigation, Sewage Treatment and Disposal, Waste Management, Cemetery.	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



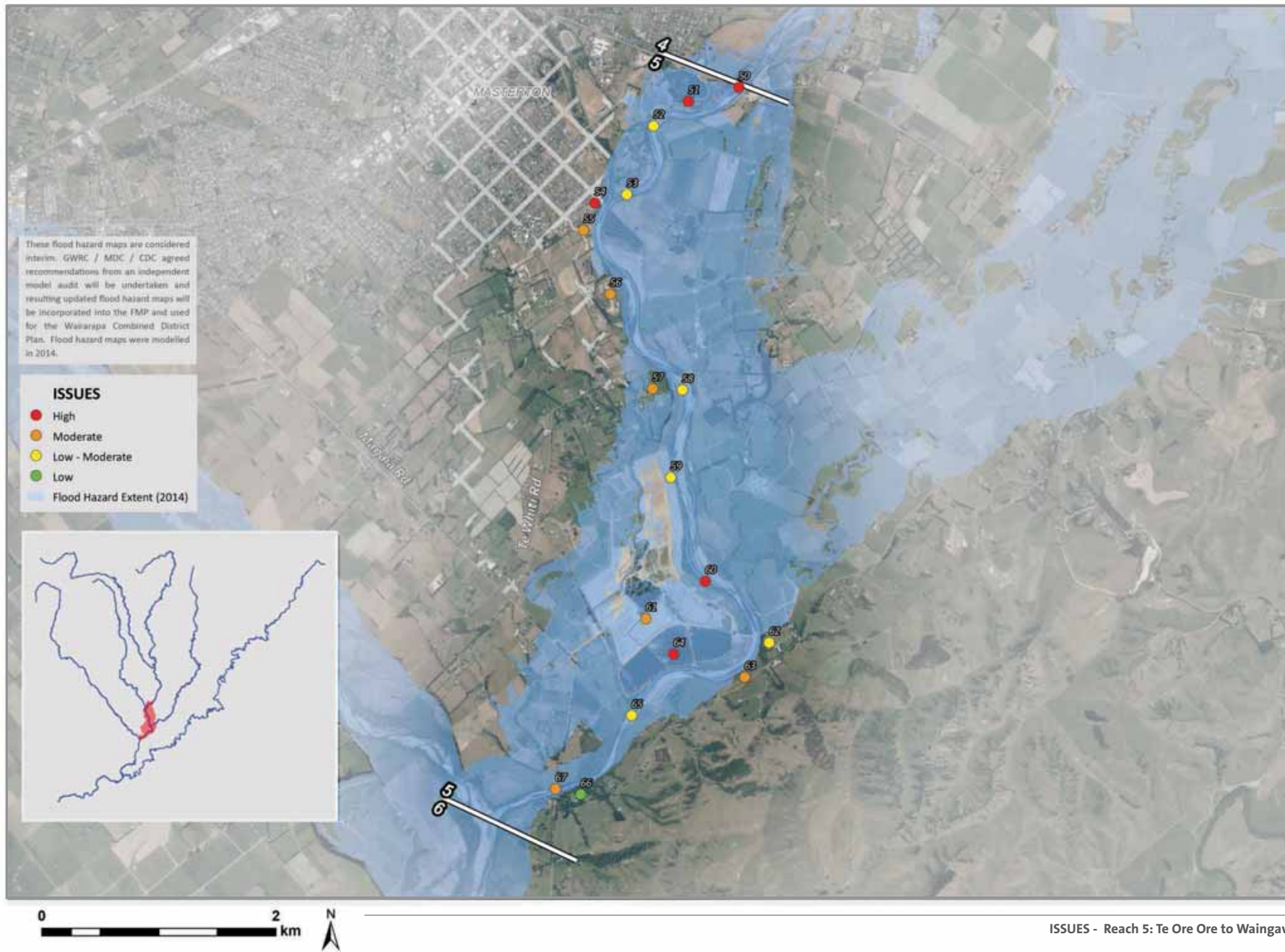
VALUES - Reach 5: Te Ore Ore to Waingawa

Te Ore Ore to Waingawa – Reach 5

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 18 flood and erosion issues have been identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Houses [66] Three houses sit within the erosion study area; however this area has no history of erosion and the high bank with cemented deposits acts to reduce risk to this location. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Distribution lines [52] Distribution lines cross the river from Henley Lake Park, where pylons on both banks sit within the erosion study area. However, these are set back from the bank edges and are therefore considered to be at lower risk. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Narrow channel at confluence [53] The river becomes very narrow immediately upstream of the confluence with the Waipoua. Flooding frequently occurs across the true left bank affecting a number of paddocks. This has a beneficial effect in reducing erosion pressures at River Road.</p> <p>Stopbank [59] The section of the stopbank downstream of the landfill has an unknown level of service. This stopbank is part of the protection for the Homebush Wastewater Treatment Plant.</p> <p>House [62] A single dwelling on Lees Pakaraka Road sits within the erosion study area but is outside the modelled 1% AEP flood extent. It is currently protected by rock erosion protection.</p> <p>Channel alignment [65] The channel alignment continues to push outside of its design alignment. Ongoing rock groyne protection has been required to maintain the designed alignment.</p> <p>Channel alignment [58] Historically the channel has been wider at this location. The design channel alignment through this reach is very narrow. This possibly has upstream and downstream effects.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Riverside Cemetery [55] The cemetery sits within the erosion study area. It has historically suffered erosion and light rock protection is in place to manage some of these effects.</p> <p>Closed landfill site [56] This closed landfill site has suffered from ongoing erosion. It is currently protected by a combination of rock groynes and willow buffers. Possible erosion of contaminated material is a concern.</p> <p>Stopbank [57] A varying standard stopbank with a level of protection between 5% AEP and 10% AEP. This stopbank is of very poor quality and is infested with trees. A number of downstream properties benefit from the protection it provides, including the Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant.</p> <p>Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant (HWWTP) [61] The Homebush WWTTP site is within the erosion study area and the modelled flood extent for the 1% AEP flood event. While the HWWTP has some stopbanks with a 1% AEP level of protection, these are not continuous upstream, and flooding is modelled to outflank these structures.</p> <p>Lees Pakaraka Road [63] Lees Pakaraka Road sits within the erosion study area and on the edge of the 1% AEP flood extent. It is currently protected by rock erosion protection.</p> <p>Wardells Bridge [67] The bridge abutments sit within the erosion study area. The bed in vicinity of the bridge has been observed over a long period to be a stable site with low risk of erosion and scour. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
HIGH	<p>Te Ore Ore Bridge weirs [50] The Te Ore Ore weirs were installed to protect the bridges crossing the river upstream, they have suffered damage in past floods, and for a time were deemed hazardous to river users. Work has been carried out on the weirs to make them less hazardous and less visually obtrusive, however sections of the weirs remain in place, acting like groynes.</p> <p>Henley Lake [51] The banks adjacent to Henley Lake Park are continually under erosion pressure. There is current work in progress to establish vegetative buffers and retreat the existing bank edge to reduce the erosive impacts. A significant area of the park is within the design channel. The narrow river width creates additional erosion pressure.</p> <p>River Road properties [54] 14 River Road properties sit within the erosion study area. A dangerous erosion hazard was observed here in the 1998 floods and some parts of these properties eroded into the river. This erosion is currently managed by a series of heavy rock groynes, this requires ongoing maintenance and management.</p> <p>HWWTP irrigation beds [60] The irrigation beds for the Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant are within the erosion study areas and the erosion management buffer areas for the river. They are vulnerable to a greater than 50% AEP flood event.</p> <p>HWWTP discharge point [64] The Homebush Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge point sits within the erosion study area.</p>



Te Ore Ore to Waingawa – Reach 5

Response

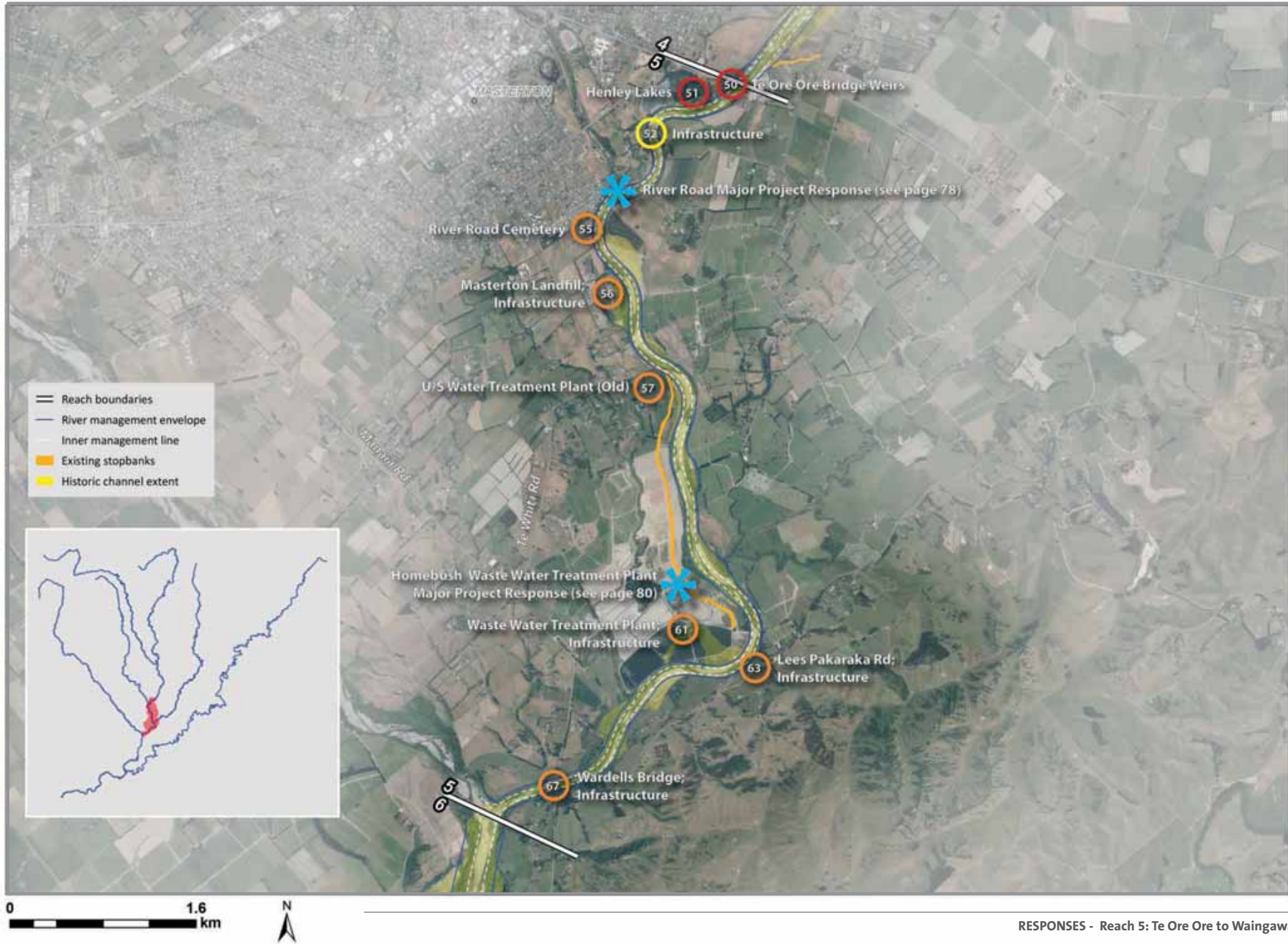
Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	51	Henley Lake	River management	Narrow design lines to be reconsidered during design lines update process. Until then the narrow channel will be maintained as usual.	20%	5%	GWRC	MDC	Medium
	50	Te Ore Ore Bridge weirs	River management	Remove remains of rail iron and concrete block weirs.			GWRC	MDC	Medium
	55 56	River Road Cemetery and Masterton Landfill	River management	Prior to implementation of the River Road Major Project Response (page 78), continue to maintain the rock groynes established to provide erosion protection.			GWRC	MDC	High
	61	Waste Water Treatment Plant	Planning and policy	Refer to Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant Major Project Response (page 80)			MDC	GWRC	Medium
	63	Lees Pakaraka Rd	River management	Continue to maintain protection to Lees Pakaraka Road in conjunction with MDC.	5%	5%	MDC	GWRC	Medium
	67	Wardells Bridge	River management	Continue to monitor bed levels and erosion risk to abutments. Supported by the river envelopes tool.		1%	MDC	GWRC	Medium
	52 56 61 63 67	Infrastructure	Emergency management	Inform asset owners of risks to infrastructure assets in this reach and encourage them to prepare contingency plans to address flood and erosion risks. GWRC and WREMO to provide advice and support if requested.		>1%	Asset owners	WREMO	Medium
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River Management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					

Stopbank Summary

ISSUE ID	NAME	CURRENT PURPOSE	LENGTH OF STOPBANK (M)	LENGTH INSIDE BUFFER ZONE (M)	CONDITION RATING (2016) (GOOD1/2/3/4/5 POOR)	CRITICALITY	BENEFITING WHOM? (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE MULTIPLE, PUBLIC, OTHER)	LEVEL OF PROTECTION (AEP)	OTHER ISSUES	FMP DIRECTION	FMP PRIORITY
57	U/S Water Treatment Plant (Old)	Provides a low level of protection to properties in immediate vicinity	820	150	4	Low	Multiple private/public road	10%	Trees in stopbank, crest level discontinuity with WWTP (new) stopbank	Stopbank is low criticality and does not significantly affect flood risk to WWTP	Low
61	WWTP (New)	Provides protection to the Homebush WWTP	1,900	0	2	High	Masterton District Council Wastewater Treatment Plant	1%	This is not a GWRC asset and should be removed from asset register	MDC asset - Remove from GWRC asset register	Low



RESPONSES - Reach 5: Te Ore Ore to Waingawa



Major Project Response: River Road

The issue

A number of residential properties on River Road are located within an erosion hazard area, four of which are in close proximity to the current river bank. Active erosion has been observed in recent years, and during the 1998 flood event some parts of these properties were eroded into the river. While rock groynes have been constructed at the toe of the bank over a long period of time, they were not specifically designed to withstand large flood events and are not considered to provide a high level of security. Immediately downstream of the residential properties on River Road is the Masterton cemetery and the landfill, which are protected by a large number (19) of rock groynes as well as a reasonably well-established willow buffer.

Opportunities

The opportunity to widen and deepen the existing overland overflow path on the left berm of the Ruamāhanga floodplain was investigated to take a greater amount of flow and become operational in smaller (50% AEP) flood events. This area is a natural overflow path based on the existing topography observations from past floods. Historically the main channel flowed through the area, as seen on the cadastral plans. This option provided little reduction in velocities and erosion potential. An alternative to this is to widen by approximately 30m and realign the current main river channel through this reach to make room for construction of rock groynes and a planted buffer on the right bank immediately downstream of the Waipoua confluence. As well as making room for these new groynes and a buffer to protect the residential properties on River Road, the widening of this reach would reduce the pressure on the existing rock groynes that are protecting the cemetery and landfill.

Relationship with common methods

Making room for the river is consistent with the river management responses described in the common methods, along with improved planted buffers and rock groynes. The main channel is currently up to 10m inside the inner management line on the left bank.

Description

General

The current erosion risks at River Road, as well as the cemetery and landfill area immediately downstream, will be reduced by widening/realigning the main channel away from the current right bank by approximately 30m, combined with rock groynes and planted buffers. To provide a channel widening solution that fits with the existing structures in this reach requires a total length of widening of approximately 600m. Easements may be required to allow construction of the groynes on the River Road properties.

The 30m widening of this reach over a distance of 600m requires excavation of approximately 40,000m³ of material. It is expected that approximately half of this would be used for realignment at the upper end of the reach with the remaining being removed from the site through gravel extraction permits.

With the channel widening complete, a series of rock groynes can be constructed for approximately 150m from the confluence of the Waipoua/Ruamāhanga Rivers. Approximately six groynes would be constructed over a length of around 150m. Willow buffers would be planted in between the rock groynes to improve the overall level of protection.

Costs

Channel widening/gravel extraction work on the left bank of the Ruamāhanga River directly downstream of the Waipoua confluence for 600 m. Up to \$60,000 for bed/beach recontouring of 20,000 m³ in addition to 20,000 m³ of gravel extraction assumed to be through the permit system and extracted at no cost.

Rock Groynes - up to \$575,000 based on each groyne being approximately 250 tonnes, P&G and Contingency of 30% (savings could be achieved through reuse of existing rock, if appropriate). This will include channel widening/gravel extraction work on the left bank of the Ruamāhanga River, bed/beach recontouring, and strip vegetation.

Implications

The new rock groynes would be larger in scale than the existing groynes and would need to be sufficiently keyed into the river bank to maximise their structural integrity. This would require accessing and utilising private land associated with the adjacent River Road properties. To ensure protection and future maintenance access to these structures, easements through the affected properties will be required. Other legal considerations may also be required for the crown owned land that would be affected by the enlargement on the left bank. This may involve confirmation of accretion claim status and formalising a river works easement, and discontinued use of this land by the eastern river bank landowners for primary production. Initial consultation with affected property owners has been undertaken in late 2017.

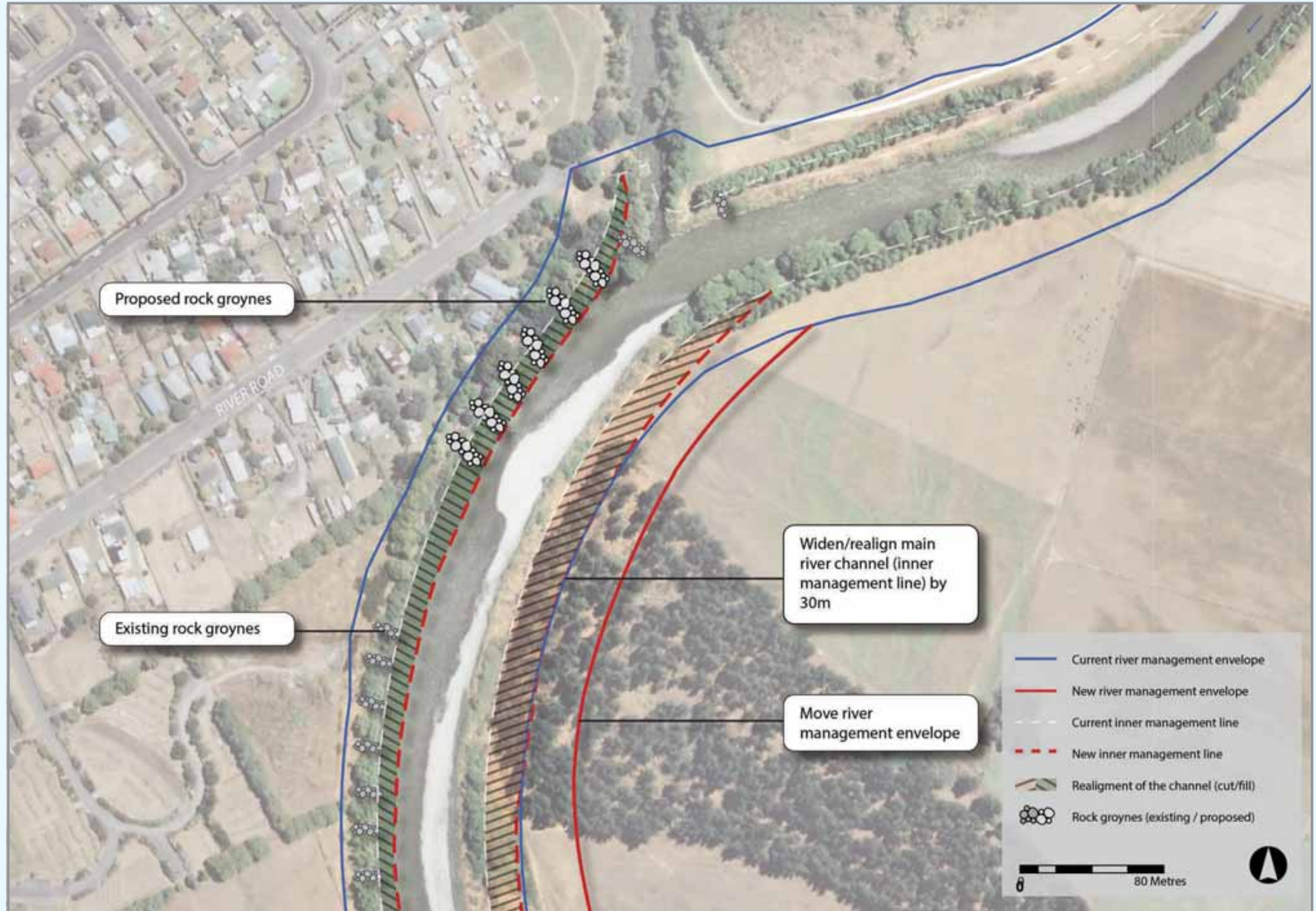
Priority

This response is classified as high importance and high priority.

Level of Service

A 1% AEP level of service is proposed.

REFERENCE NUMBER	MANAGEMENT MEASURE	CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	THREATS TO CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE	PRIMARY REASON FOR RESPONSE	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
54	Increase bank protection to river edge at River Road and widen river channel	<5% AEP	Erosion by the river	1% AEP	To increase protection to River Road, Masterton	GWRC	High	\$575,000	Capital funding TBC
53	Easements and other legal costs as required.	N/A	Erosion by the river	N/A	To allow construction/maintenance of groynes and widening of river.	GWRC/MDC	High	\$50,000	Capital funding TBC



River Road



Major Project Response: Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant

The issue

The most recent hydraulic modelling of the Upper Ruamāhanga and Waipoua Rivers (August 2014) indicates that in a 1% AEP flood event (with climate change to 2090) the stopbank adjacent to the Homebush Wastewater Treatment Plant (HWWTP) overtops and inundates the headworks facility (Issue ID 61). However, the base topographic data that was used for this model (2013 LiDAR and stopbank crest survey) was gathered prior to the construction of the new stopbank being completed. The hydraulic model is currently being updated with the as-built survey of the new stopbank and incorporating the thorough review that has been undertaken of the Waipoua design hydrology. Once this modelling has been completed the flood hazard evident to the headworks can be reviewed and the need for any additional works to improve the resilience of the facility considered. Based on the information currently available it is considered prudent to allow a provisional sum for possible flood mitigation works at the headworks facility.

It is also worth noting that the newly constructed pond embankments are approximately 0.5m higher than the stopbanks so it is unlikely that the ponds would be overtopped during a large (over 1% AEP) flood event.

The current hydraulic modelling also shows that the older (lower) section of stopbank downstream of the landfill (Issue ID 56) overtops in the 1% AEP flood event but the overflow tracks to the west of the the HWWTP in the Makoura Stream. Other issues in this reach relating to erosion hazard to the HWWTP irrigation beds (Issue ID 60) and the discharge point (Issue ID 64) can be managed with the common methods.

The newly upgraded stopbank is constructed on MDC land for the specific purpose of protecting MDC asset but is currently recognised as a GWRC asset. Discussion is ongoing around future maintenance and funding responsibilities for this asset.

Opportunities

The updated modelling results will provide a more accurate assessment of the risks to the HWWTP headworks but there will still be the possibility of the stopbank overtopping in an event larger than the 1% AEP flood or failing during an event lower than a 1% AEP flood due to piping or external erosion. Consideration of these residual risks could also be taken into account when considering options for increasing the resilience of the HWWTP headworks. There is the possibility of integrating the Three Rivers Trail and access to the Ruamāhanga River in this area but there would need to be careful consideration of health and safety and security issues around the HWWTP ponds and headworks.

Relationship with common methods

The other issues highlighted in this reach can be managed with the common methods, specifically the landfill stopbank "Rural Stopbanks Policy" (Issue ID 59), "Riparian Planting of Buffers" (Issue ID 59) and the "Code of Practice" (Issue ID 60 & 64).

Description

General

A provisional sum for increasing the resilience of the headworks facility, which could include an elevated plinth for the generator and raising electrical devices above flood levels.

Costs - \$50,000 (Provisional sum – subject to updated hydraulic modelling)

Implications

Inundation of the HWWTP headworks could result in damage to electrical equipment and the screens being overwhelmed, which would cause untreated wastewater to be discharged to the river.

Priority

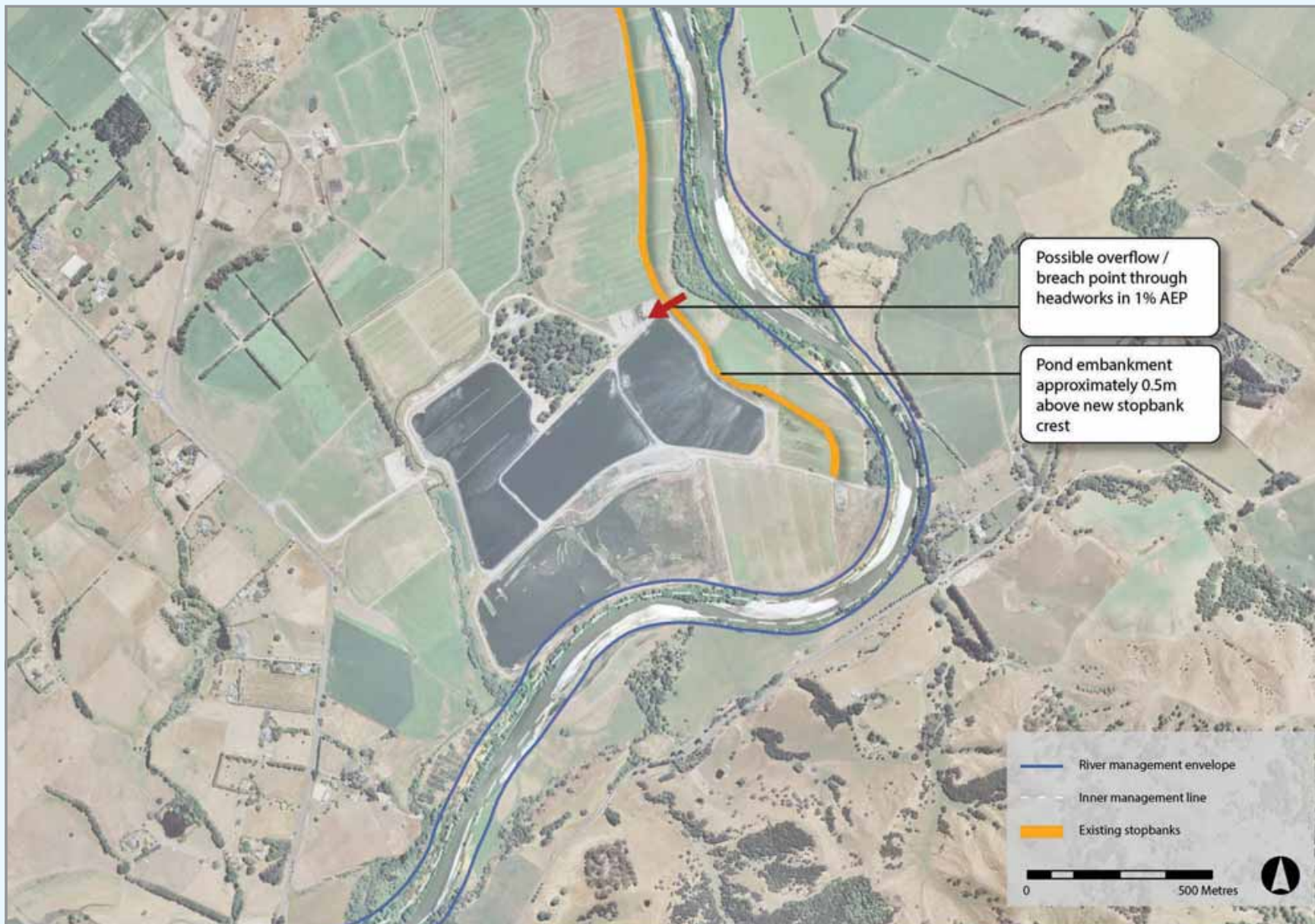
To be reviewed following assessment of modelling.

Level of Service

A 1% AEP level of service is required in HWWTP resource consent.



REFERENCE NUMBER	MANAGEMENT MEASURE	CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	THREATS TO CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE	PRIMARY REASON FOR RESPONSE	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
61	Resilience works within headworks facility (plinth for generation, raising electrical works)	TBC	Stopbank overtopping	1% AEP	To increase resilience of HWWTP headworks in case of stopbank overtopping.	MDC	TBC	\$50,000	Capital funding TBC
59, 60 & 64	Common methods								



Homebush Waste Water Treatment Plant

Waingawa to Gladstone – Reach 6

Character

Downstream of the confluence of the Waingawa River, the Ruamāhanga River corridor increases in width and continues in a broad semi-braided form. The northern part of the river skirts the western slopes of Foster’s Hill before opening out into the Central Plains towards the confluence with the Taueru River to the south. Pockets of remnant native vegetation and willow planting occur inside stopbanks established along the eastern river margin.

Key characteristics

Increasingly semi-braided form where waters of the Waingawa and Ruamāhanga Rivers combine

Stopbanks enclosing remnant native and willow planting

Values

This reach flows through rural land used for primary production and predominantly established in pasture grassland. Stopbanks occur along this reach, some of which enclose native vegetation along the river margin, and result in a medium / high level of modification whilst retaining a medium level of scenic value.

Kayaking and fishing are popular along this reach, taking advantage of the pools, riffles and runs which occur. Jet boating access occurs in this reach, which is a popular area valued for having a semi-braided form which frequently changes course and offers new opportunities to ‘read’ a different course of navigation along the river. Several swim sites are also located along this reach including areas also associated with jet boat access at Gladstone Bridge.

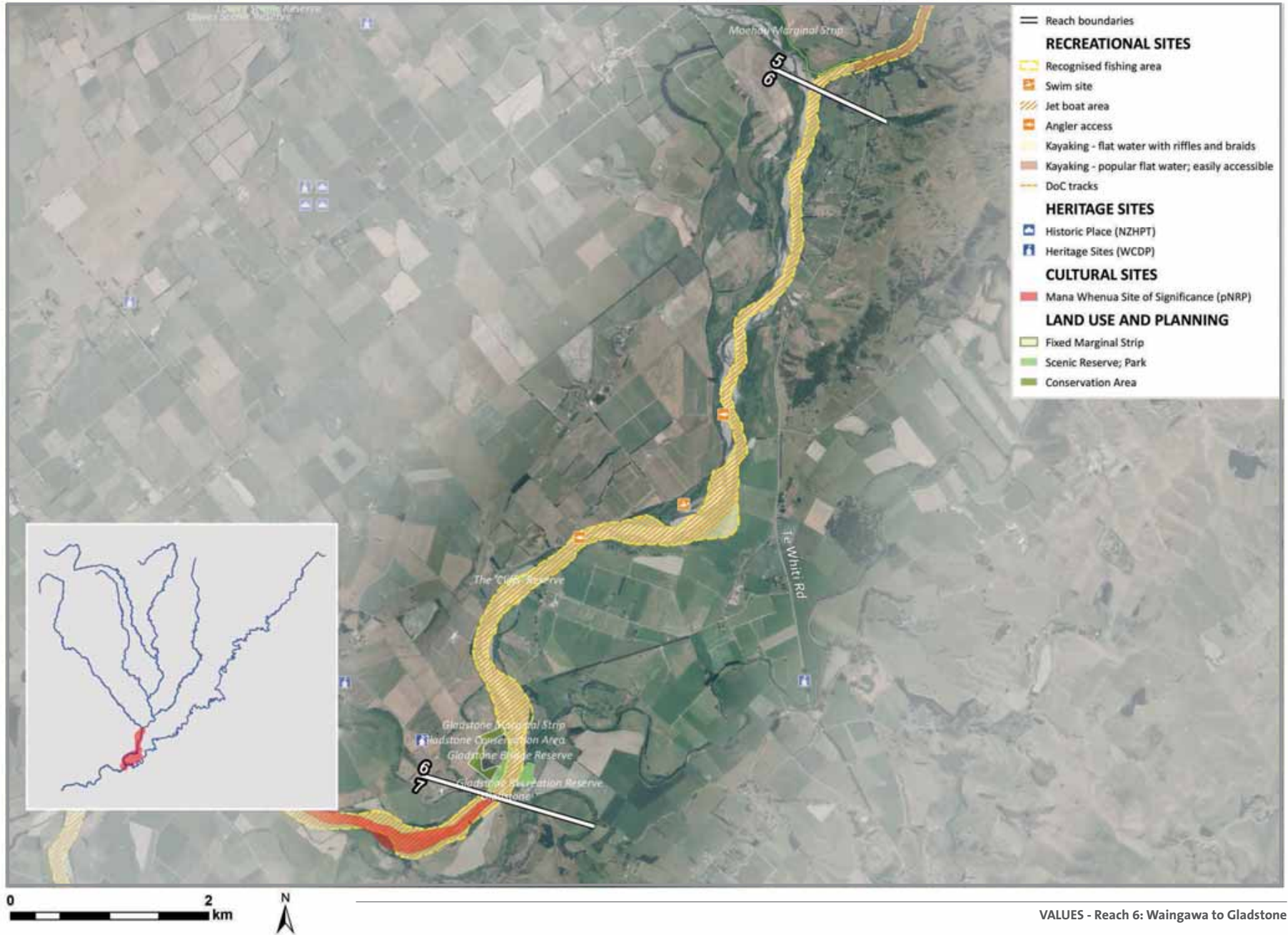
Important ecological values along this reach include an indigenous forest remnant along the Martinborough Masterton Road (Ruamāhanga River Terrace RAP), together with terrestrial habitats which encompass areas of unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest and indigenous treeland. Important habitat for banded dotterels, black-fronted dotterels and pied stilts also occurs in association with broad stonefield and boulderfield river margins.

Several cultural sites occur along this reach including wāhi tapu associated with the mixing of waters from different rivers, a historic house site and a historic spring. Gladstone Inn is also a heritage site identified in the WCDP to the east of Gladstone Bridge.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- This FMP will shift the focus of river maintenance towards more intensive implementation of vegetated buffers. The design buffers will be allowed to erode when and where appropriate. This method will replace previous work practices of immediately responding to erosion issues with machinery in the channel.
- This FMP will address the issues associated with scheme stopbanks and increase river enhancement works.
- Protect the Ruamāhanga River Terraces RAP site from negative impacts of flooding and erosion.
- Recognise the importance of the confluence of the Taueru and Ruamāhanga Rivers and the Waingawa confluence.
- Work with the asset owner of the Gladstone Bridge to protect and maintain its operation.
- Work with Carterton District Council to continue the management of erosion risk to Dakins Road.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium / High	Medium	Angler access, kayak access, jet boat access, fishing, jet boating, swimming	Gladstone Inn (WCDP)	Washing after child birth, historic spring, historic baptism site, historic house site, mixing of mauri	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Flood Protection and Mitigation	Ruamāhanga River Terrace (RAP), Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



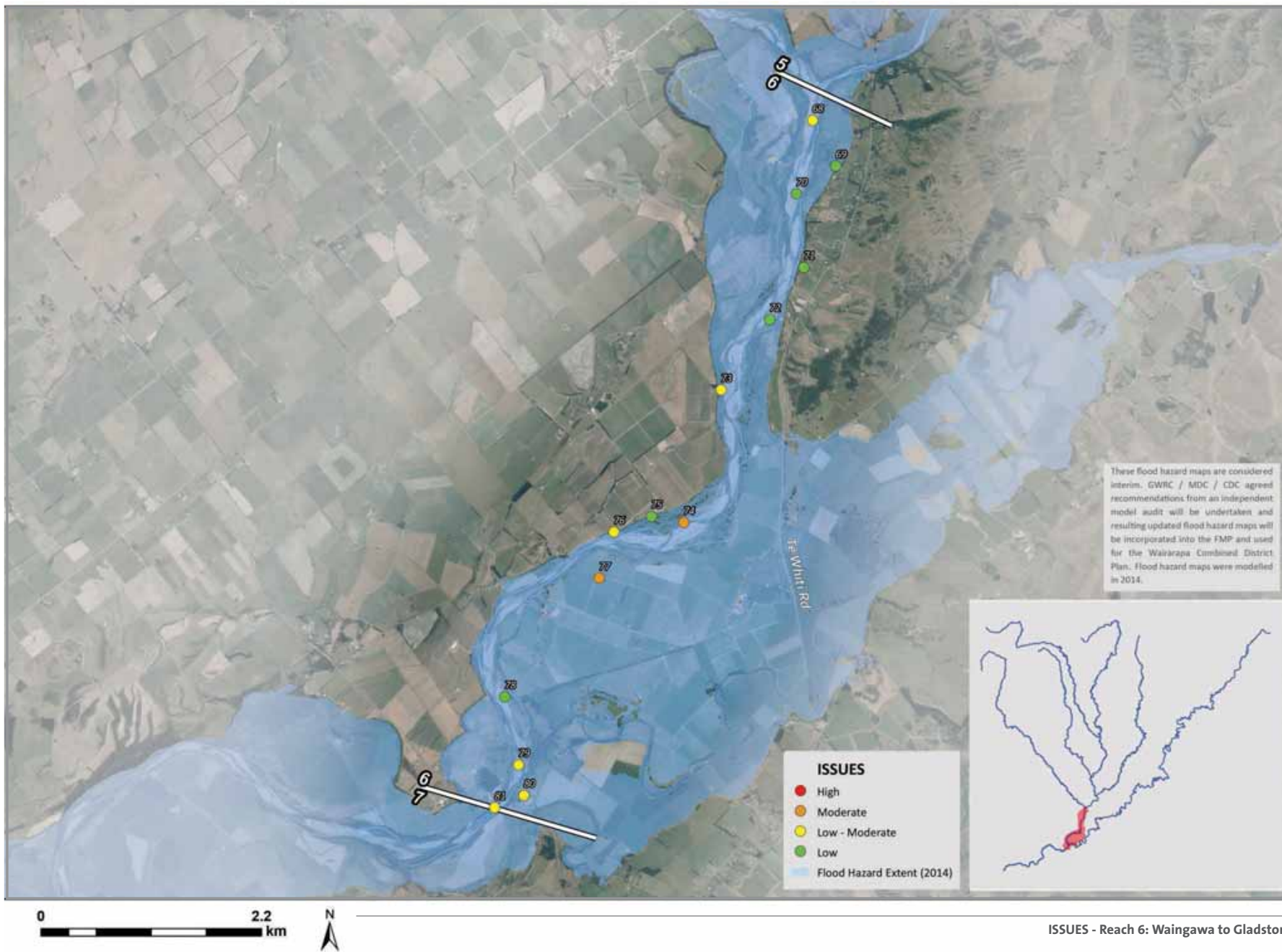
VALUES - Reach 6: Waingawa to Gladstone

Waingawa to Gladstone – Reach 6

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 14 flood and erosion issues are identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Ruamāhanga River Terrace RAP site [69] The RAP site sits on the edge of the 1% AEP flood extent and within the erosion study area.</p> <p>Channel alignment [70] The channel through this area is naturally wider than the design channel alignment.</p> <p>Houses [71] Several houses are located within the erosion study area; however, they sit on a relatively firm terrace which is resistant to erosion effects.</p> <p>Channel alignment [72] The channel in this area tends towards being wider than the design channel. This creates challenging management issues, and puts pressures on the buffer on both banks of the river.</p>
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Waingawa and Ruamāhanga confluence [68] Unstable flows caused by the meeting and mixing of the Waingawa and Ruamāhanga Rivers makes the confluence area a challenging location to manage. Gravel deposition also needs management.</p> <p>Frost protection water intake [73] The water intake is threatened by ongoing erosion effects. The landowner has provided some of their own erosion protection to protect the structure.</p> <p>Dakins Road [76] Erosion affecting the end section of Dakins Road, near Cottier Estate has been addressed in the past with rock works. These rock works have protected the immediate area they were installed to protect, but adjacent areas are still affected by erosion.</p>
MODERATE	<p>River alignment [74] The channel needs ongoing and frequent management. Failure to do this means the river spills extra water onto Te Whiti flats and increases the risk of the Te Whiti stopbank overtopping.</p>
HIGH	<p>Channel alignment [78] The buffer widths upstream of the confluence with the Taueru are too narrow and have created ongoing management concerns.</p> <p>Fish habitat [75] A number of small springs or backwaters in this area are known to have provided fish habitat over a long period of time. They are affected by erosive forces but are currently well protected within a buffer.</p> <p>Fish passage [79] The confluence area of the Ruamāhanga and Taueru Rivers is important for fish passage which is prone to being disrupted by natural or artificial sediment/gravel movements.</p> <p>Gladstone complex [80] The Gladstone complex includes a pub, several houses and a sports field. It sits within the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood extent and has a known history of flooding. There is no known history of erosion in this area.</p> <p>Gladstone Bridge [81] There are no currently known issues with this bridge. An exclusion zone for extraction exists 100m upstream and downstream from the bridge. The bridge design is not believed to be particularly vulnerable to debris flows, and it has adequate freeboard to its soffit.</p> <p>Te Whiti stopbank [77] The stopbank sits within the erosion study area and in some sections within the buffer areas of the current management scheme. There is risk of erosion reducing the effectiveness of the stopbank. It was reported that this stopbank was overtopped in a 20% AEP event in 2009/2010.</p>



Waingawa to Gladstone – Reach 6

Response

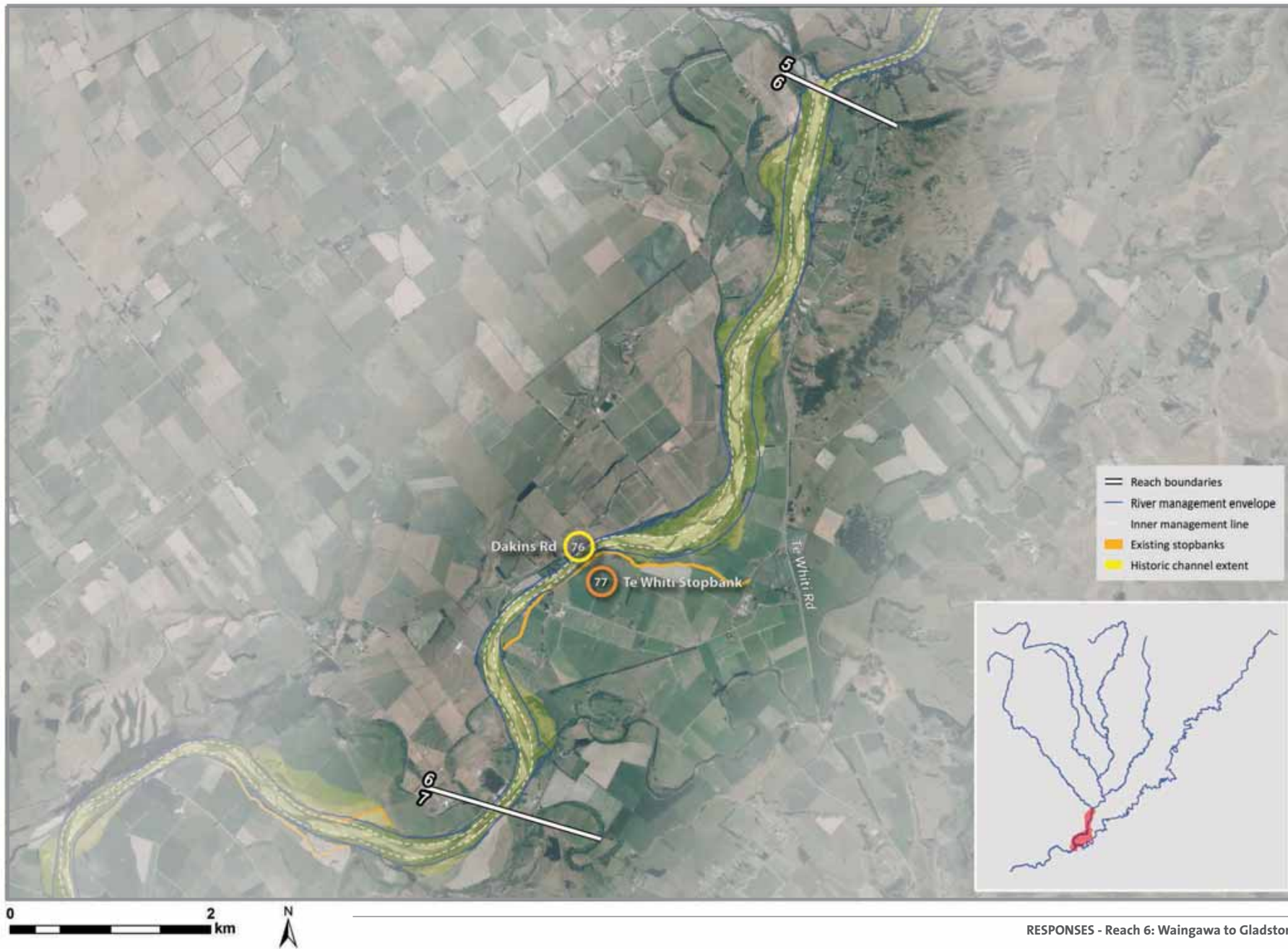
Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	77	Te Whiti stopbank	River management	Realign Te Whiti stopbank to move it outside of the river management envelopes.	10%		GWRC		Medium
	76	Dakins Road	Emergency management	Local residents to prepare emergency evacuation plan in event of Dakins Road erosion occurring. Alternate access route to be identified (i.e. a farm track). A policy may be developed to address freedom camping on the site.		>1%	CDC	WREMO	Medium
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					

Stopbank Summary

ISSUE ID	NAME	CURRENT PURPOSE	LENGTH OF STOPBANK (M)	LENGTH INSIDE BUFFER ZONE (M)	CONDITION		CRITICALITY	BENEFITING WHOM? (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE MULTIPLE, PUBLIC, OTHER)	LEVEL OF PROTECTION (AEP)	OTHER ISSUES	FMP DIRECTION	FMP PRIORITY
					RATING (2016)	(GOOD/1/2/3/4/5 POOR)						
77	Te Whiti	Provides a level of flood protection to residential property and agricultural land and public road	3,000	220	3		Medium	Private multiple/public road	20% to 5% (varies)		Continue existing asset management policy. When realigning, try to achieve more consistent level of service	Low



RESPONSES - Reach 6: Waingawa to Gladstone

Gladstone to Kokotau Bridge – Reach 7

Character

To the south of Gladstone Bridge, this reach forms a threaded single channel within a semi-enclosed farmed valley, which extends between Tiffen Hill and the Eastern Wairarapa Hills. The Gladstone cliffs form a prominent backdrop along the eastern banks of this reach before the river swings west towards the base of Tiffen Hill. Willow planting has been used along much of the river margin, with pockets of regenerating indigenous vegetation also established along the base of Tiffen Hill.

Key characteristics

Semi-enclosed valley form to the east of Tiffen Hill

Proximity between river and Gladstone Cliffs

Mix of willow planting, gorse or broom shrubland and regenerating indigenous forest

Key Floodplain Management Points

- This FMP will shift the focus of river maintenance towards more intensive implementation of vegetated buffers. The design buffers will be allowed to erode when and where appropriate. This method will replace previous work practices of immediately responding to erosion issues with machinery in the channel.
- This FMP will address the issues associated with scheme stopbanks and increase river enhancement works.
- Improve the awareness and facilitate the use of Carter Reserve access.

Values

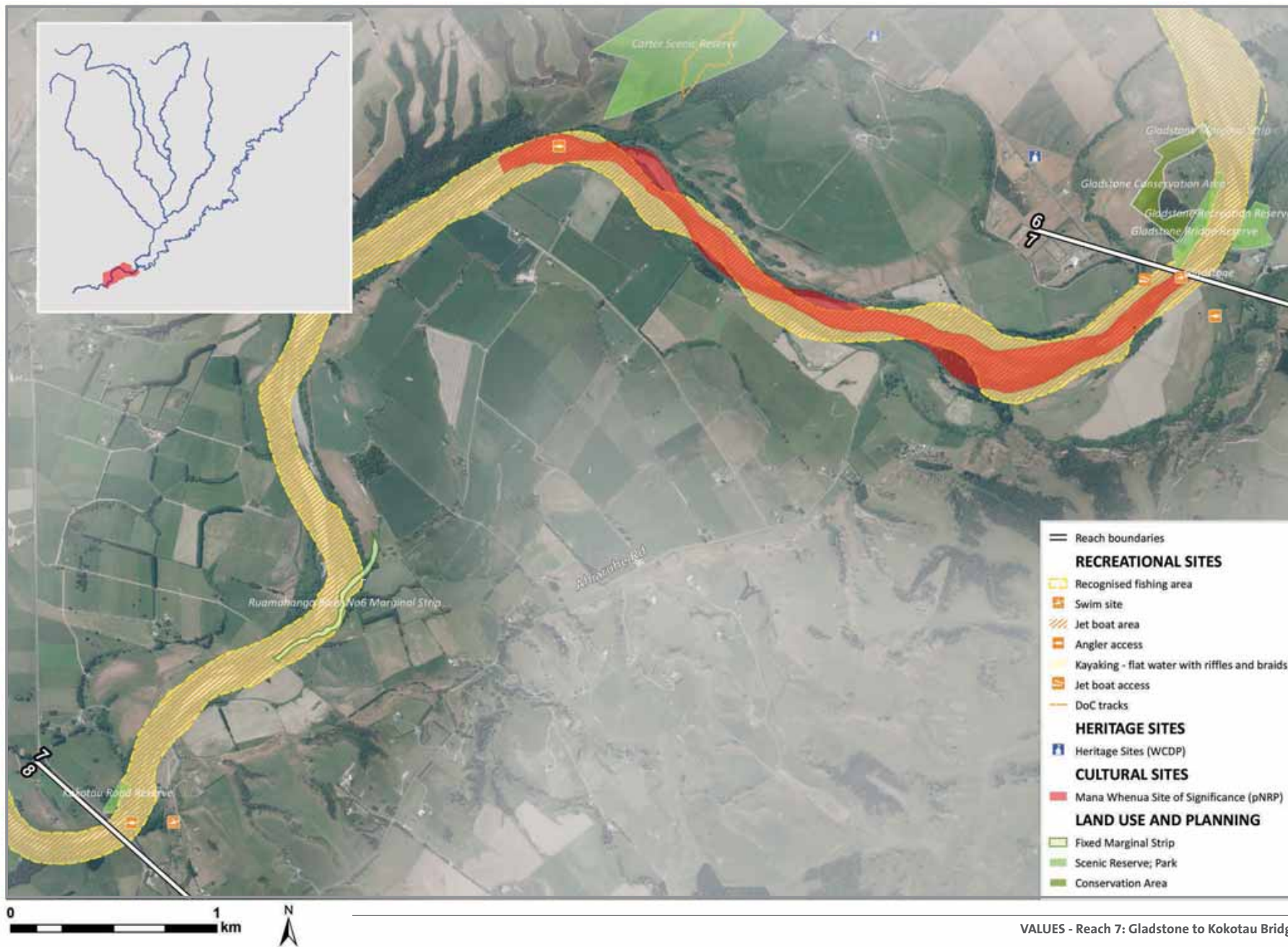
This reach flows through rural land used for primary production and predominantly established in pasture grassland. Some willow planting has been established along the margins of the river in association with stopbanks north of Tiffen Hill. More natural patterns of regenerating indigenous forest are also established near the toe of Tiffen Hill. This results in a medium level of landscape modification overall and a medium / high level of scenic value.

Kayaking is popular in this area on account of the flat water pools, runs and riffles which occur. This environment is also popular for fishing, including rainbow trout and perch. Jet boating continues along this reach from access points located at both Gladstone and Kokotau Bridges. Swimming access is also available from picnic areas adjoining these road bridges, with recreation access recently formalised at Carters Reserve.

Terrestrial habitats with ecological value identified in this area include areas of fenced and unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefield, boulderfield, natural wetlands and ponds.

Several cultural sites occur along this reach including a marae, a historic pā site, urupā sites, Parakuiti, a taniwha lair and associations with mahinga kai.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium	Medium / High	Angler access, fishing, kayaking, swimming, Gladstone Track (DoC)	-	Mana whenua Sites of Significance (pNRP) - Marae, historic pā site, urupā sites, mahinga kai, significant ancestral place, wāhi tipuna; water spirit and guardian, taniwha; water utilised for healing, wai ora	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Flood Protection and Mitigation	Fenced indigenous forest, Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds

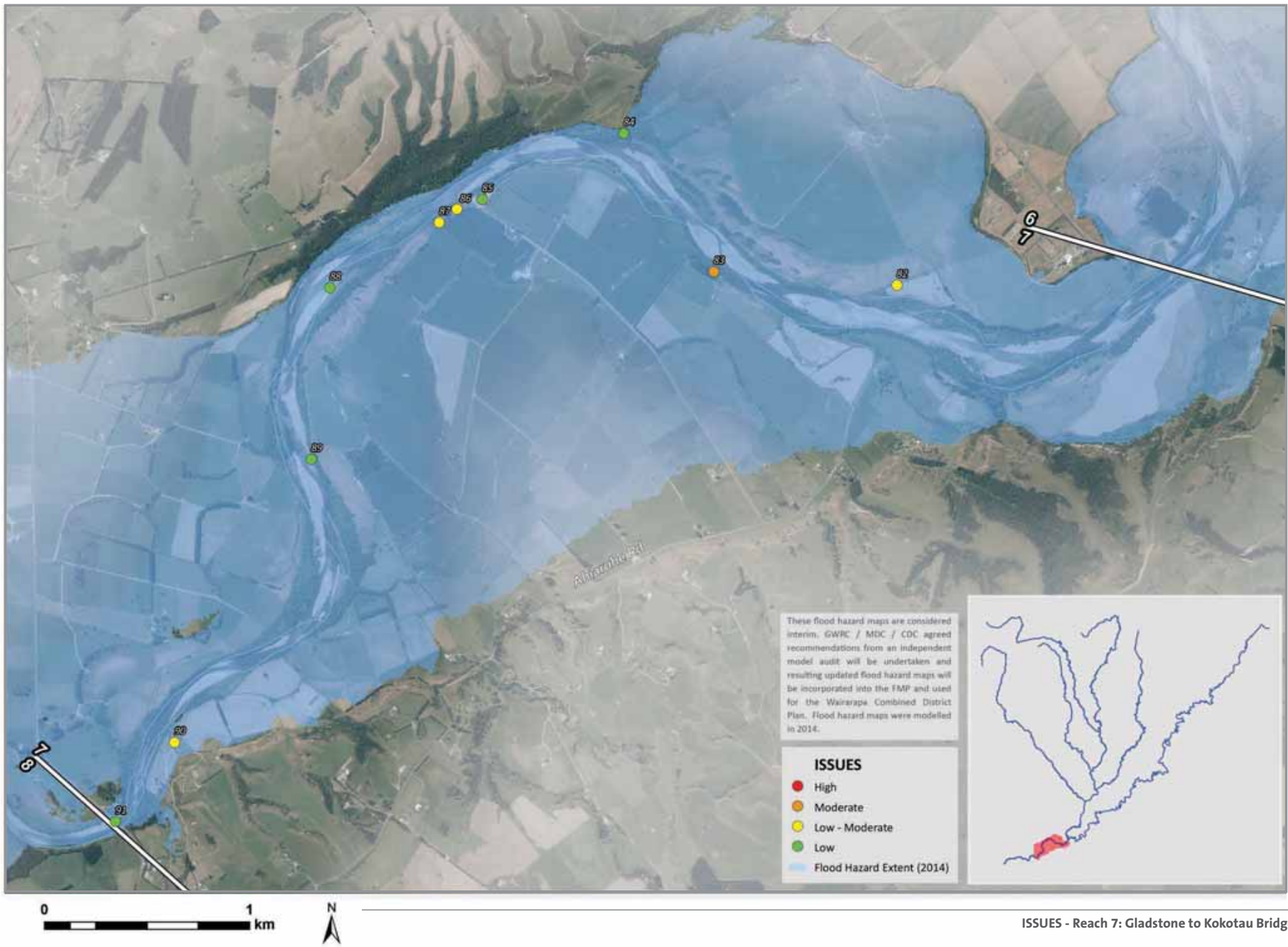


Gladstone to Kokotau Bridge – Reach 7

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 10 flood and erosion issues have been identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Carter Reserve river access [84] An easement and river access have been recently created here. Possibility that lack of use due to poor awareness may lead to maintenance issues of a community facility.</p> <p>Ahiaruhe gravel extraction site [85] Recognised gravel extraction site that is proposed to be used in the future.</p> <p>Kokotau Bridge [91] The Kokotau Bridge abutments sit within modelled flood extent and the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
	<p>Channel alignment [89] Channel naturally widens in this area, this takes the channel outside of the design channel alignment.</p> <p>Channel alignment [88] Buffer width on right bank of river is very narrow, and on left bank is very wide. Current channel alignment does not match these alignments.</p>
	<p>Ruamāhanga stopbank [82] This stopbank protects farmland. It is of a very poor standard and overgrown with trees making it highly susceptible to failure.</p> <p>Farm buildings [86] Farm utility buildings are located within erosion study area and 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Channel alignment [87] The channel alignment in this area narrows. This creates both upstream and downstream erosion effects that are hard to manage effectively.</p> <p>Outbuildings [90] Outbuildings are located within erosion study area and 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Ahiaruhe stopbank [83] This stopbank protects farmland against small more frequent flood events. It sits within the erosion study area and close to the river. It is full of trees and therefore at high risk of failure.</p>
HIGH	



Gladstone to Kokotau Bridge – Reach 7

Response

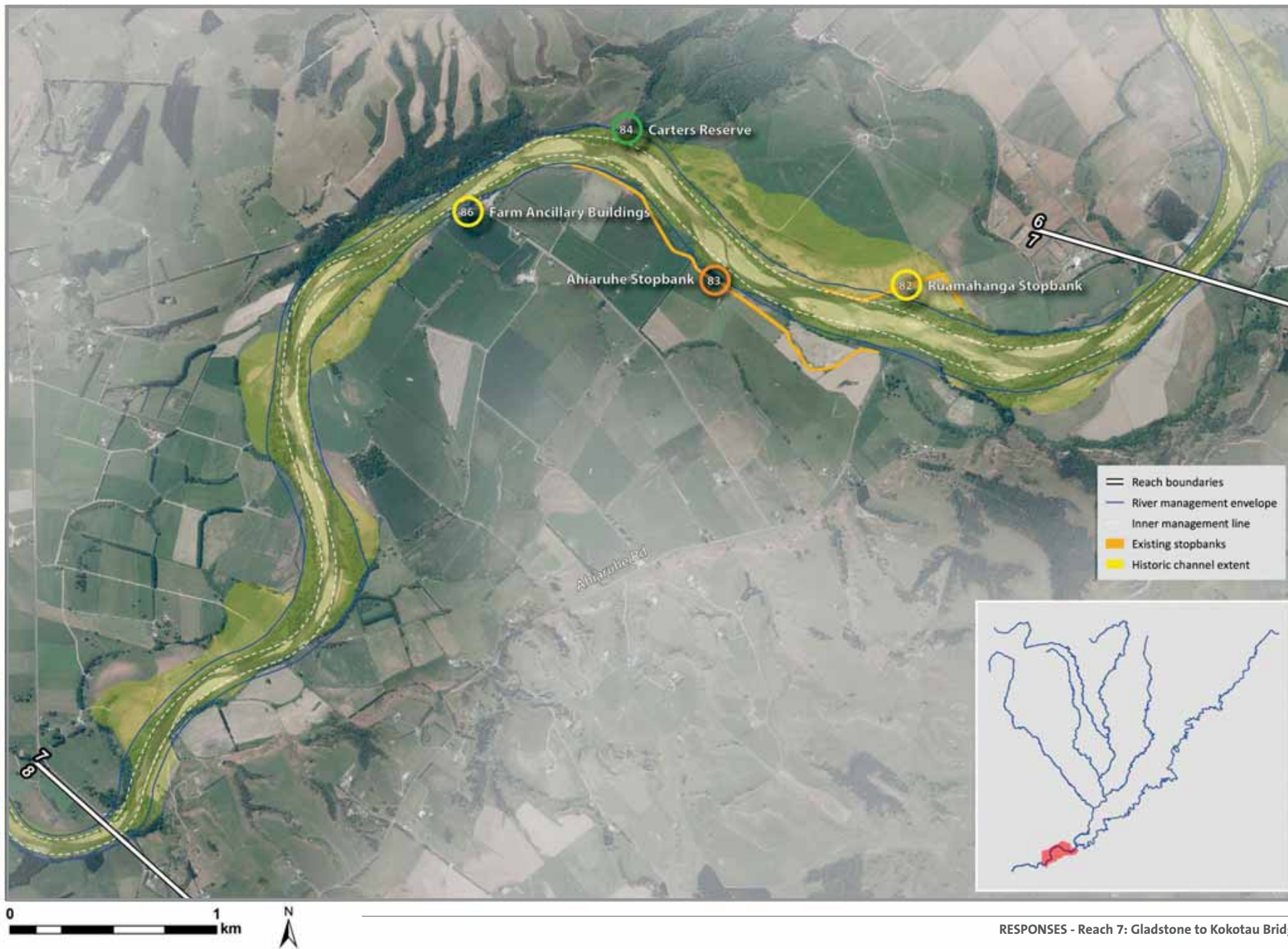
Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	82	Ruamāhanga stopbank	River management	Retire sections of the stopbank that sit within the buffer areas of the river management envelopes. Rebuild the retired section of stopbank outside of buffer management envelope.			GWRC	Landowners	Low
	83	Ahiaruhe stopbank	River management	Retire sections of the stopbank that sit within the buffer areas of the river management envelopes. Rebuild the retired section of stopbank outside of buffer management envelope. Define service level and criticality.	10%		GWRC	Landowners	Low
	84	Carters Reserve	River management	Continue to support the Carters Reserve Care Group. Provide assistance with maintaining access track, planting activities and encourage the use of the area. Use Carters Reserve as a hub from which to expand mixed vegetative planting.			Community	GWRC	Medium
	86	Farm ancillary buildings	Emergency management	Provide information to property owners regarding potential erosion and flood risks to these structures. Provide advice and support on request.			GWRC	Landowners	Medium
		Ahiaruhe Settlement road homes	Emergency management	Provide information regarding flood risk to home owners. WREMO to contact home owners and discuss lifelines and flood risk issues and assist with development of home evacuation plans.		>1%	WREMO	Community	Medium
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					

Stopbank Summary

ISSUE ID	NAME	CURRENT PURPOSE	LENGTH OF STOPBANK (M)	LENGTH INSIDE BUFFER ZONE (M)	CONDITION RATING (2016) (GOOD1/2/3/4/5 POOR)	CRITICALITY	BENEFITING WHOM? (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE MULTIPLE, PUBLIC, OTHER)	LEVEL OF PROTECTION (AEP)	OTHER ISSUES	FMP DIRECTION	FMP PRIORITY
83	Ahiaruhe	Provides limited, local protection from relatively small events	2,000	250	Range 2 - 4	Low	Several agricultural landowners	<10%	Trees in stopbank	Initial FMP implementation; continue existing asset management. Long-term implementation; explore legacy asset partial abandonment/isolated works.	Low
82	Ruamāhanga	Provides limited, local protection from relatively small events	800	330	4	Low	Individual landowner	20% to 1% (varies)		Initial FMP implementation; continue existing asset management. Long-term implementation; explore legacy asset partial abandonment/isolated works.	Low



RESPONSES - Reach 7: Gladstone to Kokotau Bridge

Kokotau Bridge to Waiohine – Reach 8

Character

Below Kokotau Road Bridge the Ruamāhanga River re-enters the wider Masterton Plains to the south and flows around the northern toe of Pukengaki. A single thread channel along a contained gravel corridor continues through this reach. The majority of this river reach is enclosed by continuous bands of willows established along the river margin, with isolated totara extending into adjoining farmland from the river margins in some areas.

Key characteristics

Single channel along contained gravel corridor within wider Masterton Plains

Predominately willow-lined margins

Isolated totara in some areas

Values

This reach continues through rural land used for primary production and predominantly established in pasture grassland. Willow and some areas of pine form continuous bands along the river corridor in association with limited stopbanks and rock groynes. Pockets of remnant totara also extend into adjoining farmland. Overall the river is identified as having a medium level of landscape modification and a medium level of scenic value.

Fishing and kayaking occur in this area taking advantage of the flat water with pools, riffles and runs which occur. Angling for rainbow trout and perch is popular. Jet boating continues south along this reach from the boating access point located at Kokotau Bridge. Swimming sites are also accessed from picnic areas at Kokotau Road and Forman Jury Road.

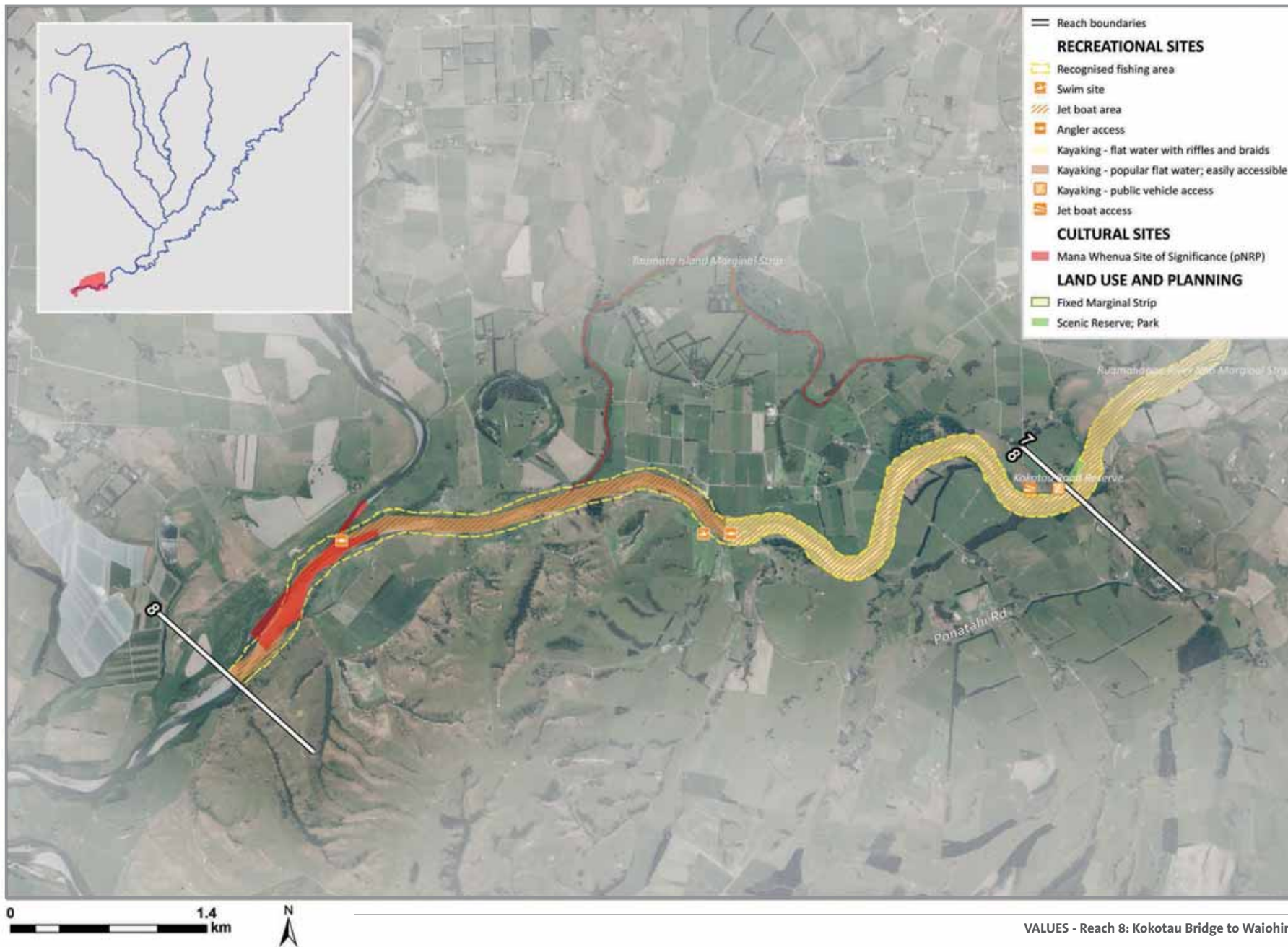
Terrestrial habitats with ecological value which continue along this reach include areas of unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefield, boulderfield, natural wetlands and ponds .

Several cultural sites occur, including the mixing of mauri at the confluence of the Waiohine River.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- This FMP will shift the focus of river maintenance towards more intensive implementation of vegetated buffers. The design buffers will be allowed to erode when and where appropriate. This method will replace previous work practices of immediately responding to erosion issues with machinery in the channel.
- This FMP will address the issues associated with scheme stopbanks and increase river enhancement works.
- Work with the asset owner of Kokotau Road Bridge to protect and maintain its operation.
- Ensure that decisions regarding flood risk management take into consideration the outcomes of the Waiohine River Plan.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium	Medium	Angler access, kayak access, jet boat access, fishing, jet boating, kayaking and swimming	-	Mana whenua Sites of Significance (pNRP) - significant ancestral place, wāhi tipuna; water utilised for healing, wai ora; source of medicinal plants, puna rongoā; source of weaving material, puna raranga; mahinga kai; eel harvesting place, mahinga tuna	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Flood Protection and Mitigation	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



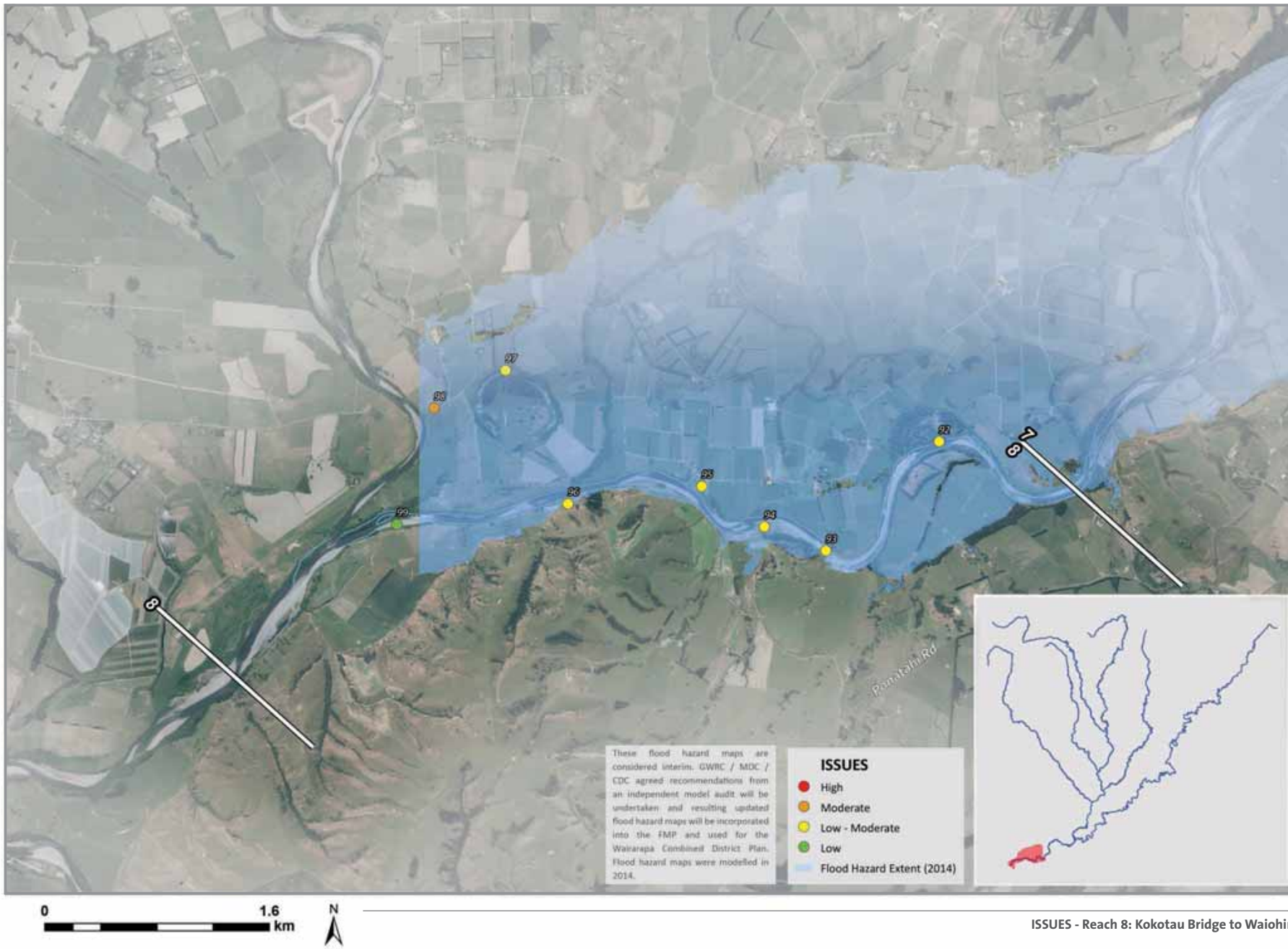
VALUES - Reach 8: Kokotau Bridge to Waiohine

Kokotau Bridge to Waiohine – Reach 8

Flood and erosion issues

Eight flood and erosion issues have been identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Ruamāhanga River and Waiohine River Confluence [99] Only a small amount of work is required in the area adjacent to the confluence. There are few problems to manage, however scheme members are concerned about their level of contribution versus the benefit received as a result.</p>
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Stopbank [92] A small stopbank with a low protection level, the stopbank sits within the erosion study area and is within the current erosion management buffer.</p> <p>Channel alignment [93] The buffers are very narrow through this area.</p> <p>Channel alignment [94] The design channel alignment in this location is difficult to maintain and it has been recommended that the design lines may need to be changed.</p> <p>Farm buildings [95] A number of farm structures sit within the erosion study area, they are currently on the edge of the buffer, but it is a very thin strip of trees at this location.</p> <p>House [96] Several buildings and a house sit within the erosion study area, and very close to the edge of the buffer for the river. The buffer is very thin at this location.</p> <p>Taumata Lagoon [97] Taumata Lagoon is a known fish habitat site and sits within the modelled 1% AEP extent.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Herrick stopbank [98] The Herrick stopbank is modelled as outflanked by the 1% AEP flood event from the Ruamāhanga models. The stopbank is part of the Waiohine Flood Protection scheme.</p>
HIGH	



Kokotau Bridge to Waiohine – Reach 8

Response

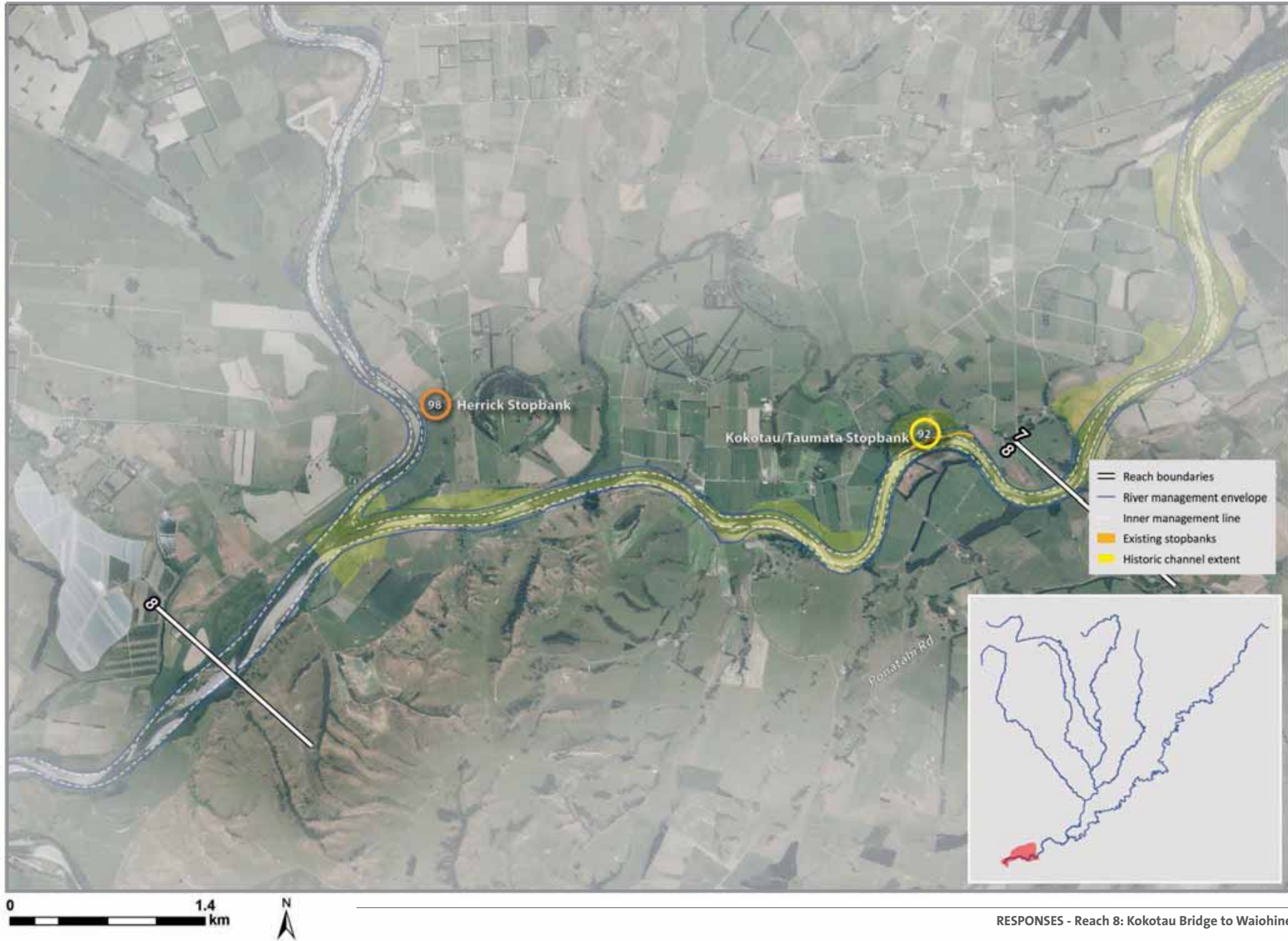
Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

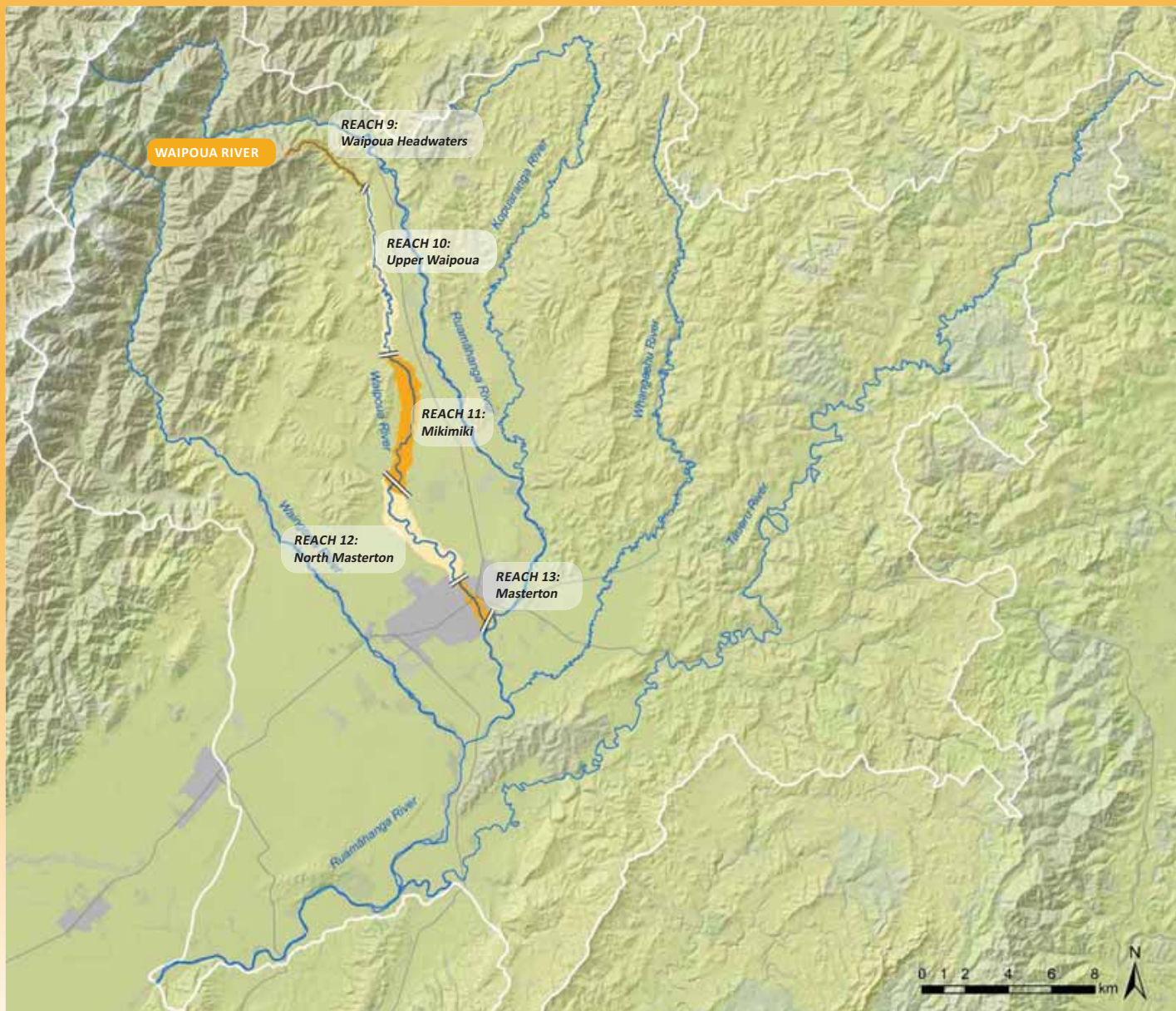
	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSE	92	Kokotau/ Taumata stopbank	River management	Retire the stopbank and remove it from asset register	10%		GWRC	Landowners	Medium
	98	Herrick stopbank	River management	See Waiohine River Plan					
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					

Stopbank Summary

ISSUE ID	NAME	CURRENT PURPOSE	LENGTH OF STOPBANK (M)	LENGTH INSIDE BUFFER ZONE (M)	CONDITION RATING (2016) (GOOD1/2/3/4/5 POOR)	CRITICALITY	BENEFITING WHOM? (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE MULTIPLE, PUBLIC, OTHER)	LEVEL OF PROTECTION (AEP)	OTHER ISSUES	FMP DIRECTION	FMP PRIORITY
92	Kokotau/ Taumata	Historically constructed to divert water round new channel alignment. Meander cut-off c.1950s. More aptly described as a training bank.	560	560	4	Low	Private individual	20-10%	Trees in stopbank and bank is no more than an area of high ground.	Retire stopbank, no further scheme maintenance, remove from asset register.	Low



RESPONSES - Reach 8: Kokotau Bridge to Waiohine



Waipoua River

7. Waipoua River

The Waipoua River has a catchment area of 149km², with the main river channel from its headwaters to its confluence with the Ruamāhanga River reaching 30km in length. The headwaters originate from the Blue Range of the Tararua, flowing down through steep-sided gorges fringed by native forest. A large part of the catchment is within the lower foothills of the range. The river has three major tributaries: the Kiriwhakapapa Stream, the Mikimiki Stream, and the Wakamoekau Creek. These streams join the river as it flows across the Wairarapa Plain, before passing through the Masterton urban area to its confluence with the Ruamāhanga River at Te Ore Ore.

The current Waipoua River Management Scheme covers an 18km length from Mikimiki Bridge to the Ruamāhanga confluence. The river channel is characterised as a steep gravel phase river with a relatively stable and narrow single thread channel. The Mikimiki reach and the urban Masterton reach have been straightened, steepened and shortened.

The naming of the Waipoua River is attributed to Haunui-a-Nanaia testing its depth with a stick prior to crossing, with 'wai' meaning water, and 'poua' meaning to plunge a stick in. The banks of the Waipoua housed one of the first Kainga visited by Europeans in the region, the precise location of which is not known.

The siting of Kaikokirikiri Pā close to both the Waipoua and Ruamāhanga Rivers provides an indication that there are cultural values associated with the area. In *Tawera to TeWhiti* (2005), Potangaroa and Rimene refer to Kaikokirikiri as the main pā of the Masterton area, and also note that the Waipoua used to flow at the foot of the pā. The proximity of the pā to the Waipoua River implies that the wider surrounding environment would have been regularly frequented and used for a range of cultural practices.

The Waipoua floodplain soils are formed from greywacke alluvial parent materials from the Tararua Ranges.

General Issues

The Waipoua is a river of multiple characters. In large flood events, it can be devastating. The river channel itself is fairly entrenched, but of relatively small capacity – only smaller floods can be contained without spilling water out on the floodplain in the rural areas. The erosion risk posed by the Waipoua River flows is smaller than for the other gravel rivers in the project area.

Of all rivers in the Wairarapa, flooding of the Waipoua has the potential to affect most people. The Waipoua River has been modelled as flooding north Masterton in a large event including climate change impacts. Work will be undertaken to assess and reduce the vulnerability to flooding. Updates to modelling for the Waipoua River will be reflected in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan maps.

General issues relating to the Waipoua River include:

- Degradation/aggradation
- Inconsistency in community acceptance of current erosion management practices
- The value of the rivers for recreation and habitat conflicts at times with river management works (the urban Masterton reach of the Waipoua River is heavily used for water-based and riverside recreation)

Waipoua Headwaters – Reach 9

Character

The Waipoua headwaters form from a small stream which flows from an enclosed steep native bush clad gully within the Tararua Forest Park and through the adjoining largely inaccessible grazed foothills. Patterns of vegetation typically reflect changes in grazing practice. Limited recreation occurs in the Tararua Ranges which adjoin this area outside the Forest Park.

Key Characteristics

Small stream in bush lined gully

Isolated foothills stream

Values

The Waipoua headwaters form a steep enclosed tributary stream, which flows through fenced and unfenced indigenous forest on the edge of the Tararua Forest Park, prior to extending into land used for rural primary production and predominantly established in pasture. There is a low level of landscape modification overall with medium to high scenic value.

Key Floodplain Management Points

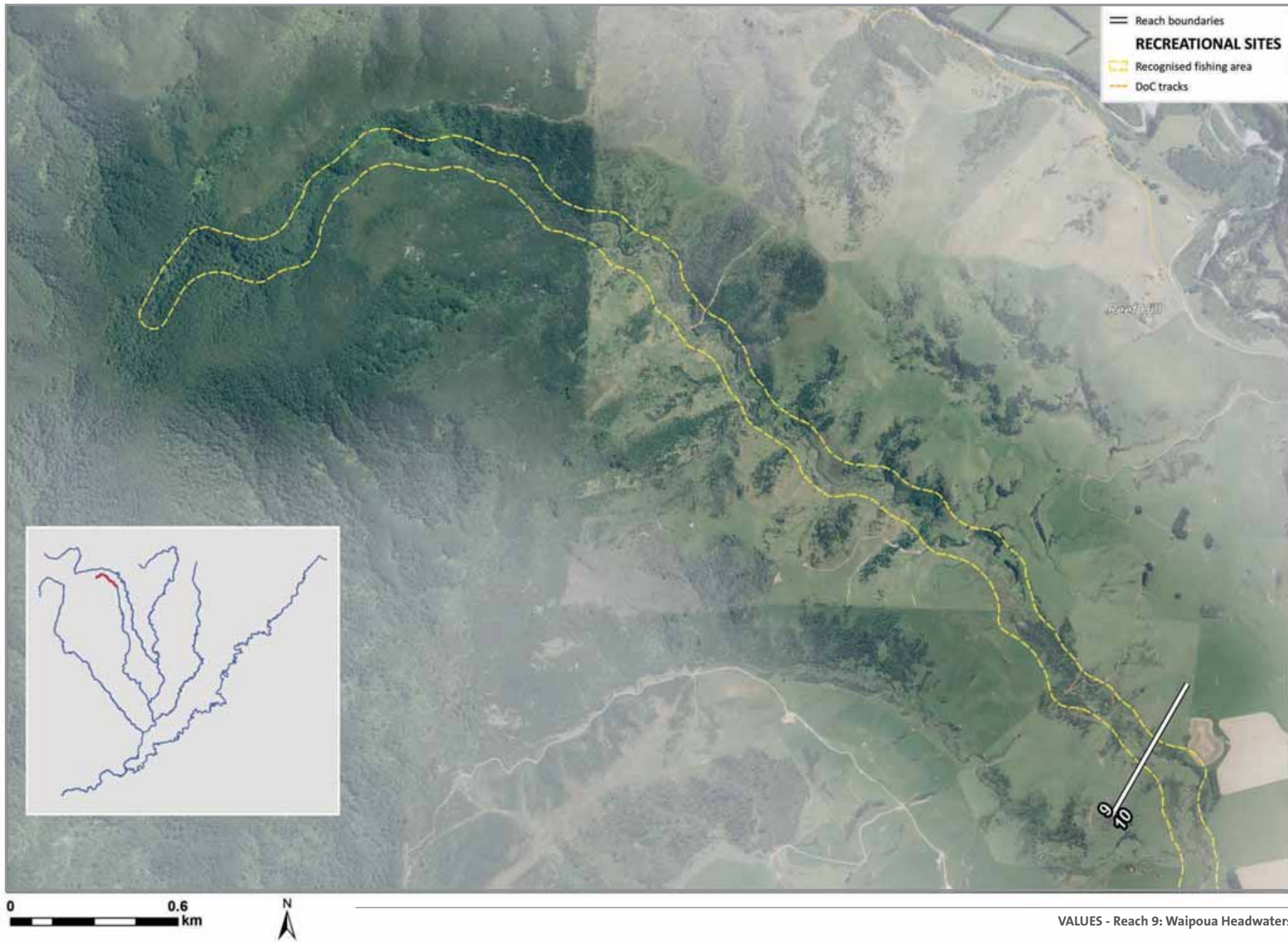
- Encourage continued recognition of the values and character of this reach.
- Support initiatives that aim to preserve or improve the natural values of this reach.

There is no intent to carry out any form of maintenance activity within this reach as part of this FMP. There are no specific flood and erosion issues identified for this reach.

Reach Specific Responses

ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES
COMMON METHODS	Entire reach	River management	Isolated works support, Code of Practice
	Entire reach	Planning and policy	Protection against deforestation in upper catchment
	Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, flood forecasting and warning system
	Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Community Support Officer

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Low	Medium / High	Fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Road	Fenced indigenous forest, Unfenced indigenous forest



Upper Waipoua – Reach 10

Character

This reach forms a meandering stream which transitions from the foothills of the Tararua Ranges onto the western edge of the Upper Wairarapa Plains to the Mikimiki Bridge. As the Waipoua flows south, regenerating native vegetation gradually recedes as grazing becomes prevalent along the river margins. River terraces and cliffs are evident in some areas.

In the lower parts of this reach, areas of planting tend to be separated from the river margins, generating linear shelter belts along paddock boundaries. Wetlands separated from the main river are also common throughout this area.

Key Characteristics

Transition from a small stream in vegetated foothills into a small river along grazed valley floor

Localised cliffs, river terraces and rock banks

Linear shelter planting separated from meandering river course

Key Floodplain Management Points

- Apply isolated works policy to this reach, since no river scheme is established in this reach.

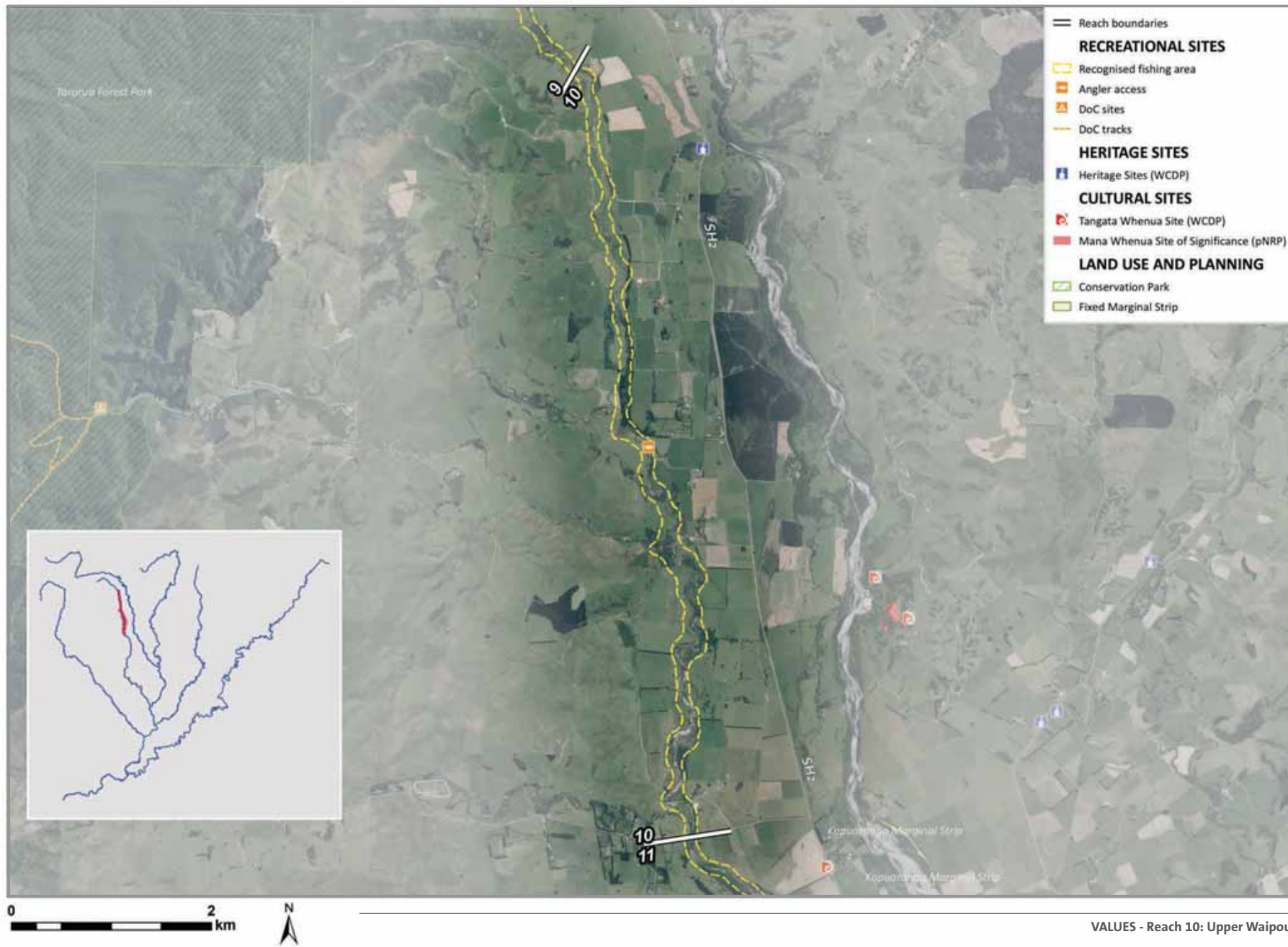
Values

This reach continues through rural land used for primary production and predominantly established pasture. The course of the river retains a meandering form with gravel beaches, pools and riffles, and flows through rolling farmland. It has a low level of landscape modification overall and medium to high scenic value.

Good early season fishing is identified along this reach of river, with access obtained from Kiriwhakapapa and Mikimiki Bridges and by negotiation with private land owners.

Terrestrial habitats with ecological value identified along this reach include areas of unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefield, boulderfield, natural wetlands and ponds.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Low	Medium / High	Angler access, fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds

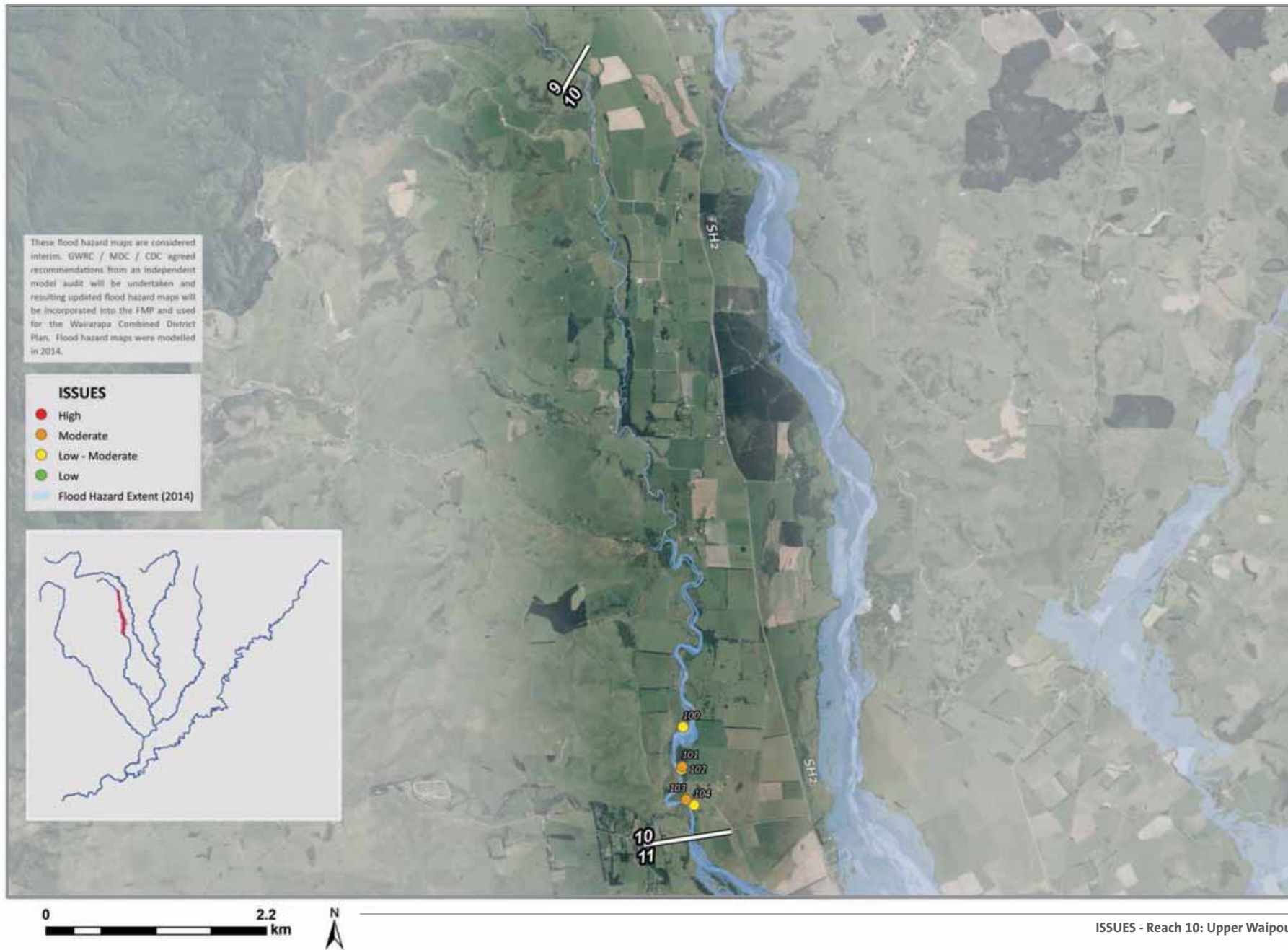


Upper Waipoua – Reach 10

Flood and erosion issues

Five flood and erosion issues have been identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Channel alignment [100] The channel alignment near the lower end of this reach is significantly outside the recommended design fairway. No management is currently carried out by GWRC in this area, and it is maintained privately.</p> <p>Design channel alignment [102] Design channel alignments extend beyond the upstream boundary of the scheme; however these are not used for any purpose.</p> <p>Massey Farm sheds and bridge [104] Several farm buildings and an access bridge sit within the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Scheme boundary extent [101] The scheme used to extend further upstream than Mikimiki Bridge. The scheme was shortened, and upstream management taken over by a private organisation.</p> <p>Massey Farms water irrigation intake [103] The intake for the irrigation systems for Massey Farms sits within the erosion study area. No known issues exist with this intake.</p>
HIGH	

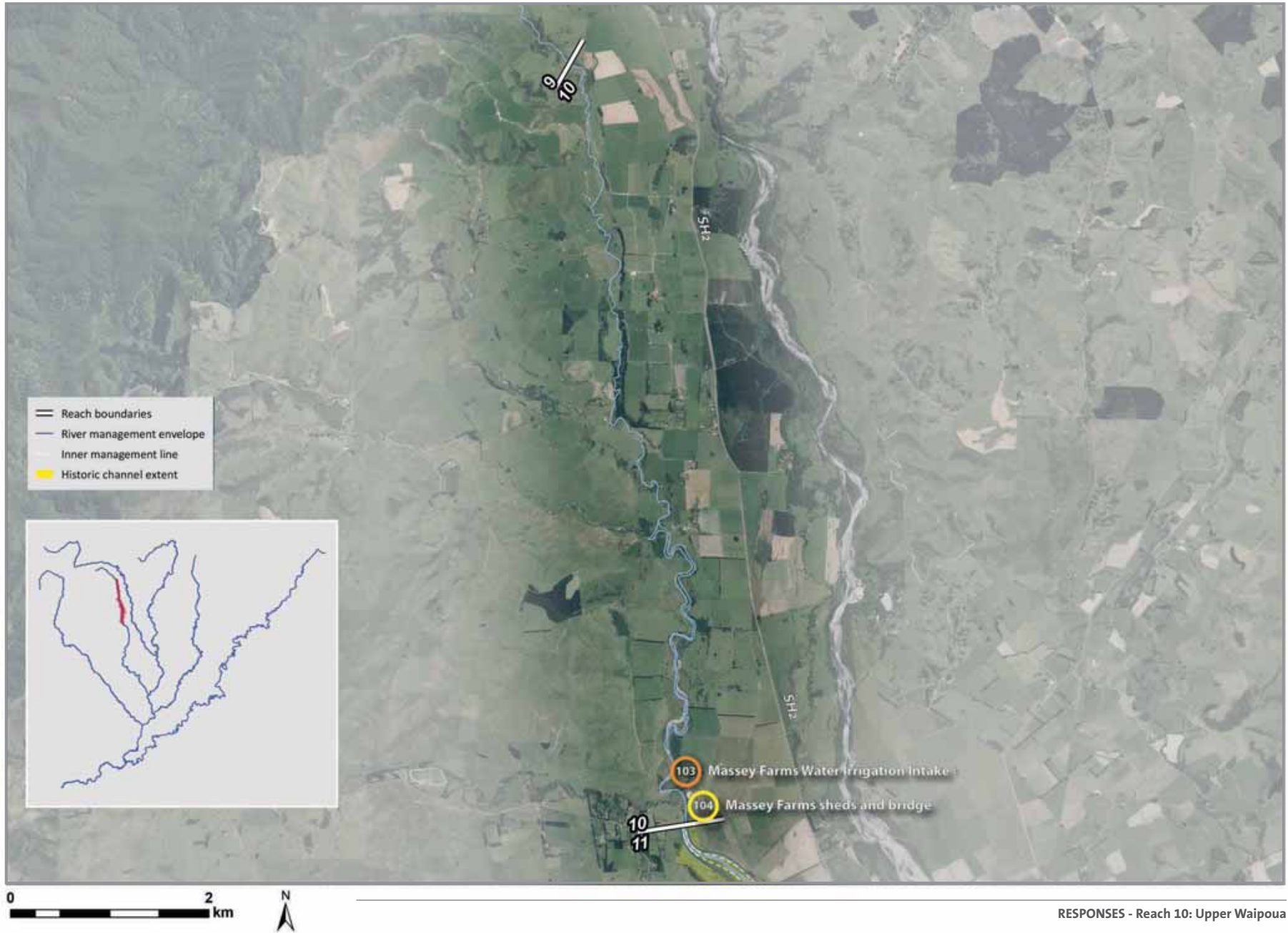


Upper Waipoua – Reach 10

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	104	Massey Farms sheds and bridge	River management	Communicate the potential risk to landowner, continue monitoring the site			Landowner	GRWC	Low
	105	Massey Farms water irrigation intake	River management	Private water takes will have low risk of damage up to a 20% AEP event. Damage to structures is more likely up to a 5% AEP event. Communicate risk to the landowner.		20%	Landowner	GRWC	Low
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					



Mikimiki – Reach 11

Character

To the south of Mikimiki Bridge the river straightens along the toe of the Tararua Foothills. Along this reach, much of the river follows a single channel across bedrock and gravel. The margins of the river are typically shaded by steep banks accommodating narrow bands of mixed willow, poplar and kowhai. Scattered remnant totara are also common throughout adjoining areas of farmland.

Key characteristics

- Single straightened thread along toe of Tararua Ranges
- Steep shaded river banks with continuous margins of mixed willow, poplar and kowhai
- Scattered remnant totara dispersed through adjoining farmland

Values

This reach continues through rural land, which is predominantly pasture. Some beach re-contouring is carried out, and mixed exotic and native planting extends along the river margin, which has been fenced off from adjoining areas of farmland. This has resulted in a medium level of landscape modification overall whilst retaining medium to high scenic values.

Good early season fishing continues along this reach of river, with access obtained from Mikimiki Bridge and in other areas by negotiation with private land owners.

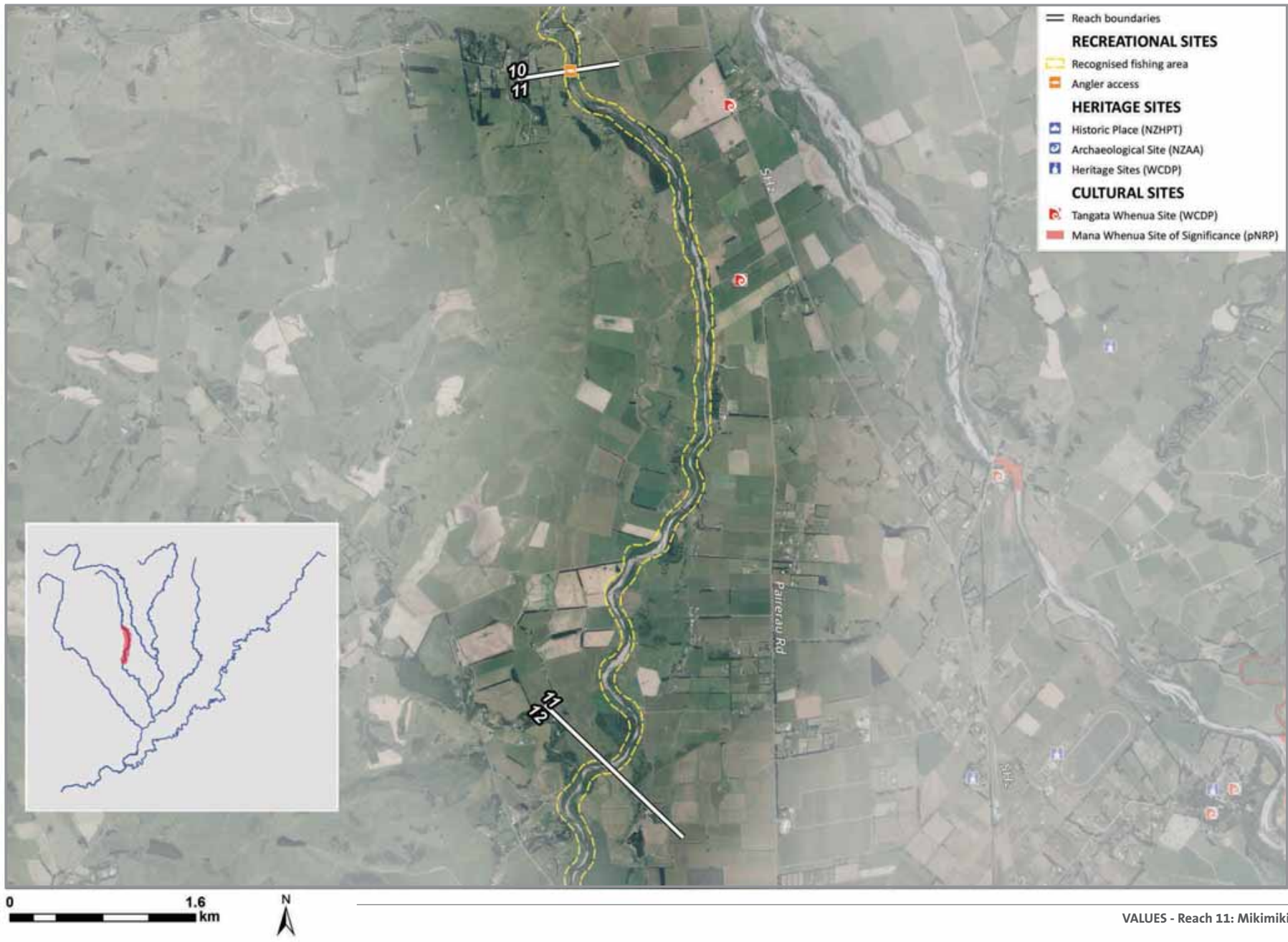
Terrestrial habitats with identified ecological value along this reach include areas of fenced indigenous forest, unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefield, boulderfield, natural wetlands and ponds.

There are a limited number of specific cultural sites identified along this reach, which include an urupā.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- River maintenance activities will involve more works to maintain stopbank condition, river enhancement opportunities will be better explored and supported, and there will be a renewed focus on buffer implementation.
- Establishment of a better flow recorder and flood warning site.
- Work with the asset owner of Mikimiki Bridge to ensure its continued protection and operation.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium	Medium / High	Angler access, recognised fishing area	-	Urupā	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River	Fenced indigenous forest, Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



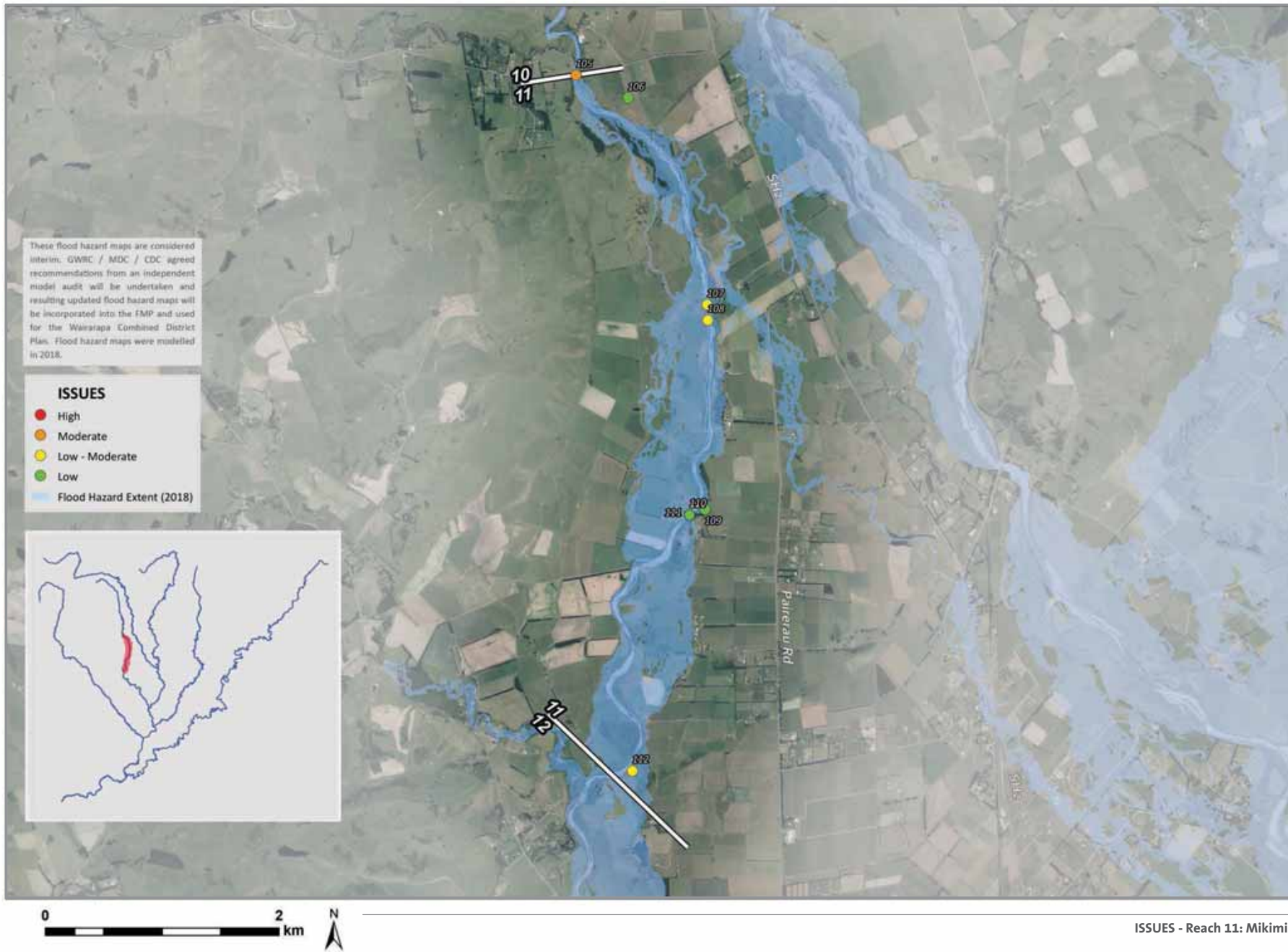
VALUES - Reach 11: Mikimiki

Mikimiki – Reach 11

Flood and erosion issues

A total of eight erosion and flood management issues are identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Farm building [106] A farm building sits within the modelled 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Farm building [109] A farm outbuilding is located within the 1% AEP flood extent and the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Private telecom line [111] A private telecom line runs under the river bed. It is potentially susceptible to damage from erosion and machine work in this area.</p>
	<p>Design channel alignment [107, 108] The design fairway narrows from a width of 85m to 45m. This is unusual and further investigations are required to determine if this is a suitable design channel width.</p> <p>Stock access / private bridge [110] A privately owned access bridge sits within the erosion study area and is potentially at risk of damage linked to bed level changes, bank erosion and large flood events.</p> <p>Private water intake [112] A private water intake for Watson Lake is located within the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
	<p>Mikimiki Bridge [105] There is ongoing bed degradation occurring in the vicinity of the bridge. This affects the road, bridge, and water level recorder site. Work has been carried out periodically to tackle scour issues.</p>
HIGH	



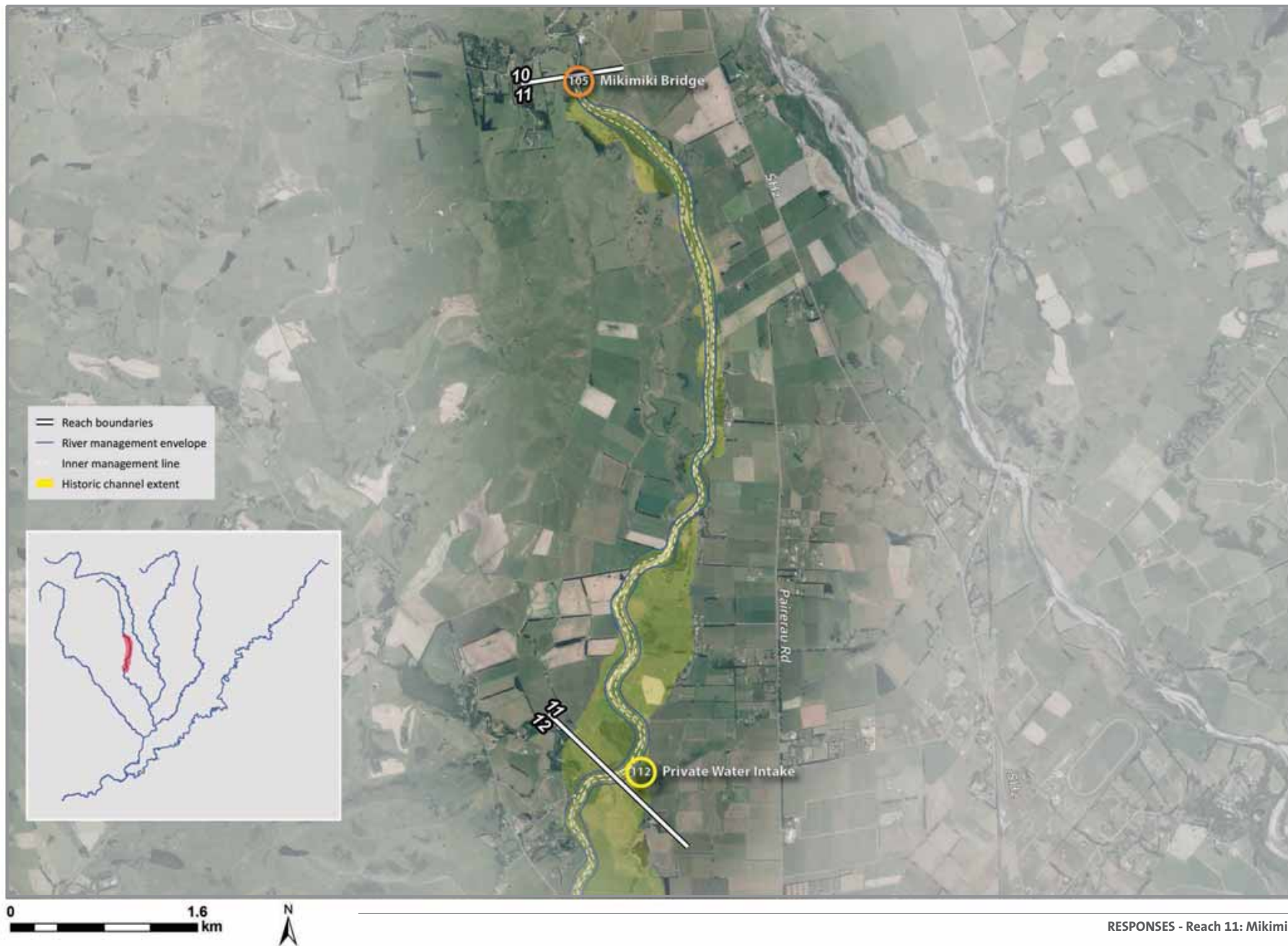
Mikimiki – Reach 11

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	105	Mikimiki Bridge	River management	Work with MDC regarding plans to replace or strengthen the bridge including stabilising the water level recorder site			MDC	GWRC	Medium
	112	Private water intake	River management	River management envelopes will contribute to security of private water intakes. Private water takes will have low risk of damage up to a 20% AEP event. Damage to structures is more likely up to a 5% AEP event. Communicate risk to the landowner.		20%	Landowners	GWRC	Low
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					



North Masterton – Reach 12

Character

To the north of Masterton, the Waipoua River moves away from the toe of the Tararua Ranges and follows a meandering course across the Wairarapa Plains. The margins of the river reflect increasing rural lifestyle use with varied willow planting interspersed with poplar and shelterbelts. Bank modification also commences in the lower part of this reach.

Key characteristics

Meandering single channel

Increasing rural lifestyle settlement along margins

Range of willow, shelter belt, amenity planting and hard edges along margins

Values

This reach flows through increasing rural residential settlement to the north of Masterton. Some beach re-contouring is carried out, and rock groynes have been established along the edges of the river. Willow and gorse is frequent through this area, with scattered totara also accommodated through adjoining areas of farmland. This has resulted in a medium level of landscape modification overall with medium scenic values.

Good early season fishing continues along this reach of river, with access obtained from Paierau Road Bridge and by negotiation with private land owners. Mahunga Golf Course also occupies the true left bank along this reach.

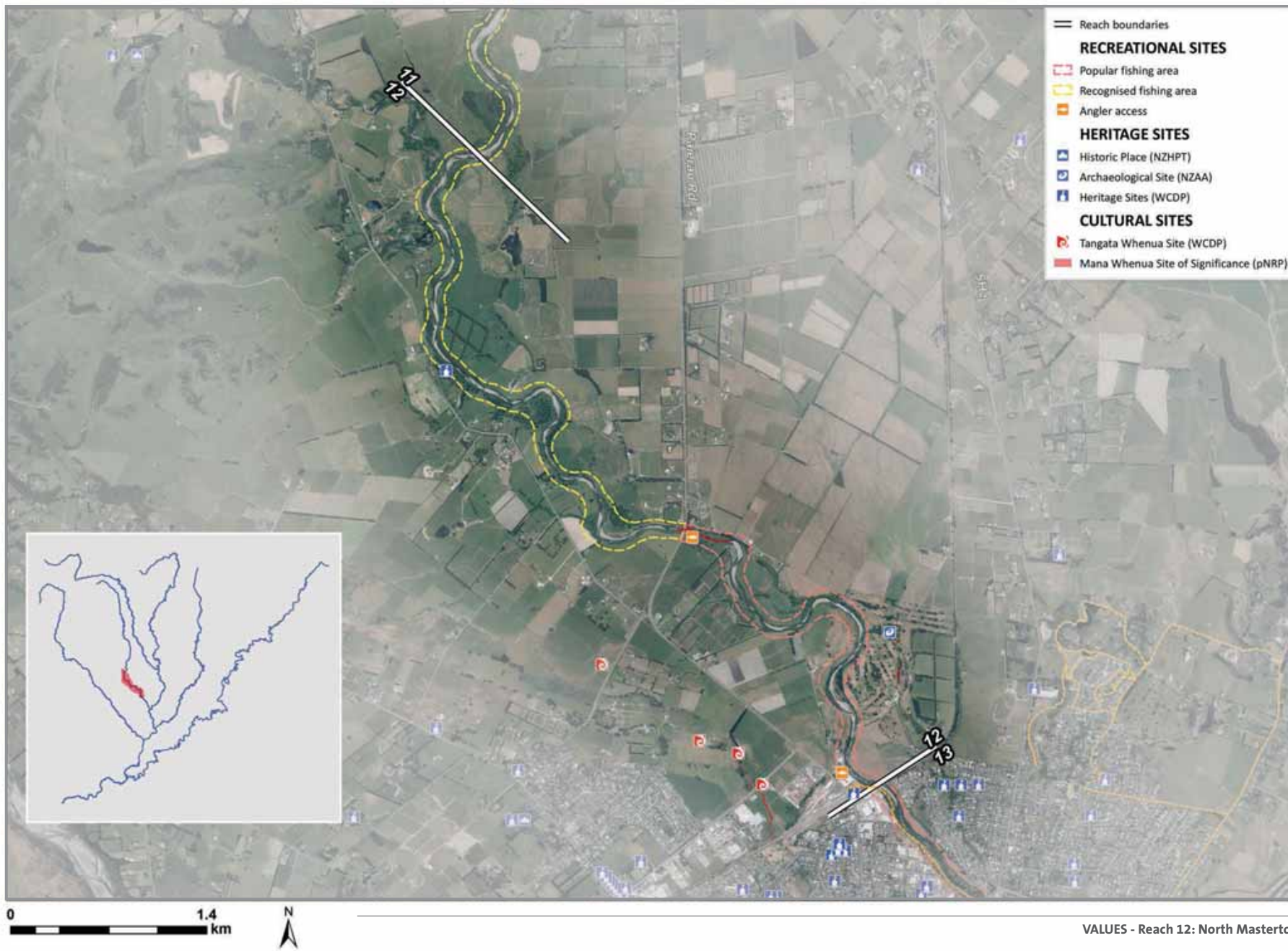
Terrestrial habitats with identified ecological values along this reach include areas of unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefield and boulderfield and natural wetlands and ponds.

There are limited cultural sites identified along this reach encompassing historic pā sites. Levin’s Woolstore and Matahiwi College are also identified heritage sites within the WCDP.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- River maintenance activities will involve more works to maintain stopbank condition, river enhancement opportunities will be better explored and supported, and there will be a renewed focus on buffer implementation.
- Raise the awareness of flood risks and improve the safety of Paierau Road and Matahiwi Road during large floods.
- Work with the community in the vicinity of Paierau Road and the Serpentine Stream confluence to reduce their vulnerability to flooding.
- Work with the infrastructure owners of Paierau Road Bridge and the rail bridge to ensure their continued security and operation.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium	Medium	Angler access, popular and recognised fishing areas	Levin Woolstore, Matahiwi College (WCDP)	Historic pā sites, mahinga kai (pNRP)	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Industrial, Railway, Flood Protection and Mitigation, Intersection Improvement	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



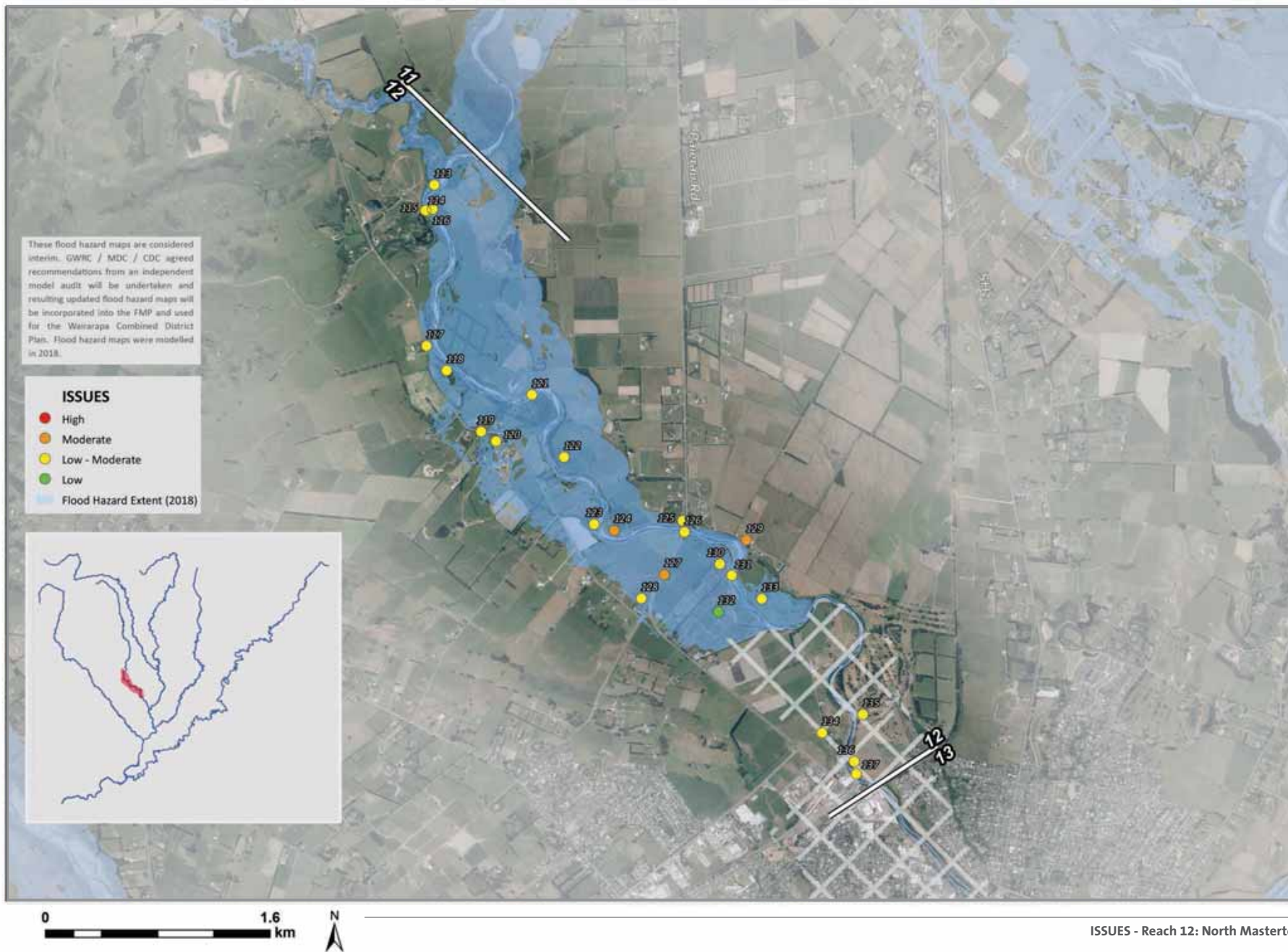
VALUES - Reach 12: North Masterton

North Masterton – Reach 12

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 25 flood and erosion issues have been identified along this reach on account of its close proximity to Masterton. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Private rock line [114] A rock line has been constructed to protect a water intake, and private property. This is maintained infrequently by GWRC flood protection.</p> <p>Akura nursery [132] Akura nursery floods from overland flows originating upstream of the Paierau Road Bridge.</p>
	<p>Channel alignment [113] The buffer strip downstream of the boundary between Reach 11 (Mikimiki) and this reach has been identified as being too narrow. It is recommended that a wider buffer is established.</p> <p>Water intake [115] A private water intake for a lake is situated within the erosion study area. This intake has been protected by privately funded erosion protection works.</p> <p>Channel alignment [116] The buffer planting on the true right bank has been protected behind a private rock line. This has reduced vulnerability of this buffer area while the rock line is properly maintained.</p> <p>Matahiwi Road [117] A section of Matahiwi Road sits within the erosion study area and is modelled as affected by the 1% AEP flood up to a depth of 0.6m. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Houses [118, 119, 120] Several houses are located within the erosion study area and are modelled as affected by the 1% AEP flood event. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Stopbank proximity to river [121] The left bank stopbank sits on the edge of the active channel and within the erosion study area. There has been past consideration of relocation of the active channel away from this stopbank, and change of design fairways.</p> <p>Low quality stopbank [122] The stopbank is located very close to the river and is at higher risk of erosion. It contains substantial tree growth making it vulnerable to storm damage and other failure mechanisms.</p> <p>Serpentine confluence [123] Aggradation at the mouth of the Serpentine Stream confluence with the Waipoua is increasing risk of flooding and blockages.</p> <p>Houses [125] A house is located within the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Houses [128] Houses on Matahiwi/Akura Road are at risk of flooding in a modelled 1% AEP flood event. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Paierau Road Bridge [126] The Paierau Road Bridge capacity is adding to upstream flooding extents due to its limited capacity to convey flood flows.</p> <p>Stopbank [130] The quality, standard, alignment and purpose of the combined flood protection works between the Serpentine Stream confluence and the vicinity of the Paierau Road Bridge are not well defined.</p> <p>Stopbank [131] The alignment of the stopbank on the right bank of the river downstream of the Paierau Road Bridge gradually approaches the channel, and at its downstream end is located within the erosion study area.</p> <p>Stopbank [133] The stopbank on the left bank of the river is within the erosion study area and has in the past required erosion protection works to protect it from erosion issues.</p> <p>Houses [134] Houses are located within the modelled 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Mahunga Golf Course [135] The golf course is located within the modelled 1% AEP flood extent and the erosion study area. Areas of the golf course have eroded in the past.</p> <p>Channel narrowing [136] The river channel becomes increasingly confined as it approaches the railway bridge upstream of Masterton. The channel at the railway bridge is highly constricted, which limits the amount of flow that can pass under the bridge and into the Masterton reach. This causes modelled upstream flooding of Mahunga Golf Course and properties on the western bank of the river.</p> <p>Channel alignment [137] No design fairways have been created for the section of the Waipoua which flows through Masterton. This creates management challenges due to a lack of guidance for river engineers.</p>
	<p>Serpentine stopbank [124] The Serpentine stopbank is of concern because while it partially protects a number of properties, the management objectives for the structure are unclear. It is also located very close to the river and within the erosion study area.</p> <p>Paierau Road [127] The stopbanks upstream of the Paierau Road Bridge overtop frequently, and the road subsequently floods. This is compounded by the northern approach to the Paierau Road Bridge which doesn't provide clear visibility of flood prone area to someone approaching at speed.</p> <p>Houses [129] Houses on the left bank are located within the erosion study area. No currently management issues exist.</p>
HIGH	



North Masterton – Reach 12

Response

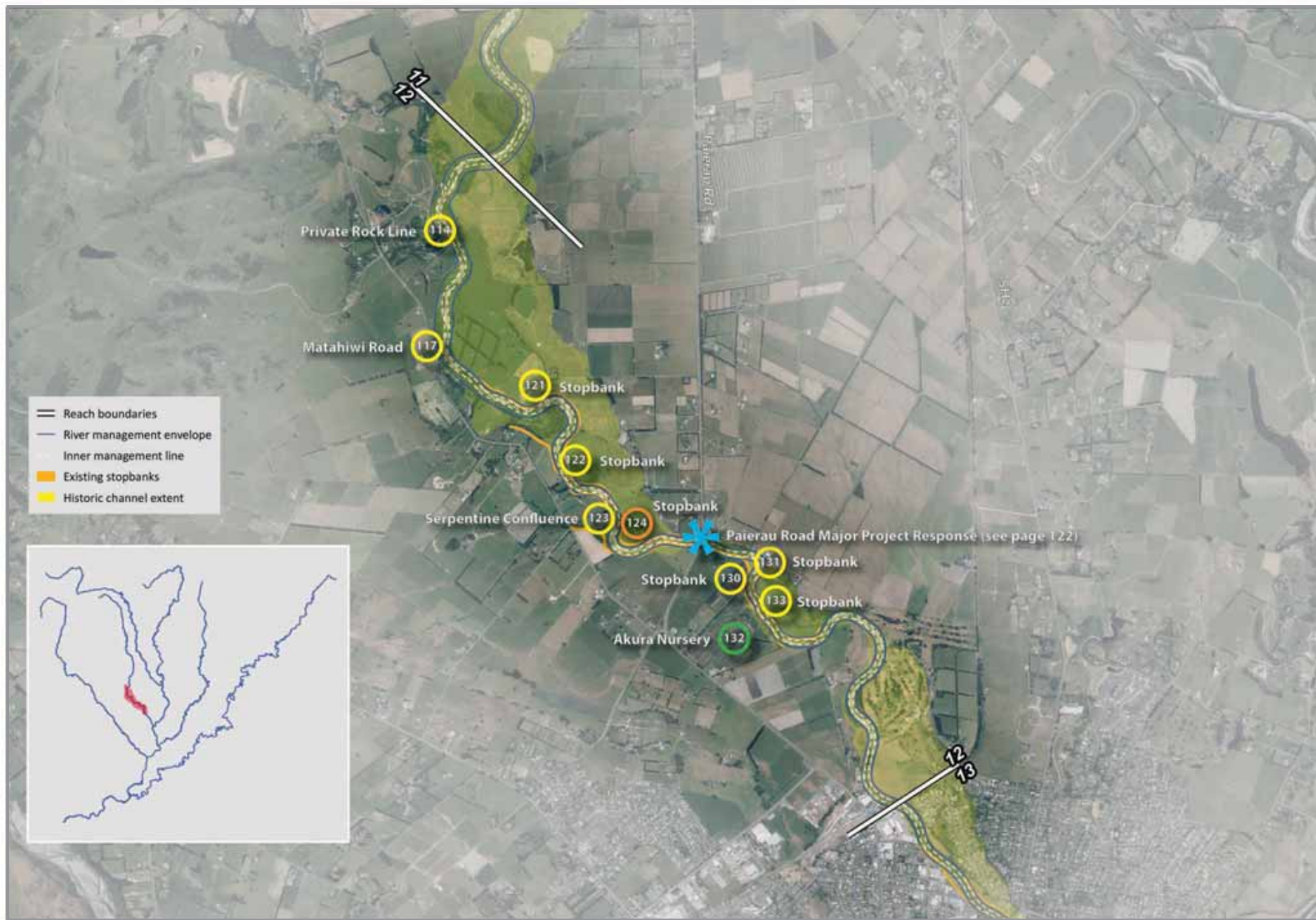
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Reach Specific Responses

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					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	114	Private rock line		Formalise GWRC maintenance for the site and confirm ownership			GWRC	Landowner	Low
	132	Akura Nursery	Emergency management	Inform landowner of the potential risk			GWRC		Low
	117	Matahiwi Road	River management	Inform Akura Nursery about the risks to the road		1%	MDC	GWRC	Low
	122, 124, 133, 131, 130, 121	Stopbanks	River management	Apply rural stopbank common method	Varies		GWRC	Landowner	Medium
	123	Serpentine confluence	River management	Apply bed level monitoring common method to identify the need for a control structure			GWRC		Medium
	COMMON METHODS	Entire reach	River management		River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffer, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers				
Entire reach		Planning and policy		Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
Entire reach		Emergency management		Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
Entire reach		Environmental enhancement		Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					

Stopbank Summary

ISSUE ID	NAME	CURRENT PURPOSE	LENGTH OF STOPBANK (M)	LENGTH INSIDE BUFFER ZONE (M)	CONDITION RATING (2016)		CRITICALITY	BENEFITING WHOM? (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE MULTIPLE, PUBLIC, OTHER)	LEVEL OF PROTECTION (AEP)	OTHER ISSUES	FMP DIRECTION	FMP PRIORITY
					(GOOD)	(POOR)						
121	Matahiwi to Serpentine	Flood protection to multiple properties and public road up to around 5-10% AEP	1,150	580	Ranges from 2 - 4		Med	Private multiple/Public Road	20-10%	Trees in stopbanks	Re-align stopbank where it sits within buffer. May be a retreat scenario in reaction to flood events.	Medium
130, 124	Serpentine to Paierau	Flood protection to multiple properties and public road up to around 5-10% AEP	1,000	630	Ranges 2 - 3		Med	Private multiple/Public Road	c20-10%	Vegetation/trees in stopbank	Re-align stopbank where it sits within buffer. May be a retreat scenario in reaction to flood events.	Medium
122	Left Bank to Paierau	Preventing course change? Protecting around 55ha of productive land from flooding up to a 5% AEP	2,400	980	2		Low	Individual landowners	20-10%		Designation of land along preferred alignment (priority). Continue existing asset management until unviable (TBC at later date).	Medium
131	Akura	Preventing course change? Protecting around 40ha of productive land from flooding up to a 5% AEP	1,050	645	3		Low	Individual landowners	20-10%	Vegetation/trees in stopbank	Designation of land along preferred alignment (priority). Continue existing asset management until unviable (criteria TBC).	Medium
133	Left Bank Akura	Preventing course change? Protecting around 10ha of productive land from flooding up to a 5% AEP	900	800	2		Low	Individual landowner	20-10%		Initial FMP implementation; continue existing asset management. Long-term implementation; explore legacy asset partial abandonment/isolated works.	Medium



RESPONSES - Reach 12: North Masterton



Major Project Response: Paierau Road

The issue

The southern approach to Paierau Road Bridge is inundated to a depth of approximately 0.5m in a 20% AEP flood and up to 1.0m in a 1% AEP flood. Traffic approaching from the north has a maximum sight distance of approximately 100m, which is considered insufficient within a 100km/hr speed limit zone. Masterton District Council currently operates a road closure procedure but this has limited lead time as there is currently no rainfall-based flood forecasting used for emergency notifications. It is proposed to provide permanent warning signs at this site as well as improved road closure warnings to ensure the road is closed before it is significantly inundated.

Opportunities

The response provides improved warning for drivers and will ensure the road is closed in a timely fashion to avoid the risk of a vehicle hitting the deep flowing water at high speed.

Relationship with common methods

The southern approach is inundated due to the low-level rural stopbanks overtopping upstream of Paierau Road (Issue ID 127). These stopbanks are considered to provide an adequate level of protection in line with the Rural Stopbanks Policy provided for in the common methods. It is noted that within this reach there are sections of stopbank within the buffers which could be retreated, particularly in response to a flood related failure. This is also referred to in the Stopbank Assessment Rating Priority Table – Stopbank ID 124 Serpentine to Paierau.

The capacity of the bridge is also noted as a factor that contributes to the frequency of the road flooding (Issue ID 126). It is not considered cost effective or consistent with the visions and aims of this FMP to enlarge the channel and bridge and to increase the height of stopbanks in this reach to contain flood waters.

Description

General

Permanent warning signs “Road May Flood” to be added the northern and southern approaches and an improved warning system for road closures developed based on rainfall triggers.

Costs - \$20,000 (\$10,000 new signs, \$5,000 improved warning system + \$5,000 contingency)

Implications

Traffic will be diverted when road is inundated resulting in longer travel times.

Priority

Medium

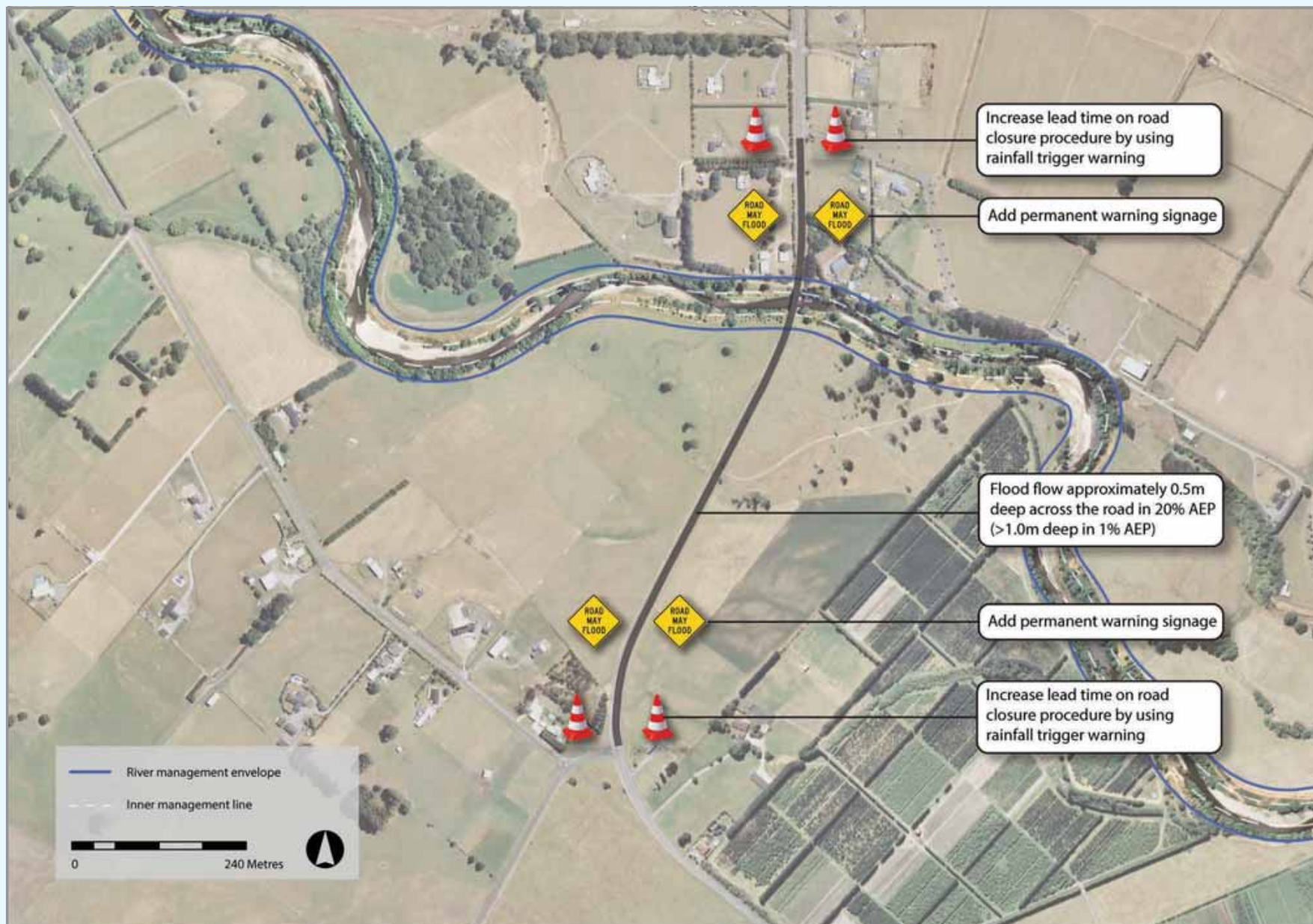
Level of Service

Currently a warning is provided to MDC Roothing Engineer based on 20% AEP flood being exceeded at the Mikimiki flow recorder on the upper Waipoua River. This provides 90 minutes for contractors to mobilise and establish manned road closures at Loopline and Matahiwi Road. A rainfall based warning could potentially increase this warning time to 2.5 hours providing greater certainty of completing road closure before the road becomes innundated.



Paierau Road Bridge

REFERENCE NUMBER	MANAGEMENT MEASURE	CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	THREATS TO CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE	PRIMARY REASON FOR RESPONSE	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
127	Permanent warning signs and improved flood forecasting	90 minute warning from Mikimiki	Risk of not responding in time	Road closure completed prior to inundation in 20% AEP event	To increase the safety of road users by providing permanent warning signs and increasing lead time for road closure to 2.5 hours	MDC/GWRC	Medium	\$20,000	Capital funding TBC



Paierau Road

Urban Masterton - Reach 13

The following sections describe the character and values, current flood and erosion issues, responses to known flood and erosion issues (including existing river maintenance activities), and the key floodplain management aims and outcomes sought in relation to the Masterton urban reach - Reach 13. A staged approach to the flood risks in the urban reach is noted on page 132. Stage 1 of the approach "Investigations and Option Consideration" is set out on page 133. Subsequent stages will be determined upon completion of Stage 1 and are not detailed.

This information should be considered in conjunction with adjoining rural reaches within the Waipoua River including North Masterton – Reach 12, given the inter-related nature of the flooding issues through this area, as well as Reach 5 of the Ruamāhanga River.

Character

The Masterton urban reach extends from where the railway line crosses the Waipoua River within north Masterton, to the confluence of the Waipoua River and the Ruamāhanga River to the south-east of Masterton.

The river bisects the majority of the township of Masterton, primarily on the southern bank, from Lansdowne on the northern bank. The river through this area has undergone substantial modification in the past through historic straightening and flood control works. It does, however, retain green space along its corridor formed by a number of parks and a scattering of vegetation.

Key Characteristics:

- Accessible green corridor including pedestrian pathways through urban area
- Mixed willow and amenity planting providing shading and enclosure

Values

Due to its proximity to Masterton, this reach contains many values and associations with the adjoining community. Masterton itself is the largest urban settlement in the Wairarapa and home to more than 20,000 people.

Much of the river corridor has been modified, with stopbanks incorporating stone pitching common throughout this area, in association with bed control weirs and erosion protection structures around the rail and road bridges. Vegetation along this reach includes a mix of native and exotic vegetation typical of urban parks and forms a green band through the town which adjoins larger open space areas including Queen Elizabeth Park. Wetland areas have also been reinstated on the northern bank within Henley Lake Park.

Its proximity to Masterton also brings with it many recreational uses common to urban centres. It forms a linear park, and jogging, walking and dog walking, fishing, cycling and swimming are all carried out to varying degrees within the reach. Queen Elizabeth Park and Henley Lake Park are adjacent to this reach and are the location for a range of water-based and land-based recreation activities. The reach also provides a corridor for fish passage to the northern reaches of the Waipoua River, with angling access providing popular fishing opportunities in several areas.

Whilst much of this reach has been modified, terrestrial habitat with identified ecological values which do occur in this area include mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefields and boulderfields and natural wetlands and ponds.

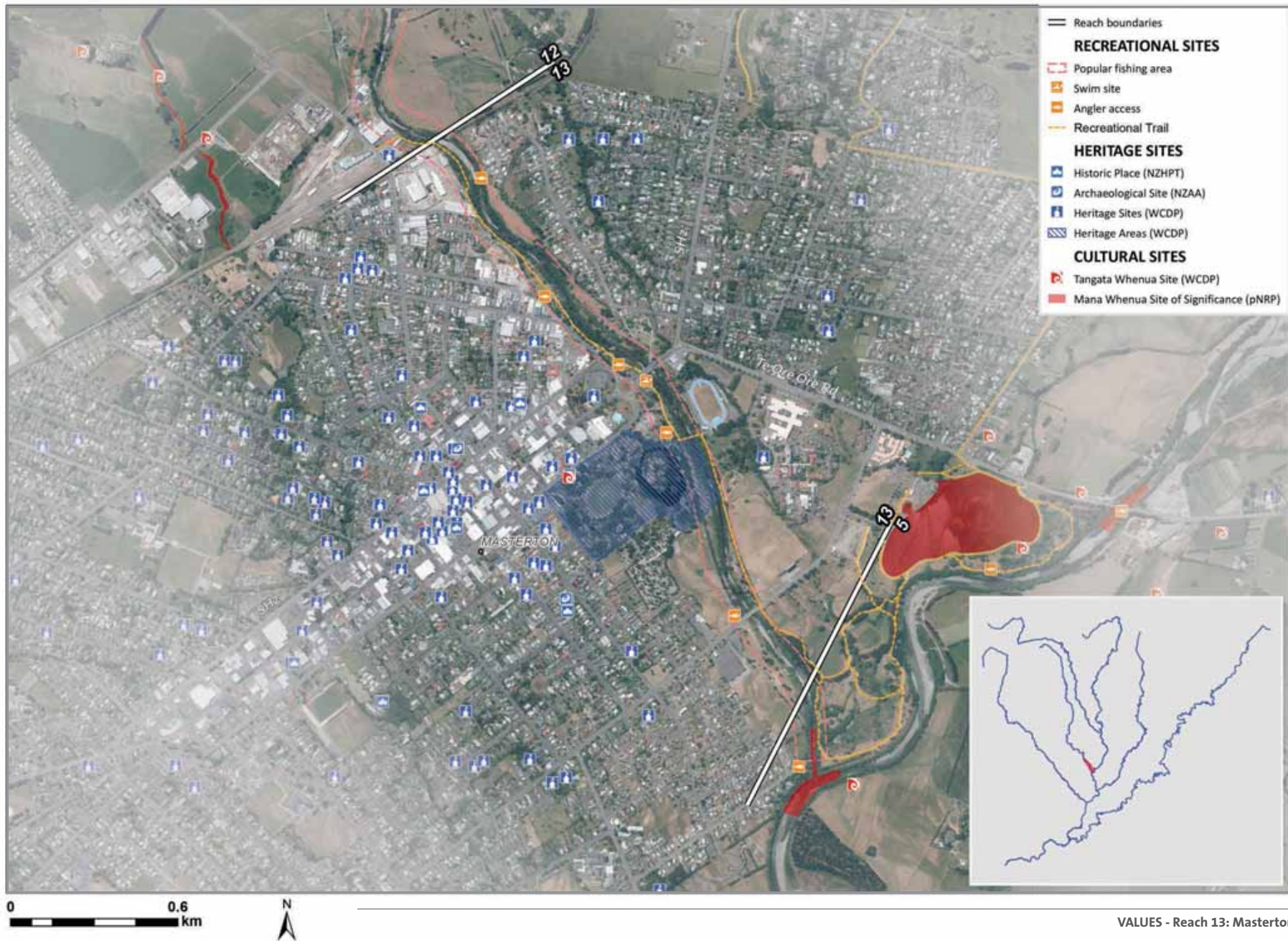
Prior to Masterton being founded it was a site of Maori settlement and many locations of cultural value exist on the floodplains and within the river. Important sites have been identified at the confluence and a number of pā, settlements and adjacent sites associated with community activities exist throughout and adjacent to this reach. The main pā was Kaikokirikiri Pā, which is located in the vicinity of Mahunga Golf Course, and its proximity to the Waipoua River indicates the significance of this area.

A number of heritage sites are also associated with European settlement in Masterton and include the building façade at 4 Queen Street and Queen Elizabeth Park which forms part of a wider heritage precinct to the south of Dixon Street.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- Work with the community in the area of the urban reach to assess and reduce their vulnerability to flooding.
- Protect the Masterton community to 1% AEP flood including climate change level of service.
- Manage the residual flood risks to Masterton (the risk of a larger flood or failure of protection measures).
- Raise the awareness of flood risks.
- The infrastructure relied on by the Masterton community should be safe and efficiently protected from flooding impacts.
- Work with the infrastructure owners of State Highway 2 and Colombo Road Bridges and the rail bridge to ensure their continued security and operation.
- The maintenance and improvement of recreation facilities along the Waipoua River adjacent to Masterton and encompassing Henley Lake Park.
- Maintenance or improvement in the water quality within this reach, with particular regard for contact recreation.
- Maintenance or improvement to environmental value and habitat diversity.
- Work toward enhancing the identity of Masterton and its connection to the waterways in its vicinity.
- Explore opportunities to maintain or improve kayaking opportunities on the Waipoua River as the result of any structural upgrade works.
- Improvements in the opportunities for the Masterton community to engage with the river, including recreation trails for walking, cycling and nature play.
- Improved safety for recreation within this reach.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium / High	Medium	Angler access, popular fishing area, swimming, walking and cycling	Building Facade - 4 Queen Street, Queen Elizabeth Park (WCDP)	Historic house site	Rural (Special), Road, River, Residential, Industrial, Railway, Commercial, Flood Protection and Mitigation, Recreation, Cemetery, Electricity Distribution, State Highway	Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



Urban Masterton – Reach 13

Flood and Erosion Issues

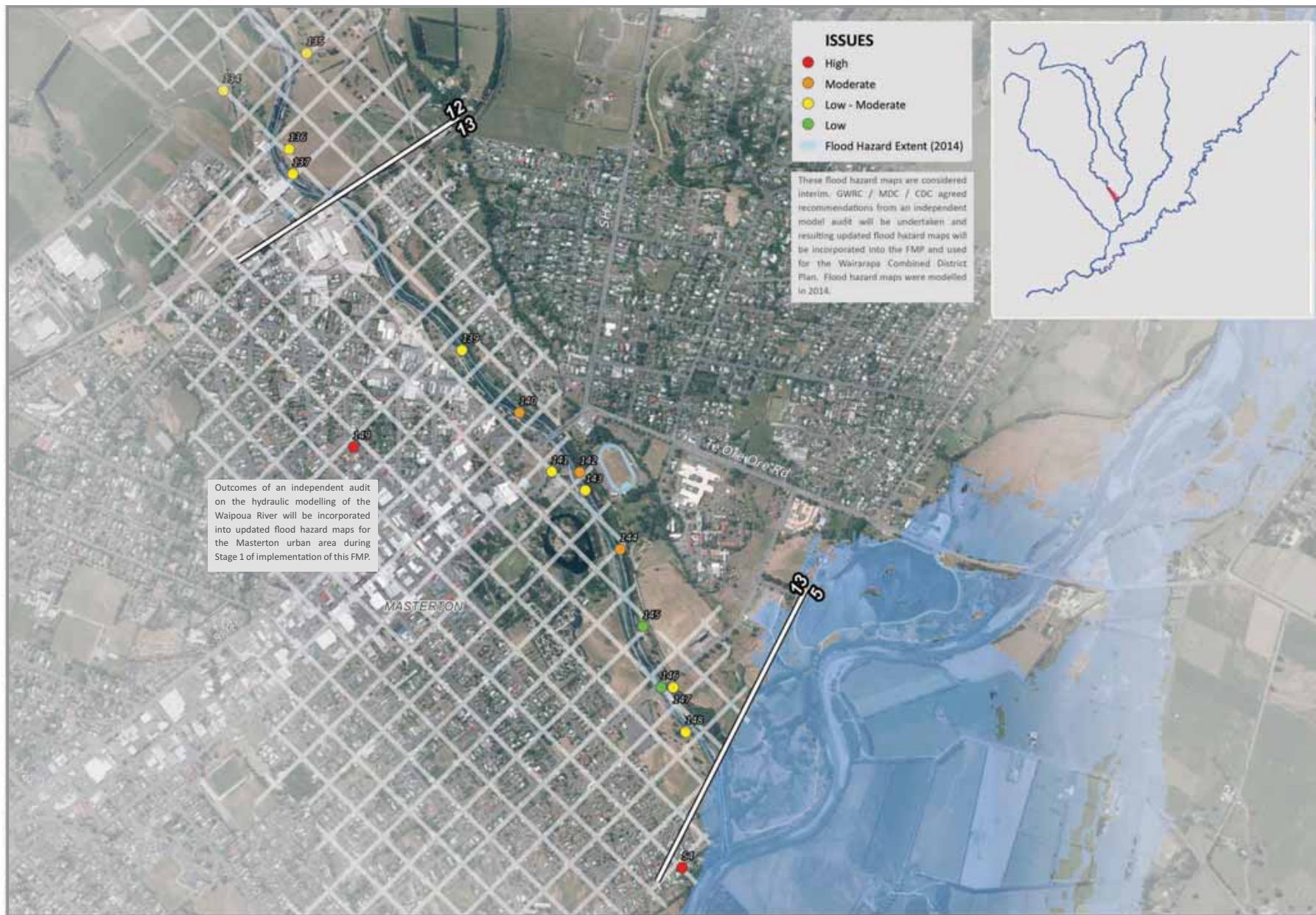
There are a number of key issues relating to flooding and erosion hazards within the urban reach of the Waipoua River through Masterton. Flood studies including climate change impacts have identified the potential for flood risk to some of the Masterton urban area. There is a variability between the studies about the scale and extent of this risk, and therefore further work is being completed by GWRC, MDC and CDC to provide greater certainty. Further to this, the condition and integrity of the existing stopbanks within the urban reach are not well understood and may not be able to be relied upon to perform during flood events due to breach and seepage risks. A breach failure could occur in an event less frequent than a 1% AEP and result in more significant flooding depths with less warning time.

The level of flood hazard in the Masterton urban area is expected to increase in the future, as the effects of climate change lead to larger and more frequent flooding events. Flood hazard maps will be updated to incorporate the outcomes of the independent model audit through Stage 1, as detailed on page 133.

A total of 16 specific flood and erosion issues have been identified within Masterton's urban reach and the adjoining areas of the Waipoua and Ruamāhanga Rivers. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

The flood and erosion issues (and management responses) for Reach 13 are closely linked to the issues (and responses) identified for the wider Waipoua and Ruamāhanga catchment of this FMP in Part 2. Some of the issues identified for North Masterton (Reach 12 of the Waipoua – [134,135,136 & 137]) and Te Ore Ore to Waingawa (Reach 5 of the Ruamāhanga – [54]) are included in this section as they are particularly relevant to the Masterton urban reach. For completeness and to ensure integration, these are incorporated into the issues below (and the Major Project Response) for the urban reach.

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Lansdowne sewer siphon [146] The Lansdowne sewer siphon crosses the river adjacent to the Colombo Road Bridge. This structure is at risk of damage in high flow events, and it sits within the erosion study area.</p> <p>Irrigation water intake [145] The irrigation water intake for the rugby grounds on the northern bank of the Waipoua River is located within the erosion study area. Any changes in bed level would also potentially impact on the functionality of this intake.</p>
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Houses [134] Houses are located within the modelled 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Mahunga Golf Course [135] The golf course is located within the modelled 1% AEP flood extent and the erosion study area. Areas of the golf course have eroded in the past.</p> <p>Design channel alignment [137, 148, 143] The design channel alignments for the Waipoua River stop before reaching Colombo Road Bridge. This leaves an approximately 800m length of river which flows through Masterton without a defined river corridor and management fairway, used as the current management technique for the rivers. This creates management challenges due to a lack of guidance for river engineers.</p> <p>Sewer lines [141] On both banks of the Waipoua, main sewer lines run underground between the stopbanks and the river channel. Their location puts them within the erosion study extents of the Waipoua River and would need to be considered during any significant update to the stopbanks.</p> <p>Emergency sewer discharge point [147] There is an emergency sewer discharge point located downstream of the Colombo Road Bridge. This structure sits within the erosion study area.</p> <p>Stopbank issues [139] The current Masterton stopbanks are located in relatively close proximity to the main channel of the Waipoua River. This location puts them within the erosion study area which was derived from both modelled and historic erosion extents. The stopbanks have a number of known low spots that may have occurred through localised settlement, however there are a number of other points where the stopbanks have been deliberately lowered to improve access for mowing or maintenance of parks and reserves. The geotechnical condition of the stopbanks has been assessed as poor, with further investigation required to better determine to structural integrity of the stopbanks. There is also an old landfill site in this location (Villa Street Landfill) which needs to be considered for erosion risk and noted during any investigation or upgrades to stopbanks.</p> <p>Channel narrowing [136] The river channel becomes more confined as it approaches the railway bridge upstream of Masterton. The channel at the Railway Bridge is highly constricted, which limits the amount of flow that can pass under the bridge and into the Masterton reach. This causes modelled upstream flooding of Mahunga Golf Course [issue 135] and properties on the western bank of the river.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Bed control weirs [140, 142, 144] There are a number of bed level control weirs along the length of the Waipoua within the Masterton reach. These weirs retain the bed level through this straightened section of the river and counter the degradation process which would otherwise occur. The weirs themselves are at risk of damage during high flow events, and failure of them would lead to a decrease in river bed level and undermining of the banks which also has potential to threaten the stopbanks. Current maintenance responsibility for the weirs is not well defined. Historically additional weirs had been created during summer months to create swimming holes, however this practice has dwindled, although their existence is remembered fondly by many Masterton residents.</p>
HIGH	<p>River Road properties [54] 14 River Road properties sit within the erosion study area. This erosion affect was observed in the 1998 floods where parts of some of these property sections started to erode into the river. This erosion is currently managed by a series of heavy rock groynes; however, this requires ongoing maintenance and management.</p> <p>Flooding in Masterton [149] – Future 1% AEP flood hazard, including an allowance for climate change and modelling uncertainties Flood studies including climate change impacts have identified the potential for flood risk to some of the Masterton urban area. There is a variability between the studies about the scale and extent of this risk, and therefore further work is being completed by GWRC, MDC and CDC to provide greater certainty about these risks. Further to this, the condition and integrity of the existing stopbanks within the urban reach are not well understood and may not be able to be relied upon to perform during flood events due to breach and seepage risks. A breach failure could occur in an event less frequent than a 1% AEP and result in more significant flooding depths with less warning time.</p>



ISSUES – Reach 13: Masterton & overlaps with Reach 12 and 5 issues combined with flood hazard extent

Urban Masterton – Reach 13

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to the Masterton urban reach (Reach 13), including related parts of Reach 12 (North Masterton), are set out below. The relevant common methods used to address specific issues are listed in Appendix 5.

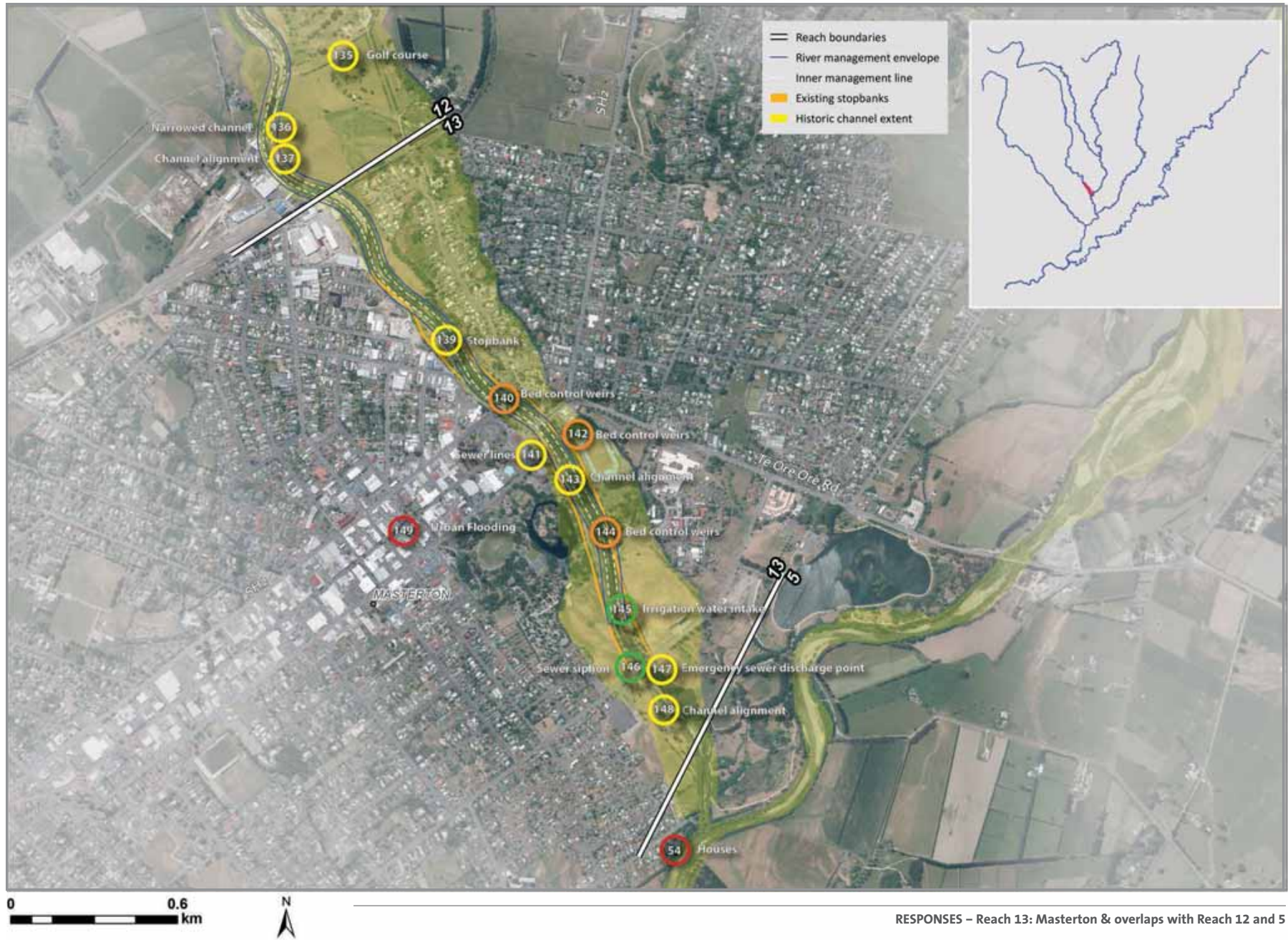
The response that has been developed to address the identified flood and erosion issues affecting Masterton is best described as a comprehensive Major Project Response. The response is to be phased over five stages in order to address

the identified flood and erosion issues in an efficient, effective and affordable way, and to respond to future climate change issues.

Note: The identified erosion issues associated with properties along River Road [54] are addressed by the 'River Road' Major Project Response (detailed on page 78) and have been considered in developing responses through Masterton's urban reach.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY	
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY		
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	146	Lansdowne sewer siphon	River management	Provide continued advice and support to MDC with regard to operation of the sewer siphon infrastructure. Continue to provide erosion protection to the siphon.			MDC	GWRC	Low	
	145	Irrigation water intake	River management	River management envelopes will contribute to security of private water takes. Private water takes will have low risk of damage up to a 20% AEP event. Damage to structures is more likely up to a 5% AEP event. Communicate risk to landowner.		20%	Landowner	GWRC	Low	
	134	Houses	Planning and policy	Inform landowners of potential risk.			Landowner	GWRC	Low to moderate	
	141	Sewer lines	River Management	Work with MDC to improve security of the Masterton sewer lines and consider implications during any significant update to the stopbanks.			MDC	GWRC	Low to moderate	
	147	Emergency sewer discharge point	River Management	Provide continued advice and support to MDC with regard to operation of the emergency sewer discharge point and infrastructure. Continue to provide erosion protection to the emergency sewer discharge point.			MDC	GWRC	Low to moderate	
	137 148 143	Design channel alignment	River Management	Design lines to be extended to the confluence of the Ruamāhanga River. Apply bed level monitoring and river management envelope common methods to manage channel alignment.			GWRC		Low to moderate	
	135	Mahunga Golf Course	Planning and policy	Inform landowner of potential risk.			Landowner	GWRC	Low	
	136	Channel narrowing	River Management	Apply bed level monitoring and river management envelope common methods to monitor channel width. This issue is also addressed in the Major Project Response on pages 131-133.			GWRC		Low to moderate	
	139	Stopbank issues	Structural	Provide continued advice and support to MDC with regard to the need for additional stopbanks and upgrades to existing stopbanks This issue is addressed in the Major Project Response on pages 131-133.	1% AEP	1% AEP + CC improvements	GWRC		Low to moderate	
	140 142 144	Bed control weirs	River Management	Apply bed level monitoring and river management envelope common methods to identify any maintenance required.			GWRC		Moderate	
	149	Flooding in Masterton	Structural	Work with MDC and a Waipoua Urban River Management Group to assess and address the flood risk to Masterton.			MDC	GWRC	Low to moderate	
	54	River Road properties	River Management	Provide information to property owners regarding potential erosion and flood risk. Provide advice and support. This issue is also addressed in the Major Project Responses for Reach 5 of the Ruamāhanga.			MDC	GWRC	Moderate	
	COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	Code of Practice, river management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, mixed riparian planting with buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffers, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
			Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, designations, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, river management access, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system						
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs						



RESPONSES – Reach 13: Masterton & overlaps with Reach 12 and 5

Stopbank Summary

ISSUE ID	NAME	CURRENT PURPOSE	LENGTH OF STOPBANK (M)	LENGTH INSIDE BUFFER ZONE (M)	CONDITION RATING (2016) (GOOD/1/2/3/4/5 POOR)	CRITICALITY	BENEFITING WHOM? (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE MULTIPLE, PUBLIC, OTHER)	LEVEL OF PROTECTION (AEP)	OTHER ISSUES	FMP DIRECTION	FMP PRIORITY
139	Oxford St	Protects residential properties up to ~2% AEP and Mawley Park from a 10% AEP flood	425	220	Ranges 2 - 4	High	Masterton – Residential/ Recreational	10-2%	Nil	Rebuild and extend within the next 5-10 years up to 1% AEP height. Raise height in the future to allow to effects of climate change	High
139	Railway Crescent to Villa Street	Protects urban Masterton from flooding up to ~1% AEP	220	130	4	High	Masterton urban area – Industrial/Commercial/ Residential	2-1%	Overgrown with vegetation, uneven and of questionable quality	Rebuild and extend within the next 5-10 years up to 1% AEP height. Raise height in the future to allow to effects of climate change	High
139	Queen Elizabeth Park	Protects community recreational facilities from flooding up to < 1% AEP	930	250	Ranges 2 - 3	High	Masterton – Residential/ Recreational	2-1%	Vegetation/ trees in stopbank	Rebuild and extend within the next 5-10 years up to 1% AEP height. Raise height in the future to allow to effects of climate change	High
139	Colin Pugh Sports Bowl	Protects urban Masterton from flooding up to < 1% AEP	930	0	Ranges 2 - 4	Med	Community recreational assets	1%	Vegetation/ trees in stopbank	Rebuild and increase height in the future to allow for the effects of climate change	Low



Major Project Response: Urban Waipoua

The issue

This response will provide protection to Masterton from a 1% AEP flood event and has the potential to be adapted in the future to include the effects of climate change. The staged approach that is outlined will allow the understanding of the current and future risks to be refined, as well as enable communication and engagement with the community to raise awareness of the flood hazard and to better prepare those who could be affected by flooding hazards.

Future land-use changes have the potential to reduce the risk in flood prone areas and could be designed to future-proof the river corridor and surrounding area. Making changes within the catchment, for example planting, the introduction of wetlands and increasing the floodplain, may also help improve flooding issues.

Integration of the Urban Reach with the Wider FMP

The urban reach of the Waipoua River (Reach 13) cannot be considered in isolation from the upper reaches of the Waipoua River (particularly Reach 12, North Masterton) or the confluence with the Ruamāhanga River.

Investigations have shown that inundation of the floodplain upstream of the urban area reduces the flood flows through Masterton and reduces risk of spills over the stopbanks. Conversely, flooding from Reach 12 (North Masterton) flows overland to the urban area and increases the flood risk.

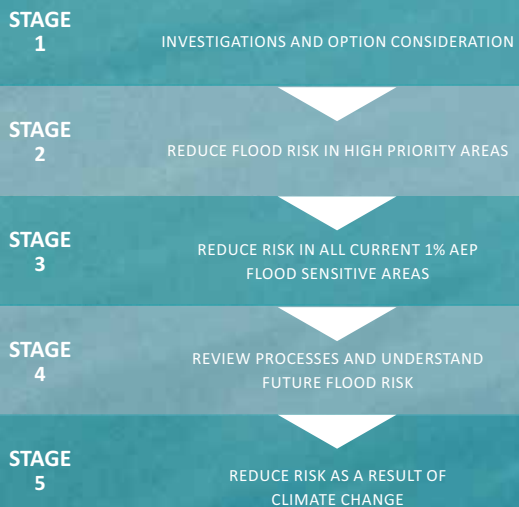
Downstream, at the confluence of the two rivers, the Ruamāhanga River level may impact the downstream end of the Waipoua River and contribute to flooding.

The development of suitable floodplain management options therefore includes understanding the impact of anticipated changes across the wider Te Kāuru catchment including changes which will occur as a result of common methods and major project responses as set out in Parts 1 and 2 of this FMP.

The following responses in other reaches have specific potential to influence how responses are implemented within Masterton's urban reach:

- 1 Any work done upstream of the urban reach, in Reaches 9 to 12 of the Waipoua River, to attenuate the flood flows. This includes installation of managed wetlands, small on-farm storage, and the slowing down of the overland flow through bunds or increased vegetation.
- 2 Any work done in the upper catchment for erosion management measures, such as bank protection, that may change the characteristics of the river and the flooding.
- 3 Any development undertaken upstream, not only within the predicted flood extent area, but any large development within the catchment that would increase surface water runoff and change the catchment characteristics significantly. This includes controlling industrial and residential development or ensuring development does not allow excess stormwater to reach the Waipoua River at a greater rate than current.
- 4 Implementation of a flood warning system for Paierau Road (Reach 12). Understanding how the flood warning process will be implemented at Paierau Road relates to any flood warning that could be used for the urban reach. The road floods in lower return period events and therefore may not be directly related to flooding from spills from the urban reach, however the information is likely to be useful and particularly relevant to the properties at risk of flooding from the overland flow from the upstream reaches.
- 5 The impacts of realigning the Ruamāhanga River and installing rock groynes immediately downstream of the confluence with the Waipoua River (Reach 5 of the Ruamāhanga River) as a Major Project Response to mitigate the erosion risk at River Road (refer page 78). This location is also at risk of flooding and changes to this reach of the Ruamāhanga River may alter the risk and flooding mechanisms at this location.

These considerations have the potential to impact the timing of the initiation of any structural options, interventions, and affect the scale of works required in the Masterton urban reach. These responses should all therefore be monitored as part of the long-term solution in this FMP.



Staged Approach

A staged approach is outlined for the urban reach of the Waipoua River. At the end of each stage an assessment will be made as to whether to proceed to the next stage and what the scope of that stage will be.

There is uncertainty with managing future flood risk. A staged approach remains adaptable as new information is obtained, and the effectiveness of initial stages is reviewed. As further understanding becomes available, responses can be adapted as complementary solutions to manage any residual risk or risk over and above protection afforded under the agreed level of service.

The staging of responses is set out to the left.

Stage 1 of the approach “Investigations and Option Consideration” is set out on page 133. Subsequent stages will be determined upon completion of Stage 1 and are not detailed.

Costs and Timing

The estimated costs for Stage 1 of this Major Project Response is \$350,000. The timeframe for completion of Stage 1 is two years.

Priority

Stage 1 of this response is classified as of high importance and high priority.

Level of Service

A 1% AEP level of service is initially proposed for the entire urban reach, with allowance for increases in the future to allow for the effects of climate change and uncertainties in the model.

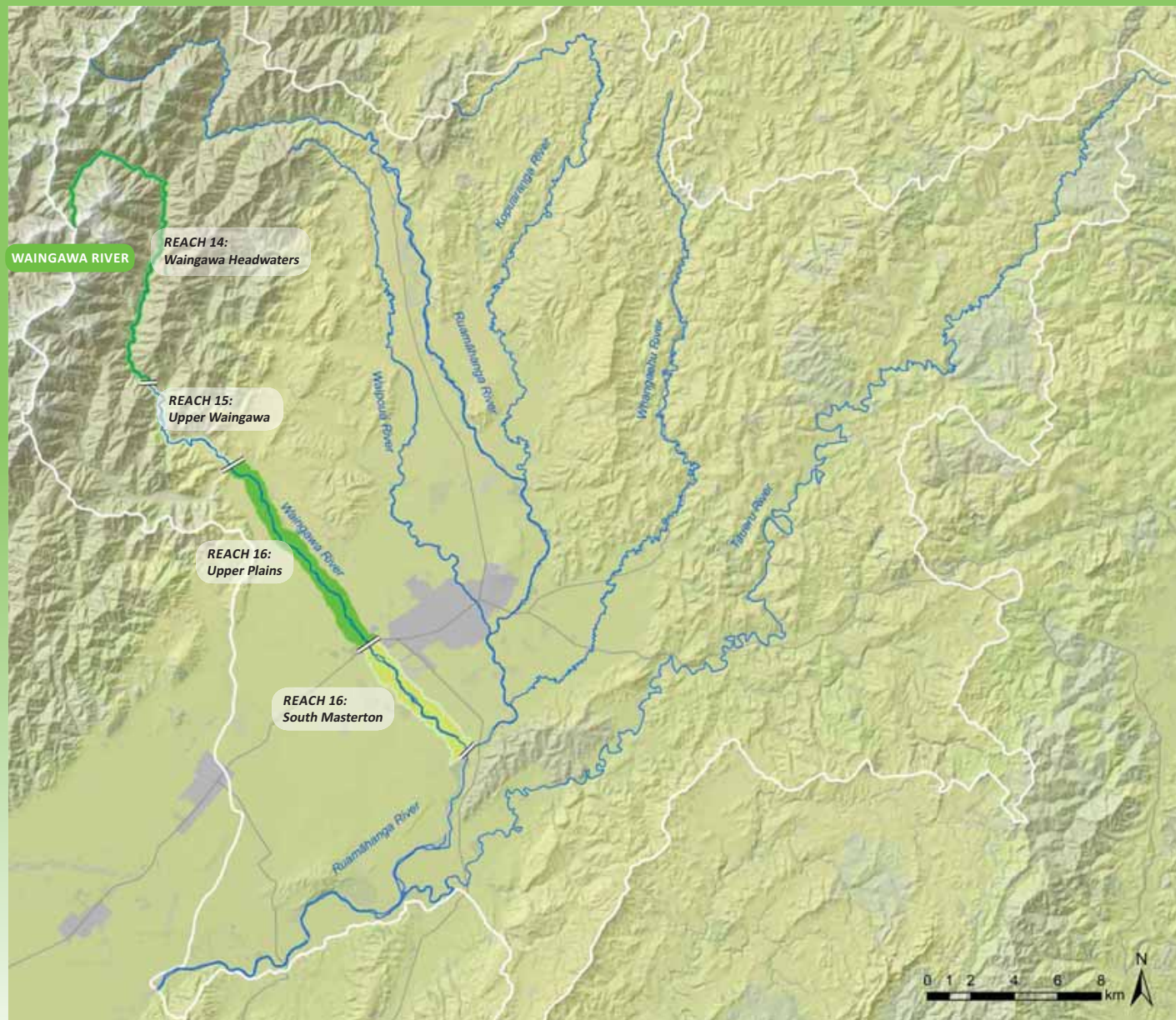
Stage 1: Investigations and Option Consideration

The purpose of Stage 1 is to investigate the condition of existing assets (such as stopbanks) and further understand the risk of flooding in the urban reach. Following this, various designs for Stages 2 and 3 will be considered, in conjunction with the local community, to ensure a sustainable and affordable outcome. This stage is expected to take up to two years.

To achieve this, the following actions will be undertaken:

- Complete geotechnical investigations**
 A better understanding of the condition and structural integrity of existing stopbanks is required before detailed designs can be completed. This can be gained through geotechnical investigations. These investigations will also be used to assess the soil and geology of the surrounding river environment to determine if it can be utilised to construct new stopbanks or for up-grades to the existing ones.
- Update flood hazard maps to incorporate the best information available**
 Outcomes of the independent audit on the hydraulic modelling of the Waipoua River will be incorporated into updated flood hazard maps for the Masterton urban area. Other information will also be gathered, such as building floor levels of properties in the flood zone and better flow records to build on existing data. Any additional information from the community and any other sources will also be incorporated during this stage to ensure the best information is being used and the best outcome for the community is sought. It is envisaged that this information will be obtained collaboratively with the community through a Waipoua Urban River Management Group.
- Develop the design of preferred options in conjunction with the community**
 Once a more detailed understanding of the existing stopbanks, flood hazard, and the surrounding environment is gained, specific options for managing the risk can be developed. Options regarding the specific locations of stopbanks, the levels of service any new stopbanks will provide, timings, costs, and design will all need to be considered through this development. This work shall consider opportunities to improve recreation, environmental and cultural values in tandem with the Environmental Strategy. It is envisaged that the options and opportunities will be assessed through a collaborate process with a Waipoua Urban River Management Group, the community, MDC and GWRC.
- Community preparedness**
 Work with the community to ensure they are resilient to both the current and future flood risk. This will involve raising awareness of the current and future flood risk through education, as well as promoting community preparedness and the development of emergency response plans.
- Land use change, land purchase and other regulatory processes**
 Land use within the upper catchment will be considered during this stage. In particular, this covers the encouragement of wetlands in the upper reaches of the Waipoua River for environmental benefits and to help attenuate a flood peak.
 While land purchase is not currently expected, it may need to be reviewed through Stage 1 to ensure that the agreed level of service is provided to those in the flood zone.
 Planning restrictions will also need to be considered to ensure that the development within the river corridor and predicted flood sensitive areas are regulated, particularly in regard to building floor levels.





Waingawa River

8. Waingawa River

The Waingawa River flows from the Tararua Ranges into the Ruamāhanga River to the south of Masterton. The upper reaches of the river commence in the Tararua Forest Park and flow out onto the Wairarapa Plains from the confluence with the Atiwhakatu Stream near Kaituna.

The Waingawa River was known historically to change its course often. As the river moved and shifted across the plains, some sections of river channel were left isolated. Over time these isolated river channels developed into wetland areas. The name Waingawa stems from the name given by Haunui-a-Nanaia, 'Waiawangawanga' which means troubled or uncertain waters. Like many traditional names, the Waiawangawanga has been shortened to Waingawa for easy pronunciation.

Within the Upper Wairarapa Plains, the river widens to form a broad semi-braided form which follows a fairly direct alignment towards the Ruamāhanga River over a distance of approximately 17km. Here the bed of the river is typically contained by willow margins, with further pockets of remnant forest also retained on terraces which step from the river.

The Waingawa floodplain soils are formed from greywacke alluvial parent materials from the Tararua Ranges. Land use in the catchment is a mix of native forest in the upper catchment transitioning to a range of primary production activities within the Wairarapa Plains. The middle section of river also adjoins rural lifestyle development, and urban areas (Masterton) including the Hood Aerodrome.

Key recreational values include kayaking and wilderness fishing in the upper catchment, with much reduced amounts of these activities occurring downstream of the foothills (although kayakers are frequently seen in this area close to good vehicle access points where they can get out of the river). Jet boating is also noted as a recreational activity in the lower reaches.

The Waingawa River is an important ecological corridor. Of particular note is the Atiwhakatu Stream tributary, which is noted as a significant fish spawning area. Both rivers contribute to the diversity of fish species present in the study area, and are important for both native and exotic species. The Waingawa River is also the second of the important nesting sites for banded dotterels, and a number of other valued species have been recorded along the river including black shag, pied stilt, black billed gull, and NZ pipit.

The ecological value is reflected in its cultural values, which are linked to wetland areas that formed in cut off channels and old backwaters, becoming areas valued for mahinga kai. It is important to note that the mahinga kai value of the Waingawa River carries across to both Parkvale Stream and Booths Creek. Cultural relationships between these streams, the Waingawa River, the Mangatarere River and the Waiohine River, illustrate the intricacies and complex interconnectedness present within catchments.

General Issues

The Waingawa River is respected by people who live nearby as a high-energy river. This river is mostly entrenched within a fairly tight, naturally-confined floodplain. This means that much of the flooding – even in a large flood event – is contained by naturally-formed historic river terraces from where it enters the Wairarapa Plains until it joins the Ruamāhanga River near Te Whiti. The erosion risk, both modelled and observed, is of much greater concern. The energy of the river regularly reshapes its main channel, and after each flood event the bed of the river is scattered with the remains of trees and vegetation eroded from banks.

Areas of high value, healthy native forest, in the upper catchment of the Waingawa are exposed to flooding. On the narrow floodplain within the foothills, the land use is predominantly lifestyle properties and small holdings with some primary production activities. A small band of industrial processing and production activities is located adjacent to Masterton around the two bridges.

The Waingawa River also contains a number of locations where critical or high value infrastructure sits within or near to the active river corridor. These include the water supply intake and pipeline to Masterton, and the associated treatment plant. In addition, the Masterton-Wellington railway line and State Highway 2 cross the river near Masterton. The Hood Aerodrome runway has also been threatened by erosion risk on a number of occasions. Measurements of the land lost to erosion between 1941 and 2012 along the length of the river indicate that approximately 210ha of land which would not have previously been classified as river channel has been lost to erosion. In addition the Waingawa River creates challenges for the establishment of vegetated buffer areas due to its deeply cut channel with areas of vertical river bank.

Waingawa Headwaters – Reach 14

Character

The headwaters of the Waingawa River flow through the Tararua Forest Park. In this area the river passes through bush clad gullies with rock-lined gorges, narrow boulder gardens with rapids and pools extending a wilderness character along the course of the river.

Key Characteristics

Bush clad gullies

Rock-lined gorges and bolder gardens

Limited visible human presence

Values

The headwaters of the Waingawa flow through fenced and unfenced indigenous vegetation protected as part of the Department of Conservation Estate. Rock-lined gorges framed with native beech and podocarp forest exhibit very low levels of landscape modification with corresponding very high scenic value. The entirety of this reach is zoned Rural (Conservation) in the WCDP (2013).

Due to the underlying strong wilderness and scenic values, this reach has a number of popular walking and tramping tracks with huts, leading into the Tararua Ranges. Additionally, it sees use for wilderness fishing, and some grade 2+ kayaking along boulder gardens and sharp ends. Mitre Flats is a popular fishing and kayaking area along this reach of river with foot access only.

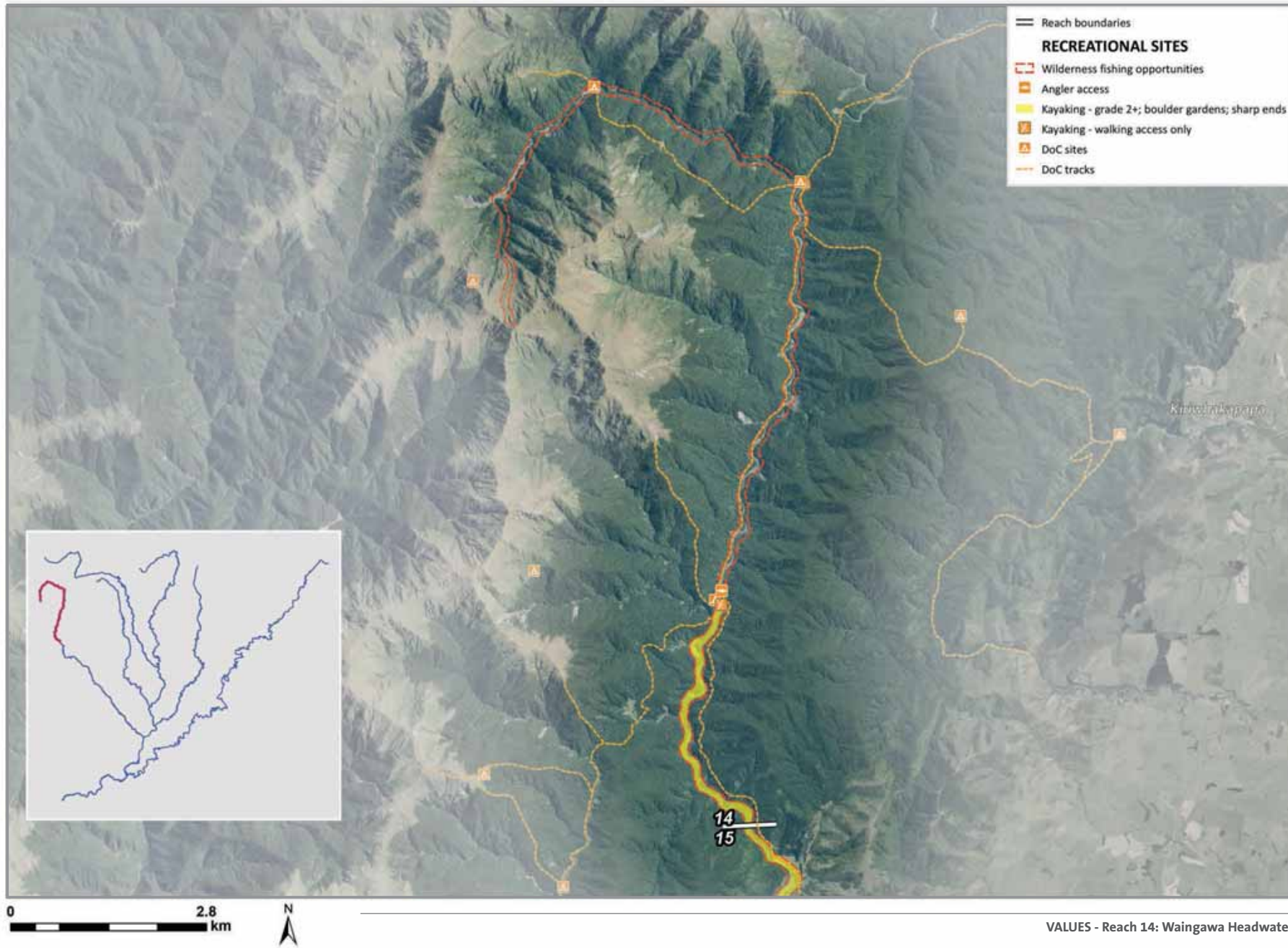
Key Floodplain Management Points

- Encourage continued recognition of the values and character of this reach.
- Support initiatives that aim to preserve or improve the natural values of this reach.

There is no intent to carry out any form of maintenance activity within this reach as part of this FMP. There are no specific flood and erosion issues identified for this reach.

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	Isolated works support, Code of Practice
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Protection against deforestation in upper catchment
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, flood forecasting and warning system
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Community Support Officer

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Very Low	Very High	Walking tracks and huts (DoC), angler access, wilderness fishing	-	-	Rural (Conservation), River	Fenced indigenous forest, Unfenced indigenous forest, Stonefield and boulderfield



Upper Waingawa – Reach 15

Character

The upper Waingawa River flows from the Tararua Ranges through an area of low lying foothills separating the headwaters from the wider Wairarapa Plains. As the river emerges from the Tararua Forest Park, the river begins to develop a semi-braided form dispersed between rock-lined gorges. The margins of the river continue a dominant cover of native vegetation separating the river from surrounding low intensity rural use. The valley floor associated with the river also includes increasing areas of rural lifestyle use.

Key Characteristics

Discrete semi-braided areas separated by narrowed rock gorges

Continuous bands of native vegetation framing the river margin

Recent rural lifestyle expansion along the valley floor in some areas

Values

This reach of the river is slightly more modified than the Waingawa headwaters which flow through Tararua Forest Park. Gorges with rapids and pools continue wilderness recreation opportunities along the course of the river against a backdrop of areas of native broadleaf plants. Where the river begins to widen, exotic shelter belts and pasture grassland become established along the river margins, with areas of rural lifestyle settlement also established along the lower parts of this reach. This has resulted in a low level of landscape modification overall and a retention of high scenic value.

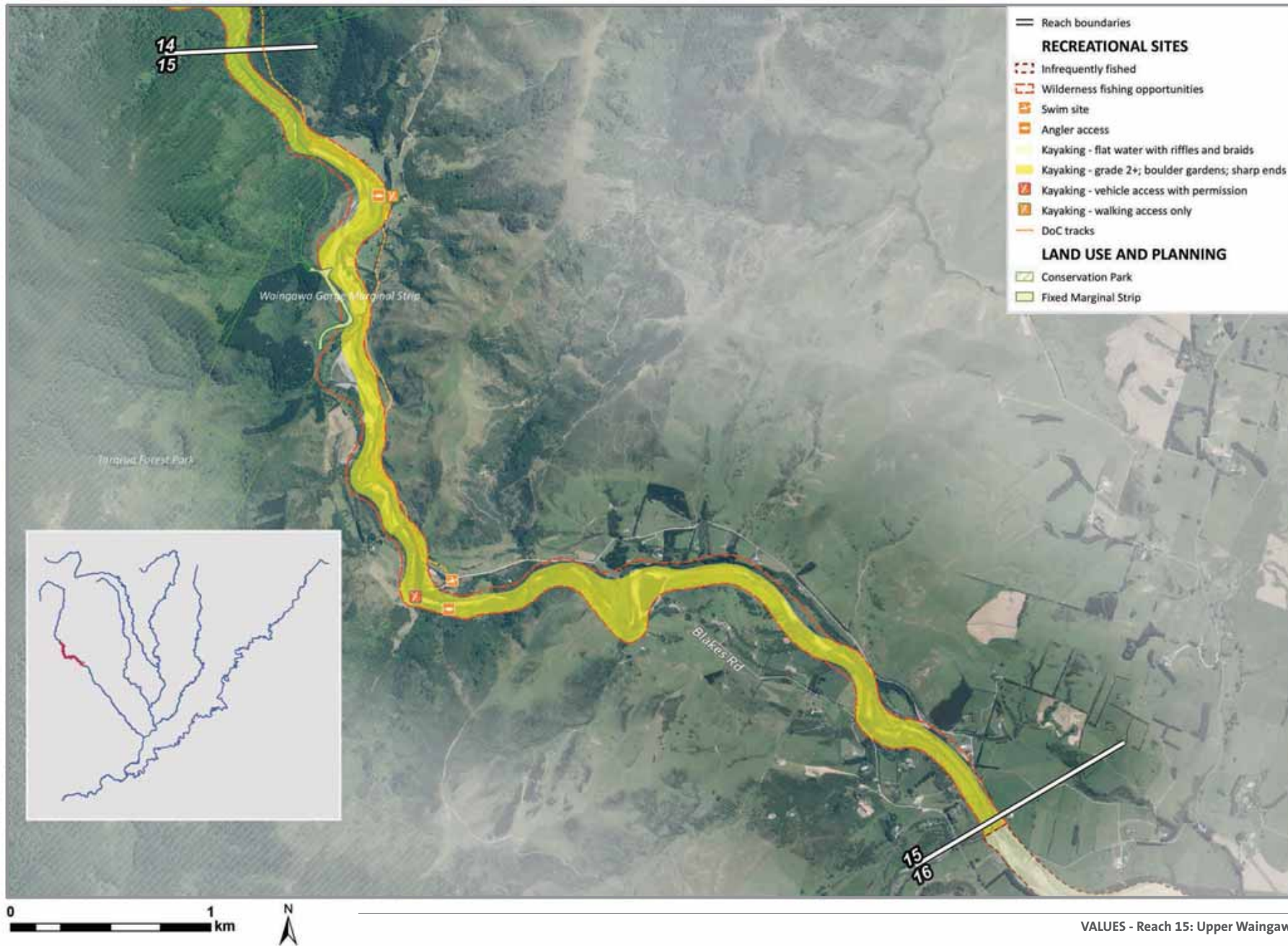
Walking tracks providing angler and kayak access continue from road ends occurring along this reach, with popular semi-wilderness recreation sites identified at the Blake Stream confluence and the Pines. The latter site also forms a popular swimming area at the end of Upper Waingawa Road.

Terrestrial habitats with identified ecological values along this reach include fenced indigenous forest, unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefields and boulderfields.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- Work with MDC to improve the security of the Masterton water supply, including intake, pipe crossing and pipeline.
- Apply isolated works policy for all maintenance works. No river scheme is established in this reach.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Low	High	Walking tracks (DoC), angler access, kayak access, swimming, kayaking, fishing	-	-	Rural (Conservation), Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Water Supply Intake	Fenced indigenous forest, Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields



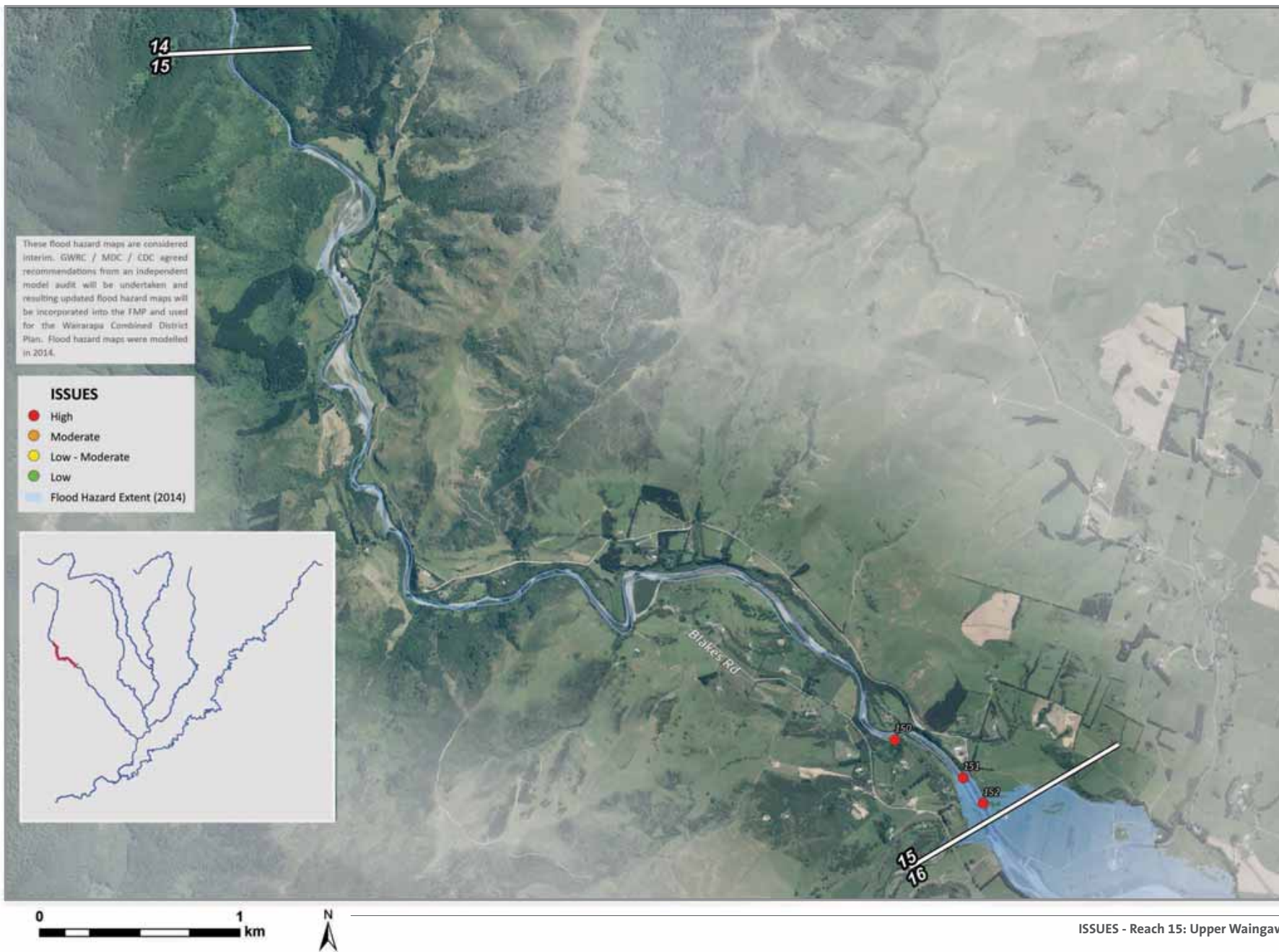
VALUES - Reach 15: Upper Waingawa

Upper Waingawa – Reach 15

Flood and erosion issues

Three erosion and flood management issues are identified along this reach, predominantly associated with Masterton’s water supply. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	
LOW TO MODERATE	
MODERATE	
HIGH	<p>Masterton District Council water supply intake [150] The water supply intake for Masterton is located in the foothills area and within a stable gorge-like section of the river. It does sit within the erosion study area. No known issues exist with this intake point.</p> <p>MDC water supply pipe bridge [151] The river bed in the vicinity of the pipe bridge is subject to fluctuation, increasing risk of debris flow or scour to structure. Damage to this structure, which may occur as part of a large flood event, would have very significant consequences for the population of Masterton and therefore this issue is considered high priority.</p> <p>MDC water supply pipeline [152] The water supply pipeline runs through a narrow strip of land between the river bank and the road. This is under ongoing erosion pressure requiring ongoing management and maintenance of protection assets. Damage to this structure would have significant consequences for the population of Masterton.</p>



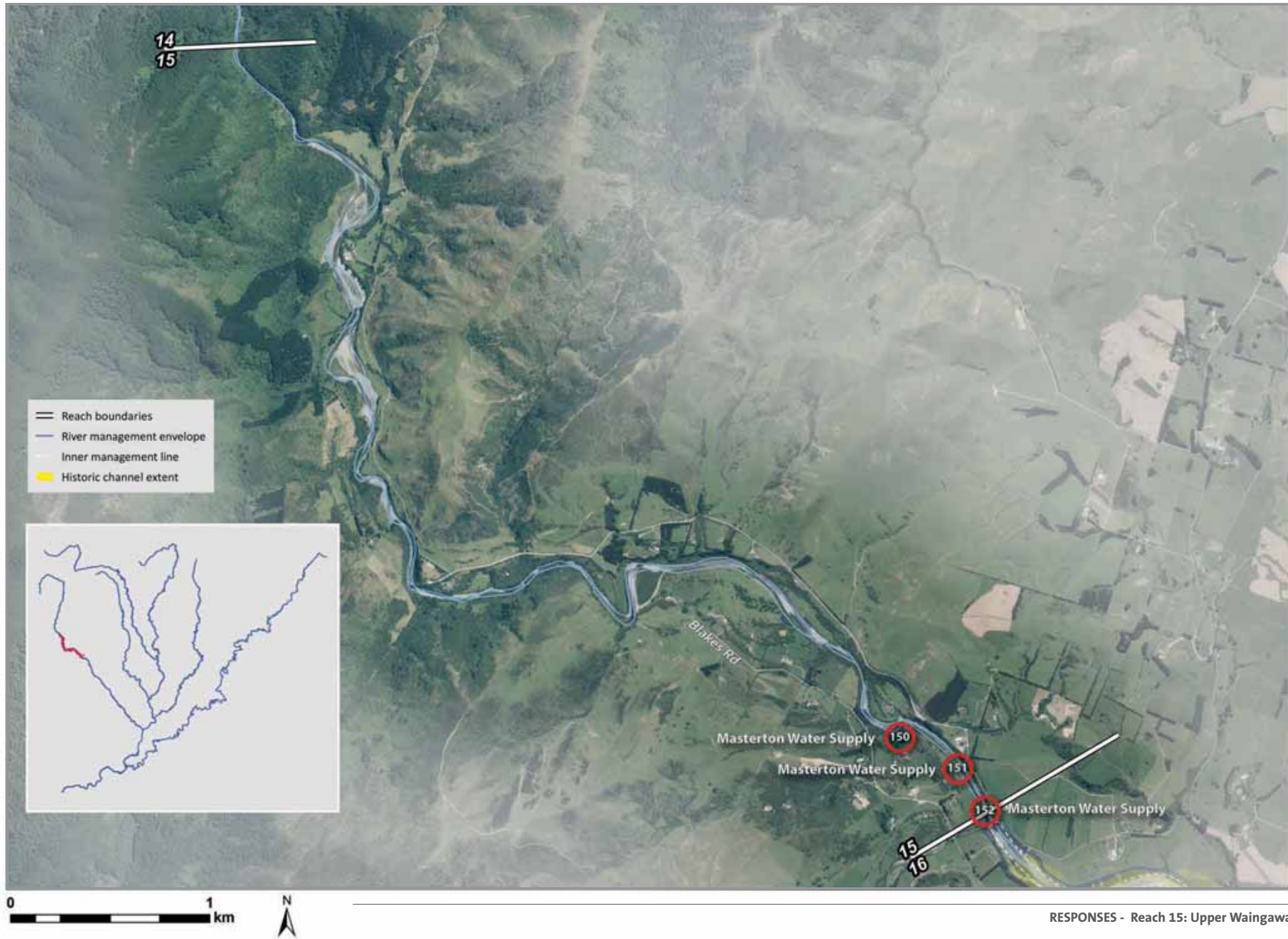
Upper Waingawa – Reach 15

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	150 151 152	Masterton water supply	River management	Provide continued advice and support to MDC with regard to operation of water supply infrastructure. Continue to provide erosion protection to the supply pipeline as a priority for the Waingawa River. Refer to the MDC Raw Water Supply Pipeline Major Project Response (page 150).		1%	MDC	GWRC	High
		Various sites	Environmental enhancement	Formalise an access point to the river at Upper Waingawa Road, and explore other sites such as Black Rock Road, South Road, Hughes Line. Initiate a care group and work with clubs that use these locations to maintain the sites and provide suitable and safe access to the river. Maintenance of site to be provided by community, supported by local authorities.			GWRC	Community	Medium
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffers, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Protection against deforestation in upper catchment, land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					



Upper Plains – Reach 16

Character

From the confluence with the Atiwhakatu Stream, the Waingawa River emerges onto the Masterton Plains from an area of undulating hills. The State Highway 2 Bridge is the landmark delineator between Reach 16 and the lower reaches of the Waingawa River. In this area, the river establishes the twisted semi-braided form from which its name is derived.

The margins of this corridor include willow planting and native vegetation. Terraces accommodating mixed agricultural use and vegetation step above the river corridor. Vegetation includes a significant stand of totara and kahikatea surrounding the Masterton Water Treatment Plant along the true left bank of the river, and a significant stand of native forest on the true right bank. Lifestyle blocks are prevalent along Norfolk Road.

Key Characteristics

Semi-braided form with islands visible from State Highway 2 Bridge

Margins of mixed willow and remnant native forest

Increasing settlement in proximity to Masterton

Values

This reach continues through rural land used for primary production that is predominantly established in pasture. River re-contouring works become more frequent in this area, alongside areas of willow planting and large areas of indigenous vegetation. Overall this reach has undergone a low to medium level of landscape modification and has medium / high levels of scenic value.

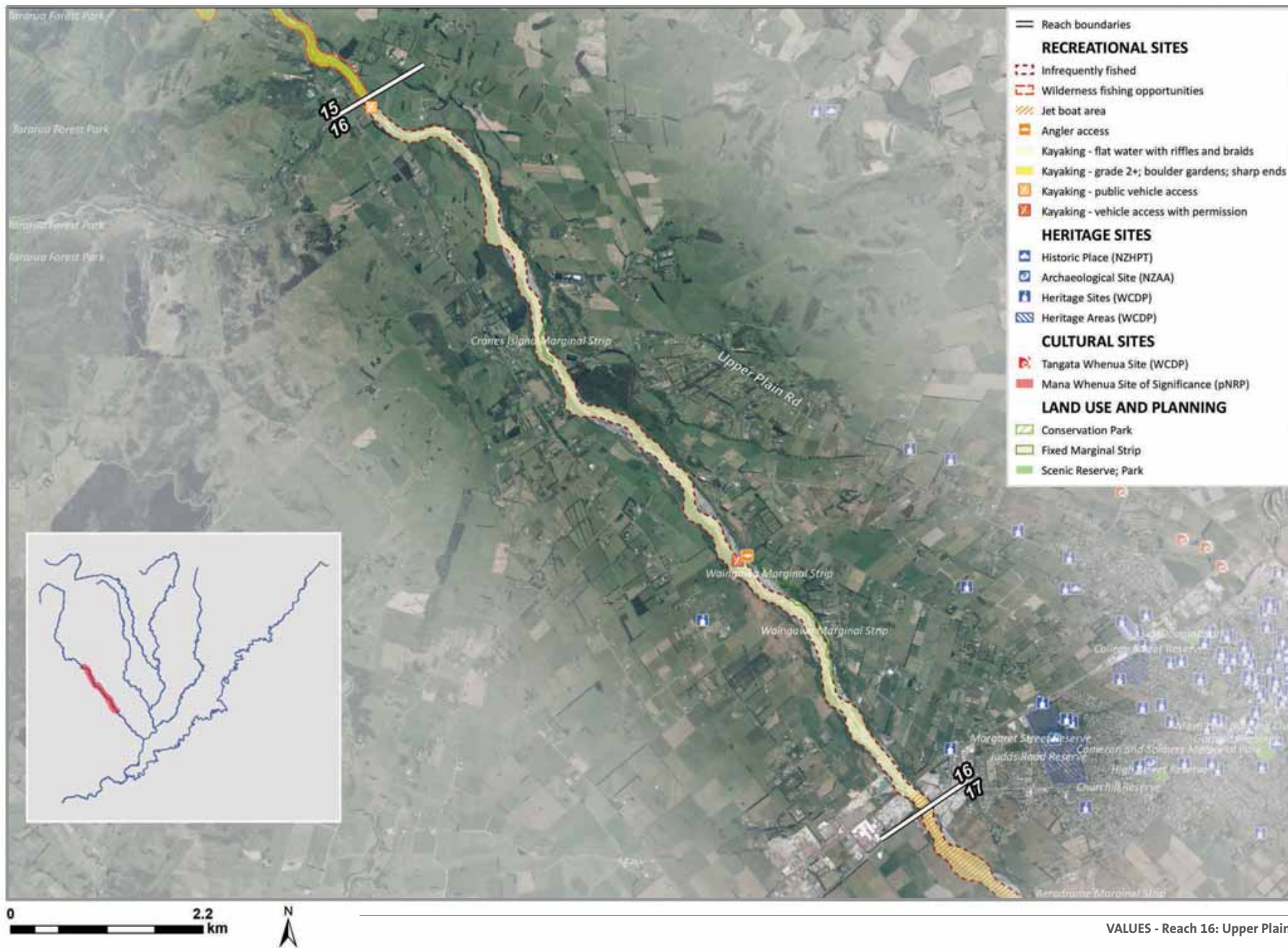
Some kayaking continues along this reach resulting from the flat water with riffles and braids. The naturally shifting course of the river results in an unstable environment which is infrequently fished, whilst remaining important for fish passage. Access for both kayaking and fishing is obtained at the end of Skeets Road.

Important ecological values identified along this reach include the Waingawa River Bush RAP site, and identified terrestrial habitats include unfenced indigenous forest, mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefields and boulderfields.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- This FMP will shift the focus of river maintenance towards more intensive implementation of vegetated buffers. The design buffers will be allowed to erode when and where appropriate. This method will replace previous work practices of immediately responding to erosion issues with machinery in the channel.
- This FMP will increase river enhancement works.
- Protect the Waingawa River Bush RAP site from negative impacts of flooding and erosion.
- Work with MDC to improve the security of the Masterton water supply, including pipeline and treatment works.
- Maintain the additional protection for Masterton provided by the Skeets Road stopbanks.
- Work with Carterton District Council to maintain the erosion security of the Taratahi Water Race intake.
- Work with the asset owner of the electricity distribution network to relocate pylons outside of the active channel.
- Address the security concerns regarding the stopbank between the State Highway 2 and rail bridges and promote relocation of this industrial area outside of the flood zone, and possibly redefine this area of land into a public recreation site.
- Work with the infrastructure owners of the railway bridge and road bridge to ensure their continued operation and security.
- Work with the Water Wairarapa Ltd in relation to dam and irrigation proposals within the vicinity of this reach.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Low / Medium	Medium / High	Angler access, kayak access, kayaking, infrequent fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Industrial, Railway, State Highway, Flood Protection and Mitigation, Water Supply and Education	Waingawa River Bush (RAP), Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields



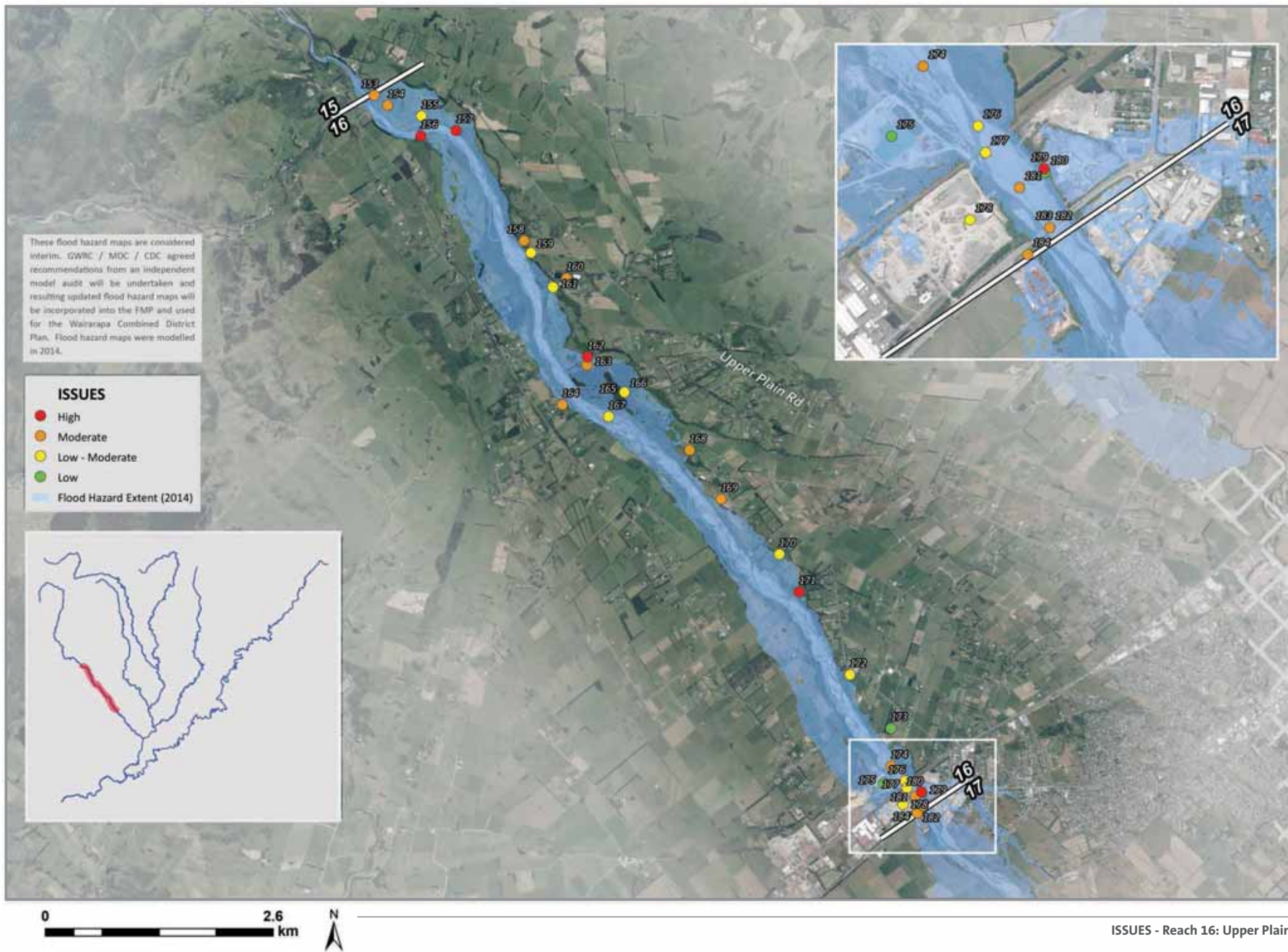
VALUES - Reach 16: Upper Plains

Upper Plains – Reach 16

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 32 erosion and flood management issues are identified along this reach, predominantly associated with water supply and rural development west of Masterton. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	
LOW	<p>MDC water supply future treatment site [165] The site designated for a potential future water treatment site sits within the erosion study area and modelled 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>SLUR site [173] A site on the Selected Land Use Register (SLUR) which sits within the erosion study area.</p>	<p>Contractors yards [175] Contractors yards are located within the erosion study area and are affected by modelled 1% AEP flood extents.</p> <p>Channel alignment [180] The buffer zones on the true right bank between the two bridges are very narrow and have been recommended for review.</p>
	<p>Farm buildings [155] A number of farm buildings including a milking shed sit within the modelled 1% AEP flood extent and erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Houses [159] Houses are located within the erosion study area.</p> <p>MDC Water Treatment Plant – sludge treatment area [161] The sludge treatment sections of the Water Treatment Plant are located on the lower river terraces and within the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Historic river channel [166] An old river channel sits within the overflow path of the updated 1% AEP flood. The old gravel river bed has been planted over and closed off with a stopbank.</p> <p>Channel alignment [167] A lack of buffers at this location has created ongoing management issues and difficulty in maintaining the river within agreed design lines. The true right bank erosion currently extends beyond the designed buffer.</p>	<p>Flapgates in stopbanks [170] Two flapgates in Skeets Stopbank create possible back flow routes. These are occasionally blocked open because of misunderstandings about their purpose and use.</p> <p>Buildings [172] There are several buildings which sit within the erosion study area and modelled flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Sub-transmission powerlines [176] Pylons just upstream of the railway bridge sit on the berms and are within the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Rail bridge [177] Bed degradation is a managed and known issue in the area around the railway bridge.</p> <p>Contractors yards [178] Contractors yards are located within the erosion study area and affected by the 1% AEP flood extent. Known erosion management issues exist in this area.</p> <p>Sewer and water supply pipeline [182] Both sewer and water pipelines are clipped to the road bridge across the Waingawa. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Upper Waingawa Road [154] The Upper Waingawa Road is modelled to be flooded to a depth of up to 0.9m in a 1% AEP flood.</p> <p>House [153] A house is located within the erosion study area and modelled 1% AEP flood extents. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Waingawa river bush RAP site [158] The RAP site sits within the erosion study area and is part of the buffer strip along this bank. It is also very close to the design channel alignment. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>MDC Water Treatment Plant – main facility [160] Parts of the Water Treatment Plant sit within the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>House [163] A single dwelling sits within the modelled flood extent for the 1% AEP flood. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>House [164] A single dwelling sits within the erosion study area. This house is also within the existing Wairarapa Combined District Plan erosion area. It is not modelled to be affected by the 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p>	<p>Tararua drive stopbanks [168] The stopbanks in this location are of low level, and their crest height is frequently monitored.</p> <p>House [169] The house and outbuildings are within the erosion study area but sit outside the modelled 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Distribution network powerlines [174] A pole which is part of the distribution network for local electricity sits in the active channel on the river bed. Adjacent pylons sit close to the river berms and are at risk of erosion.</p> <p>Road Bridge [183] The bed degradation is a managed problem in the area around the road bridge.</p> <p>Pumpstation for sewer pipeline [184] The sewer pipeline pump station is located within the erosion study area and on the edge of the 1% AEP flood extents. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Channel alignment [181] The buffer on the true left bank between the two bridges is very narrow and has been recommended for review.</p>
	<p>Taratahi Water Race intake [156] Bed degradation in the vicinity of the water race has meant ongoing difficulties with maintaining water flow into the race. There is also a difficult balance to achieve between scour and aggradation effects due to the location of the intake in relation to the channel alignment.</p> <p>MDC water supply pipeline [157] Bed degradation at Black Creek is creating a risk to the Masterton Water Supply pipeline, which sits within the erosion study area.</p> <p>MDC water supply boost pump station [162] The boost pump station for the Masterton Water Supply sits within the 1% AEP flood extent. No currently managed issues exist.</p>	<p>Skeets stopbanks [171] The stopbank in this location cut off an historic overflow path that connected the Waingawa to the Waipoua River near Akura. It is a good quality stopbank maintained by GWRC but a failure could have flooding consequences for Masterton. High criticality.</p> <p>Stopbank [179] The stopbank on the true left bank between the two bridges is of very poor quality due to the mixing of wood mulch with the other materials used in its construction. It is believed to be of high failure risk and flooding through this area would affect the industrial yards further along the bank edge and along the fringes of Masterton. Material from this bank has been washed into the river in past events.</p>



Upper Plains – Reach 16

Response

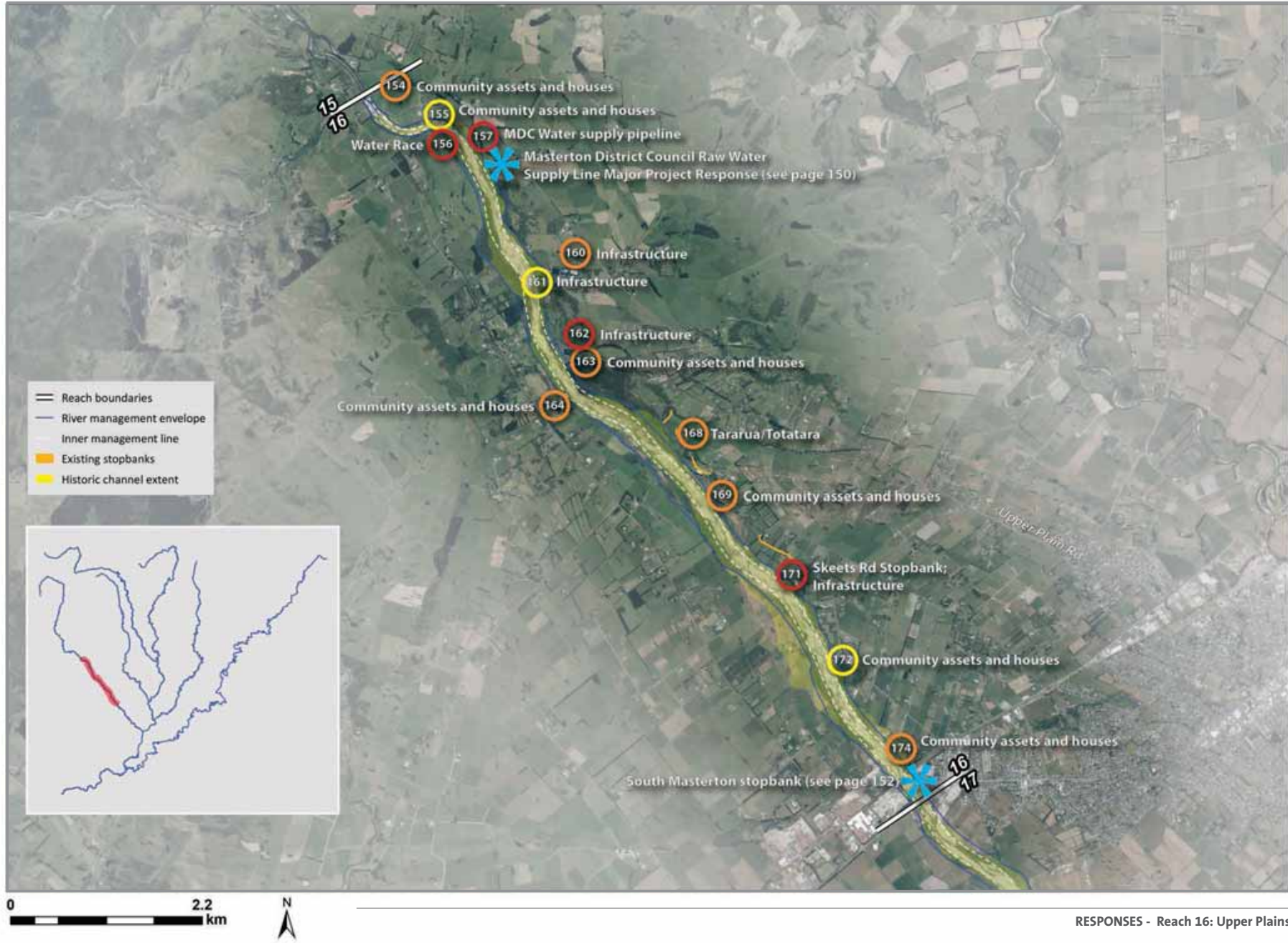
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Reach Specific Responses

ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
				CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
	Various sites	River management	Utilisation of river edge envelope common method. Establishment of successful buffer planting along the Waingawa is difficult in many places due to the high, steep sided and actively eroding banks. A key tool to enable buffer establishment is shallower profile banks which are then able to be planted to establish river edge vegetation. Shallower bank profiles will require the sacrifice of some areas of the buffer to the river to enable formation of more gentle slope gradients.	20%	5%	GWRC	Landowners	Medium
156	Water race	River management	Ongoing maintenance plan linked to bed level monitoring to maintain security of water race until replacement or retirement. Consider duplication and redundancy of water race intake through Water Wairarapa Ltd.			CDC	GWRC	Medium
157, 160, 161, 162	Infrastructure	River management	MDC responsible for contingency and repair plan to address the risk of loss of water supply infrastructure. MDC responsible for inspection of infrastructure attached to bridges to be undertaken after flood events. Refer to the MDC Raw Water Supply Pipeline Major Project Response (page 150).		1%	MDC	GWRC	High
171	Skeets Road stopbanks	River management	The Skeets Road stopbanks are built and maintained to a high standard. They provide protection against overflows from the Waingawa River. These overflows would enter the Masterton urban area in event of their breach. Continuation of existing asset monitoring and maintenance plan for these stopbanks is essential.	1%	1%	GWRC		High
154, 155, 163, 164, 169, 171, 172, 174	Community assets and houses	Emergency management	Add Upper Waingawa Road to WREMO register of lifelines affected by large scale flood events. Add asset owners for vulnerable assets at ID24 and ID25 to WREMO register of vulnerable assets. Advise WREMO of breach scenario consequences for Skeets Road stopbank and development of contingency plan.		>1%	WREMO	MDC	Medium
	River access points	Environmental enhancement	Develop access locations at downstream of State Highway 2 bridge on the left bank of the river and explore other potential sites. Formalise and monitor.			GWRC	MDC	High
	Masterton Gateway	Environmental enhancement	Identify Masterton Gateway site and develop as an amenity and recreation access site. This links with the South Masterton Stopbank Major Project Response (page 152).			MDC	GWRC	High
	Masterton Gateway	Environmental enhancement	Support formation of Masterton Gateway care group, and encourage planting of native species at gateway to Masterton. Support initiatives to improve the values of the gateway area. Work with groups to improve quality of access points and rubbish clean up and reporting.			GWRC	MDC	High
	Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffers, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
	Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
	Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
	Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					

Stopbank Summary

ISSUE ID	NAME	CURRENT PURPOSE	LENGTH OF STOPBANK (M)	LENGTH INSIDE BUFFER ZONE (M)	CONDITION RATING (2016) (GOOD1/2/3/4/5 POOR)	CRITICALITY	BENEFITING WHOM? (PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE MULTIPLE, PUBLIC, OTHER)	LEVEL OF PROTECTION (AEP)	OTHER ISSUES	FMP DIRECTION	FMP PRIORITY
168	Tararua/Totatara	Protection of property and historic overflow path to Masterton	731	0	3	Low	Private multiple	Unknown - estimated 2%	Series of three banks linking up natural high ground. Furthest downstream of the three stopbanks appears to offer little to no additional flood protection and is basically the natural high ground - question need to retain as asset.	Continue existing asset management	Low
171	Skeets Road	Protection of property and overflow path to Masterton	550	0	2	Low	Private multiple	Unknown - estimated 2%	Does not seem to be significantly affected by 1% AEP flood	Continue existing asset management	Low
	Upper Manaia Road	Limited purpose for this stopbank - length within buffer is basically gravel groyne utilised as an operational tool to divert flows and protect downstream alignment	130	40	2	High	Private multiple/Public Road	Unknown - estimated 2%	Training bank/gravel groyne rather than true stopbank	If threatened consider part realign	Low
179	South Masterton	Protects industrial estate and overflow path to SW Masterton	280	280	4	Low	Industrial properties	<1%	Quality uncertain, weed and tree infestation	Major Project Response	Low



RESPONSES - Reach 16: Upper Plains



Major Project Response: Masterton District Council Raw Water Supply Pipeline

The issue

Masterton District Council take potable water from the Waingawa River through an intake structure and pipeline which feeds the Water Treatment Plant located approximately 5km downstream. Following treatment, the potable water is then distributed throughout Masterton. The water supply intake is located on the right bank of the Waingawa River approximately 700m upstream of the Atiwhakatu confluence. Approximately 370m downstream of the intake, the pipeline crosses to the left bank of the Waingawa River. From this point the pipeline is in close proximity to the left bank of the Waingawa River in a number of locations (less than 20m in some areas) before it reaches the Water Treatment Plant. Due to the close proximity and highly erosive nature of the Waingawa River, the pipeline is considered to be at risk from lateral bank erosion. It has been threatened and even exposed on a number of occasions in the past.

The past management regime has utilised a combination of boulder groynes (sourced from within the river) and channel alignment works (bed and beach recontouring) to provide a degree of protection. These maintenance activities are a short-term intervention which require frequent renewal based on changes in river alignment and bank erosion during even relatively minor flood events.

The primary area of concern is at the Black Creek confluence. At this location the river transitions from the foothills of the Tararua Ranges out onto the alluvial floodplain and the reach character changes from a relatively confined narrow channel into a wider, more variable channel with a more semi braided morphology. The location most under threat is on the outside bend of a relatively tightly formed “S” bend. The river bed is naturally degrading (lowering) at this location which causes difficulties for CDC in maintaining sufficient water levels in the river for water to flow into the Taratahi Water Race, which is located approximately 250m upstream from the Black Creek confluence. CDC have constructed a boulder weir in the river to ensure water levels are high enough to act as a partial-weir and aid diversion of water into the water race. This weir has the potential to affect the river flow direction during floods by directing the main flow towards the left bank of the river and increasing the erosion potential on the outside of the bend at this location, where the water pipeline is in close proximity to the current river bank.

Opportunities

In the future there may be opportunities through the Water Wairarapa Ltd project to provide both municipal and water race water requirements via a dam proposed within the adjacent Black Creek catchment. This project is currently going through a feasibility assessment and therefore it is too early to be considered by the proposed project response in this FMP.

MDC have an emergency management plan to deal with any interruption to the supply of water to the treatment plant. There is sufficient storage in the water supply system to provide three days of potable water to Masterton. This provides sufficient time to enable deployment of a temporary pumping system directly from the river powered by diesel generators. Once this is set up it is possible to use this temporary system for as long as it takes to undertake the pipeline repairs and whatever emergency river works that are needed.

Relationship with common methods

River management envelopes exist and are utilised, although some modification of these lines may be necessary. Where the pipe alignment is within the identified buffer zone, an exemption from the general buffer approach is required to recognise the importance of the asset and the associated need for a higher level of service than a vegetative edge approach at these sites. The effectiveness of vegetated buffers in the steeper, incised upper reaches of the Waingawa River are also somewhat limited and the vegetation will typically only slow down the rate of erosion rather than preventing it all together.

Description

General

Response Part 1 (Structural)

To provide a higher level of security at the most at-risk site it is considered that a minimum of three rock groynes are required at the Black Creek confluence. See the plan on the next page for location and general arrangement.

Response Part 2 (Coordinated River Management and Emergency Management Planning)

This response will look to establish a Memorandum of Understanding between GWRC and MDC to enable the risks associated with the pipeline to be mitigated through a combination of Emergency Management Planning and River Management specific to the MDC Water Pipeline. This will establish a shared organisational understanding around annual level of service expectations implemented through the established river management scheme, and potential requirements in the event of an emergency situation whereby the pipeline was threatened or compromised by the effects of river erosion.

Costs

Part 1

Three Rock Groynes - up to \$300,000 based on each groyne being approximately 450 tonnes. This includes preliminary and general works, contingency of 30%, and design, consenting, and supervision.

Part 2

Approximately \$5-20,000 per annum with an emergency funding allowance of around \$50,000 in the event of a significant flood event (river works only, excludes pipeline repair).

Implications

Implementation of Part 1 of the response will provide MDC with an increased level of security for their raw water main at the location identified as having the highest likelihood of failure. This will also reduce the cost of reactive maintenance requirements.

Implementation of Part 2 of the response provides for improved procedures to manage the risk associated with the pipeline and in the event of an emergency situation allows for incident recovery minimising any impacts on the community.

Both responses should include a management strategy for proactively working with CDC to ensure that the work carried out to the intake of the Taratahi Water Race minimises potential negative effects on the opposite bank adjacent to the MDC pipeline.

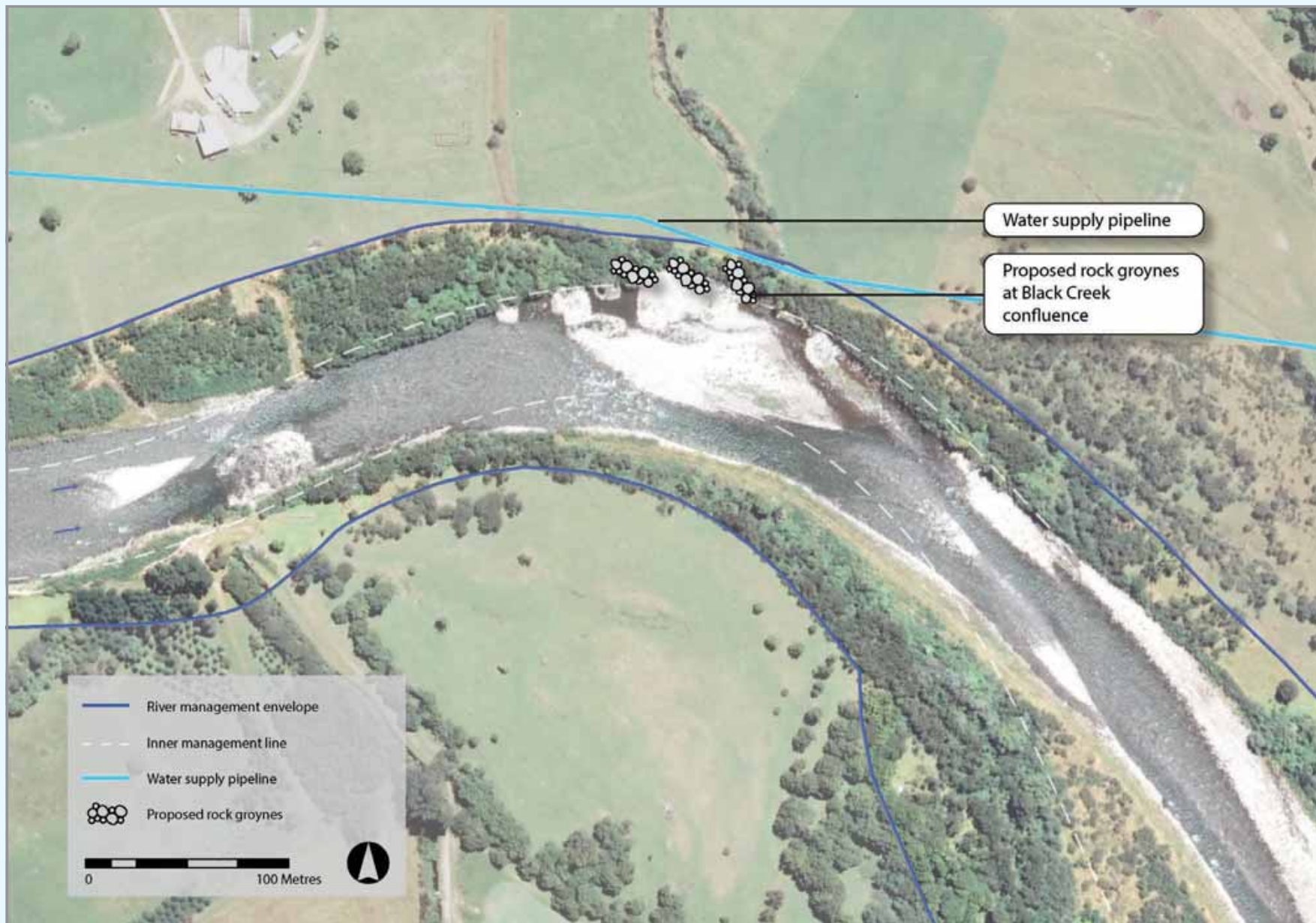
Priority

This response is classified high priority given the importance of the asset to be protected. Response Part 1 is considered low priority in the early years of FMP implementation but could be triggered following a changing cycle of flood events, GWRC/MDC agreement or a future FMP review. Response Part 2 is considered high priority.

Level of Service

Up to 1% AEP level of service, to be confirmed with MDC.

REFERENCE NUMBER	MANAGEMENT MEASURE	CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	THREATS TO CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE	PRIMARY REASON FOR RESPONSE	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
157	Increase bank protection to river edge at Black Creek confluence	Low-medium	Erosion by the river	Up to 1% AEP	To increase protection to water supply pipeline	MDC supported by GWRC	Low	Up to \$300,000	Capital funding
157	Targeted operational river management with emergency management plan	Low - medium	Erosion by the river	>1% AEP	To manage risk of erosion posed to the water supply pipeline	GWRC (river management) MDC (Emergency management plan)	High	Varying but of magnitude of \$5-20,000 per annum generally, with allowance for targeted emergency works as required	Operational funding



Masterton District Council Raw Water Supply Pipeline



Major Project Response: South Masterton Stopbank

The issue

There are a number of issues associated with the section of the Waingawa River between the rail bridge and State Highway 2 Bridge.

- The stopbank on the left (northeastern) side of the Waingawa River between the railway and State Highway 2 bridges is located within the buffer and is at risk of erosion. This stopbank is also in relatively poor condition, although it has been assessed as “fit for purpose” as it is providing protection for a relatively small area of industrially zoned land and is therefore not considered to be a critical asset. It is at risk of failure in an extreme flood event.
- Managing the channel alignment through this reach is useful for reducing the scour risk at the rail and road bridges.
- The property on the immediate landward side of the stopbank has historically been used for timber treatment and is confirmed as being a contaminated site (SLUR – SN/06/141/02).

Opportunities

Improvements to the visual appearance, recreational opportunities, public access, and ecological value of the river margins on approach to Masterton from the south. This coincides with a long-term aspiration of public ownership of river margins in this key gateway area in collaboration with willing landowners.

Relationship with common methods

The location of the stopbank within a buffer means that consideration needs to be given to retreating the stopbank to a less erosion-prone location or abandoning/retiring the asset.

Description

General

The main risk to this reach of the river is lateral erosion of the river banks leading to erosion and failure of the left bank stopbank. The consequences of failure of the stopbank, in terms of flood inundation, are limited to a relatively isolated area of industrial land immediately adjacent to the stopbank. In addition to the consequences of inundation, there is also the potential for contaminated material to be eroded into the river or mobilised through groundwater flows.

The extent of contamination of the site and possible pathways for the contamination to mobilise into the surface or groundwater are currently unknown. A detailed site investigation is required to understand the extent and degree of contamination and the environmental risks this presents. This investigation would also include an assessment of options for containing or remediating the contaminants on the site. Remediation of the site could be done in conjunction with the retreat of the stopbank beyond the buffer.

This response will seek to maintain the status quo in terms of river management using the common methods to maintain the stopbank in its current position whilst the risks and mitigation options associated with the site contamination are investigated in parallel with consideration of retreating the stopbank.

Costs

Contaminated site investigation - \$100,000.

Further costs for remediation and retreat of the stopbank will be dependent on the outcomes of the contaminated site investigation.

Implications

There is a residual risk of failure of the stopbank or an over-design event that needs to be managed while the investigations are being undertaken. It is likely that this can be managed through appropriate flood warnings and education of the residents and businesses affected.

Priority

Medium priority to undertake the contaminated site investigation. Priority for future works would be dependent on the outcomes and risks identified in the contaminated site investigation but is unlikely to be more than medium unless serious contamination close to the river is identified.

Level of Service

The response provides the status quo in terms of the level of service as well as managing the residual risk through emergency management provisions. The longer term plan for the stopbank and the wider area can be developed once there is a better understanding of the site contamination and any remediation or containment requirements.

REFERENCE NUMBER	MANAGEMENT MEASURE	CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	THREATS TO CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE	PRIMARY REASON FOR RESPONSE	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
179	Retreat existing stopbank to less erosion-prone location outside the buffer	2-10% AEP	Erosion by the river	5% AEP	Stopbank is non critical asset from flood hazard perspective but may be important for preventing contaminated material entering the river.	GWRC	Low	TBC	Capital funding TBC
179	Contaminated site assessment, visual improvements within the buffer, establishment of public access to the river	20-1% AEP	Erosion by the river	TBC	Appealing gateway to Masterton, recreational access and contaminated site management.	MDC/GWRC	Medium	\$100,000 for contaminated site assessment	Capital funding TBC



South Masterton Stopbank

South Masterton – Reach 17

Character

The Waingawa River continues a twisted semi-braided form to the east of the State Highway 2 Bridge. The margins of the river corridor are more consistently established in willows, separating the river from adjoining areas of pasture and cropland. Hood Aerodrome, urban edge development and gravel extraction also influence the character of the river. In other areas, the river retains a varied and dynamic semi-braided form.

Key Characteristics

- Broad semi-braided form
- Consistent willow planting along margins

Values

The close proximity of the southern end of Masterton together with gravel extraction visible from State Highway 2 Bridge frequently detracts from natural values associated with the river. Overall this results in a perceived medium / high level of landscape modification with medium scenic values retained along the wider reach.

Some kayaking occurs along this reach on account of the continuation of flat water with riffles and braids flowing from the upper reaches of the river. The State Highway 2 Bridge also forms the upper limit of jet boating typically encountered along the Waingawa.

Fishing remains infrequent throughout this reach because of the changing course of the river. Whilst fish passage remains important, the form of the river remains unstable and does not typically hold fish within it. Popular swimming sites are identified at South Road and Hughes Line on each side of the river immediately above Hood Aerodrome.

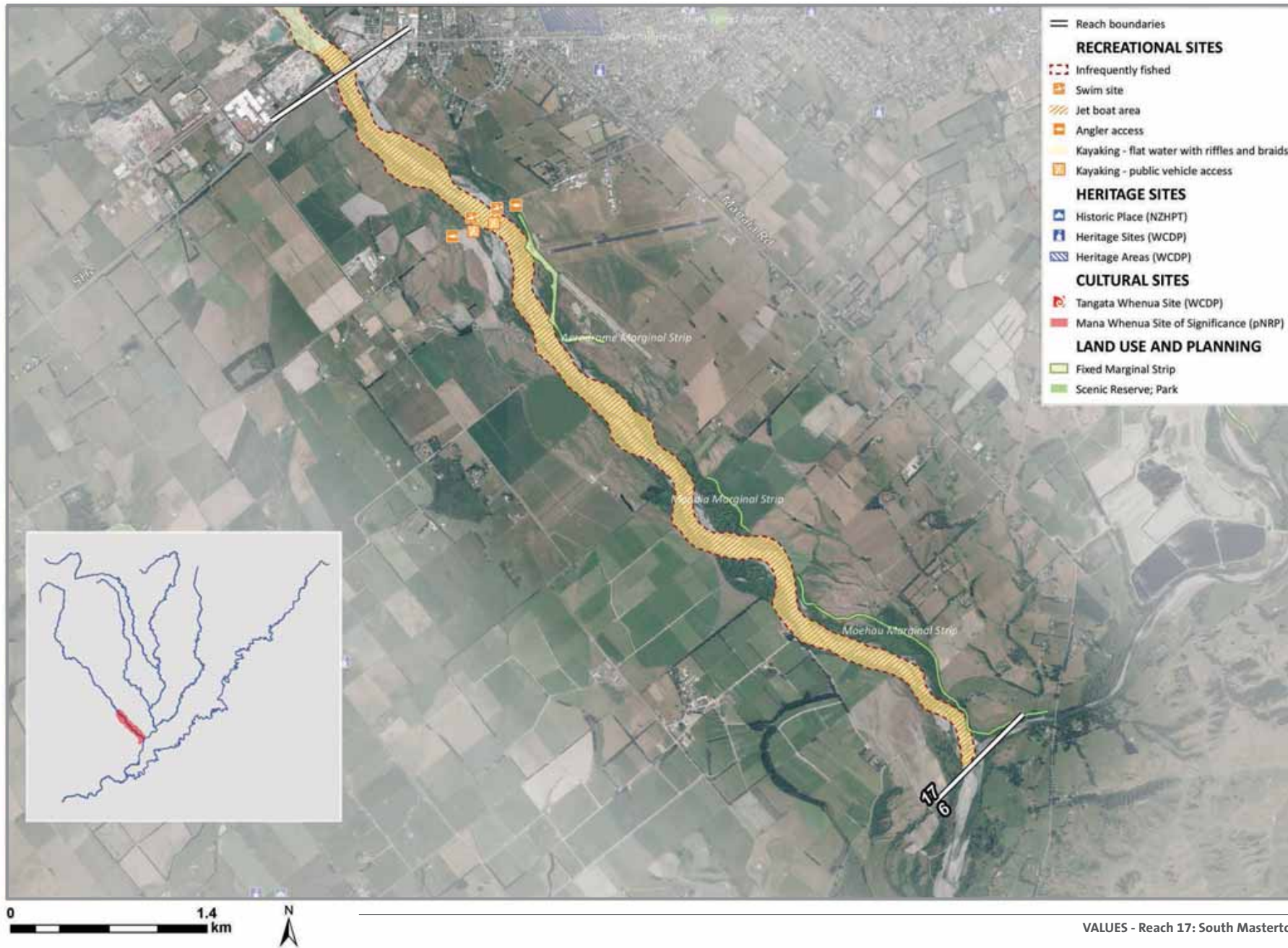
Terrestrial habitats with identified ecological values along this reach include mixed exotic-indigenous forest, indigenous treeland, stonefields and boulderfields, natural wetlands and ponds.

Wetlands along the margins of the Waingawa River were important for gathering mahinga kai, with cultural sites also associated with the mixing of mauri as water flows into the Ruamāhanga at the bottom end of this reach.

Key Floodplain Management Points

- This FMP will shift the focus of river maintenance towards more intensive implementation of vegetated buffers. The design buffers will be allowed to erode when and where appropriate. This method will replace previous work practices of immediately responding to erosion issues with machinery in the channel.
- This FMP will increase river enhancement works.
- Work with the owners of Hood Aerodrome to maintain the operation and security of their facility.
- Work with MDC and CDC to address the dumping of rubbish that occurs at access points along this reach.
- Continue to develop land access and retirement agreements to widen the river corridor.
- Recreation management to encourage good quality recreation opportunities.

LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Medium / High	Medium	Angler access, kayak access, kayaking, jet boating, swimming, infrequent fishing	-	Mixing of mauri	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Industrial, State Highway, Aerodrome and Recreation Purposes	Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Stonefields and boulderfields, Natural wetlands and ponds



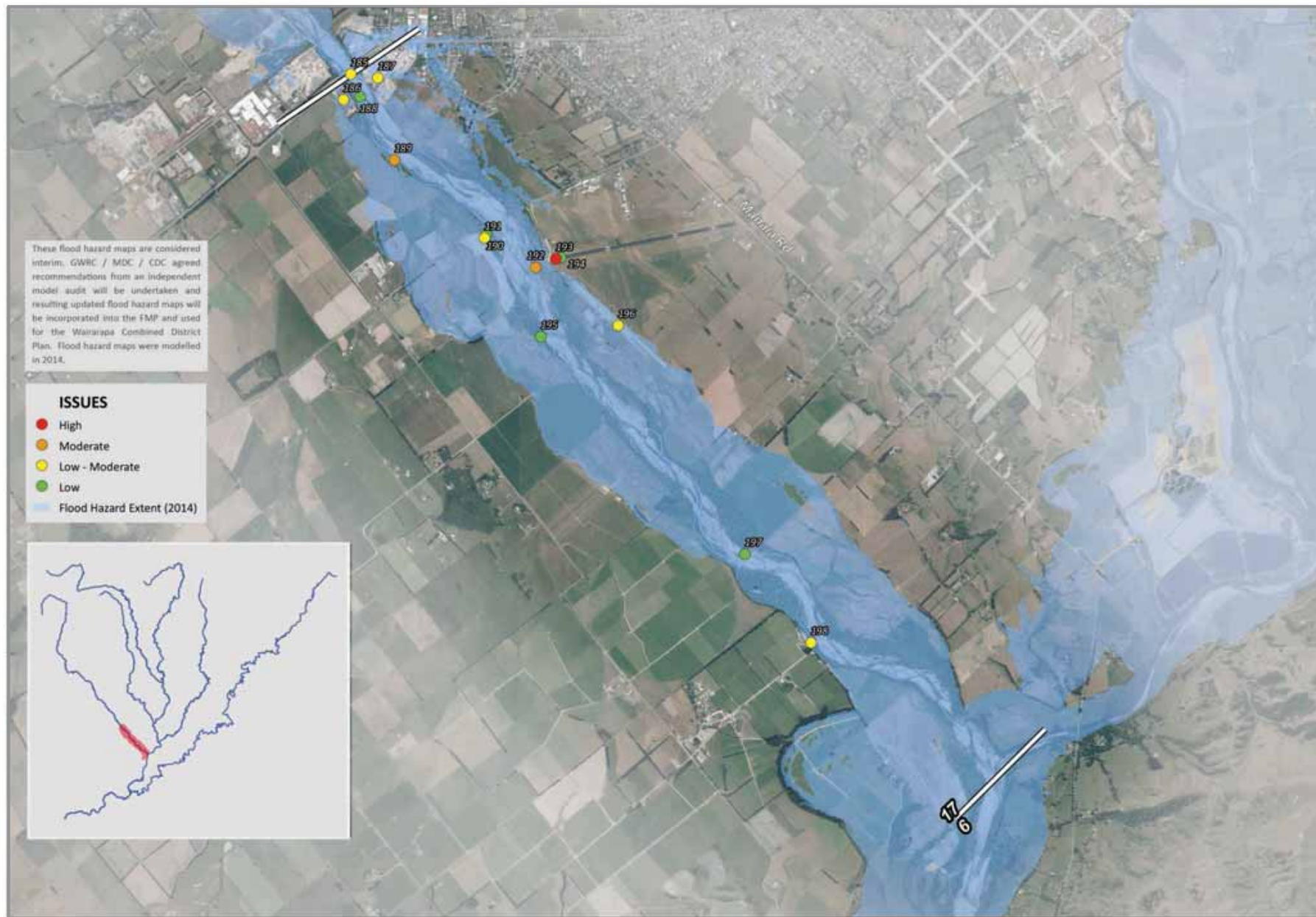
VALUES - Reach 17: South Masterton

South Masterton – Reach 17

Flood and erosion issues

A total of 14 erosion and flood management issues are identified along this reach. Issues have been ranked according to their consequence and likelihood (i.e. risk) and assigned an ID number [xx].

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	<p>Powerlines [188] Distribution network powerline pylons are located within the erosion study area 30m downstream of State Highway 2. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Illegal dumping site [190] This recreation access site is affected by illegal dumping of rubbish.</p> <p>SLUR site [194] The aerodrome is a registered SLUR site which sits within the erosion study area</p> <p>Water intake [195] There is a private water intake structure located within the erosion study area. It is not known to have any issues.</p> <p>Distribution network [197] The pylon on the true right bank sits within the erosion study area, the true left bank is believed to be outside of the erosion study area extents. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
LOW TO MODERATE	<p>Powerlines [185] Transmission network powerline pylons are located within erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Contractor's yards [186, 187] Contractor's yards are located within the erosion study area and 1% AEP flood risk. Erosion management is an ongoing issue at this location.</p> <p>Recreation area [191] The good access to the end of Hughes Line makes it a popular area for recreation groups. There is interest in developing this access and area further from a number of interest groups.</p> <p>Drag strip [196] The Masterton drag strip is located within the erosion study area and is affected by the modelled 1% AEP flood. No currently managed issues exist.</p> <p>Private water intake [198] A private water intake is located within the erosion study area. No currently managed issues exist.</p>
MODERATE	<p>Land retirement agreements [189] Land use changes are currently underway in this area to increase the amount of buffer strip available to manage riverbank erosion.</p> <p>Flight path [192] Tree height has a controlled level for aircraft taking off from the aerodrome.</p>
HIGH	<p>Aerodrome runway [193] The aerodrome runway is known to be affected by erosion and has been eroded in recent past (2000). Situated within the erosion study area.</p>



ISSUES - Reach 17: South Masterton

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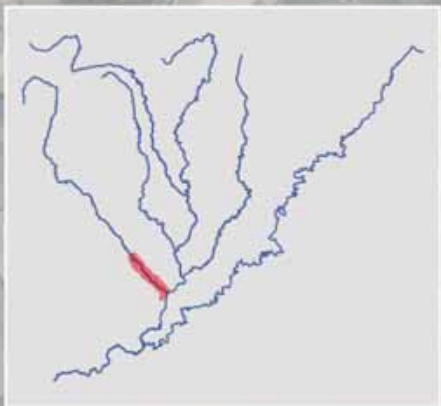
Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					CURRENT	TARGET	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES		Various sites	River management	Utilisation of river edge envelope common method. Buffer plantings within the Waingawa River are challenging in many places. A key tool to their establishment is the erosion of banks to create shallower profile banks which are then able to be planted to establish river edge vegetation. Shallower bank profiles will require the sacrifice of some areas of the buffer to the river.	20%	5%	GWRC	Landowners	Medium
	192	Flight path	River management	Maintain tree height within the buffer zone and under the flight path restrictions.			GWRC	MDC	High
	191 190	Recreational access sites	Environmental enhancement	Develop and formalise access points on true right and left banks, establish care groups to manage these areas.			Community	GWRC	Medium
		Three Rivers Trail	Environmental enhancement	As part of the Environmental Strategy, establish Three Rivers Trail to link Masterton to the Waingawa, Ruamāhanga, and Waipoua Rivers. Incorporate as part of larger Trails Wairarapa projects/initiatives. Link to Tourism Wairarapa.			Community	GWRC	Medium
COMMON METHODS		Entire reach	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, gravel extraction and analysis, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffers, pool-riffle-run envelope, historic channel lines, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					



- == Reach boundaries
- River management envelope
- Inner management line
- Existing stopbanks
- Historic channel extent



RESPONSES - Reach 17: South Masterton



Major Project Response: Hood Aerodrome

The issue

The runway for the Hood Aerodrome has been continually affected by erosion and was close to getting washed away during a flood in 2000 (see photograph on the right side). Four rock groynes constructed following this flood provide some degree of protection but are at risk of being outflanked from upstream. A number of small floods in 2015 and in early 2016 caused erosion to occur upstream of the runway. In response to this, 1100 willow poles were planted in June 2016 along with some minor in-channel works in an attempt to realign the river to its desired design alignment and establish a vegetated buffer. In a steep, dynamic river, such as the Waingawa, willow protection works are only able to slow down the rate of erosion and will not be capable of completely preventing it. If a greater level of security to the runway is desired then a rock line is required from the terrace to tie in with the upstream rock groyne. The rock line would be 140m long and would act in part as a deflector groyne to direct the main flow away from the runway.

Opportunities

This response provides a higher degree of security to the runway, which would be of particular importance if commercial flights are re-established from the site. It also avoids the risk associated with potentially contaminated land (Selected Land Use Register SN/06/004/02 Manawatu Aerial Topdressing, Category I) being eroded into the river.

Relationship with common methods

The current management of this reach using willows combined with in-channel works is aligned with the common methods of riparian planting of buffers and the Code of Practice. This response and its use of a rock line/training groyne is a standard response provided for in the Code of Practice.

Description

General

A 140m long rock line extending from the terrace to the existing upstream rock groyne.

Costs

\$755,000 (3,650 t rock @ \$130/t (placed with geotextile) \$474,000 + \$29,000 Preliminary and general, 30% Contingency, 20% Design, consenting, and supervision.)

Implications

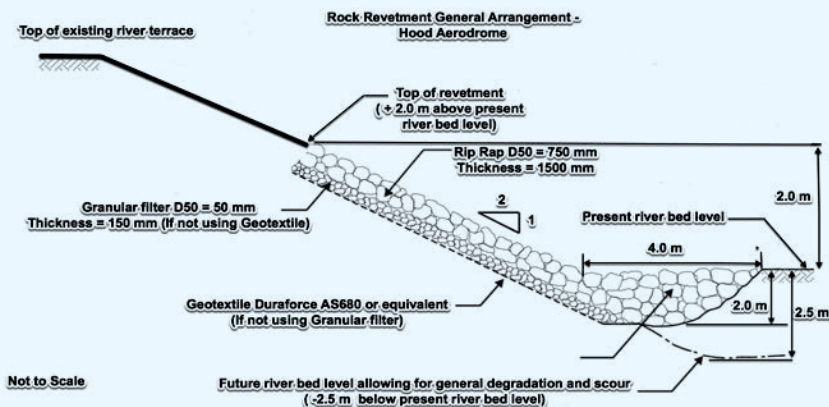
Possibly diverts erosion issue to opposite side of river by providing hard point on left bank.

Priority

Currently a low priority but if a new commercial operator is found for the aerodrome then this could change.

Level of Service

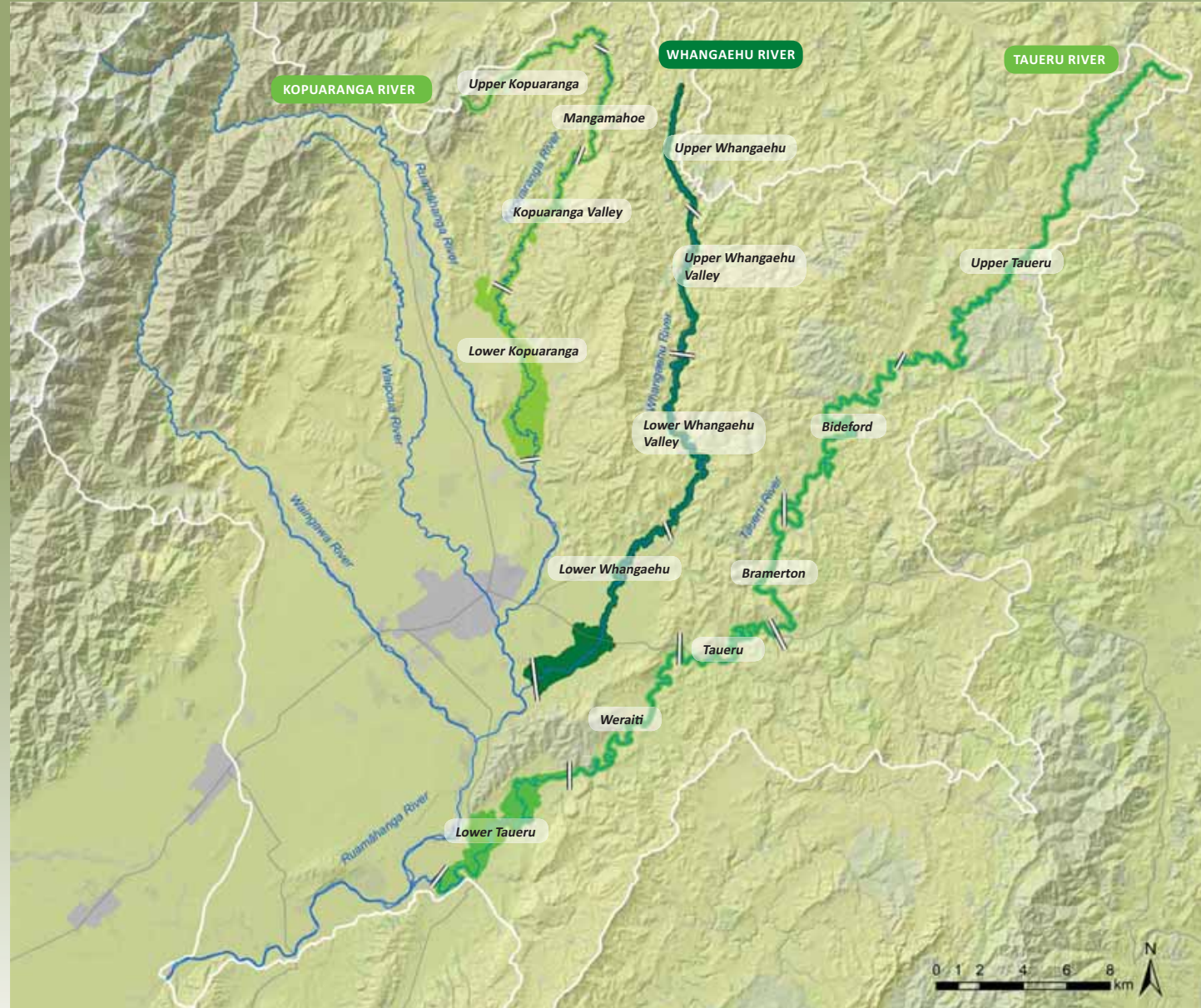
Up to 2% AEP level of service to be confirmed in discussion with MDC and potential commercial operator for aerodrome.



REFERENCE NUMBER	MANAGEMENT MEASURE	CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	THREATS TO CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE	PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE	PRIMARY REASON FOR RESPONSE	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY	COST	FUNDING
ID 192, 193 and 194	Rock line connecting terrace with existing rock groyne at the end of the runway	Low	Erosion by the river	2% AEP	To increase protection to the runway and avoid any contaminated material being eroded into the river	MDC/GWRC	Low	\$755,000	Capital funding TBC



Hood Aerodrome



Eastern Rivers

9. Eastern Rivers

The Kopuaranga, Whangaehu and Taueru (Tauweru) Rivers have been grouped together as the Eastern Rivers. Their character, values, and flood and erosion issues are broadly similar, as are the management objectives and techniques used.

The floodplains of the Eastern Rivers are relatively sparsely populated, although population density is increasing with lifestyle block development in the lower reaches, particularly on the Kopuaranga and Whangaehu Rivers in areas closer to Masterton. This is having an impact on informal access arrangements to recreational and cultural sites. Mauriceville, on the Kopuaranga River, is the largest settlement.

The rivers are generally considered to have low to medium levels of landscape modification, tending towards higher levels of modification in the lower reaches. The three rivers have low/medium levels of scenic value in their lower reaches, with areas of medium/high scenic value tending to occur in the upper reaches (and coinciding with less modified reaches). In many areas, willow trees dominate the channel form. In the reaches where current scheme maintenance is taking place, crack willow infestation has been controlled. Elsewhere, crack willow infestation is a big problem due to the channel constriction it causes.

Land use in the catchments is predominantly primary production activities (dairying, dry stock grazing, cropping, and plantation forestry) with a few scattered areas of native forest. There is little evidence of lifestyle type development in the upper catchments.

All three rivers are used for game bird hunting and fishing. The Kopuaranga River is the most fished of the three. The lower Taueru River is used for kayaking. A number of informal access arrangements are in place for recreational access.

Several cultural value sites occur throughout the Eastern Rivers. This includes Kopuaranga settlement and Kohekutu Pā along the Kopuaranga River, and multiple pā and urupā along the Taueru River. Whilst there are no specific sites recorded on the Whangaehu River, this is known to be very significant to local Maori, containing many wāhi tapu areas and important spiritual connection with Rangitumau.

The Kopuaranga and Taueru Rivers were important travel routes for Maori travelling north and north-east respectively. As a result, these two rivers have mahinga kai values in their channels and surrounding forested areas. In particular, the upper Taueru River is noted for freshwater crayfish and the lower Taueru River for eels. This eel fishery remains important.

There is limited ecological information on the Eastern Rivers in relation to the abundance of birdlife and fish species. There are a number of areas of habitat value, such as natural ponds/wetlands and patches of indigenous forest (both fenced and unfenced). The lower Taueru River also contains the Te Kopi Road and Peters Bush RAPs.

General Issues

- Flooding of large areas of farmland (entire valley floors) and access routes cut off
- Lifestyle block development near Masterton
- Potential for greater erosion/changes in channel form in the future as a consequence of willow removal

Kopuaranga River

Character and Values

The Kopuaranga River flows into the Ruamāhanga River to the north of Masterton. The headwaters originate in the northern Wairarapa hill country to the east of Mount Bruce. The main river channel from its headwaters to its confluence with the Ruamāhanga River is 58km in length.

The Kopuaranga River has a number of small tributaries. The main channel flows on a northeast course from its source in Mount Bruce to Hastwell, where it crosses a relatively wide valley before turning south. The river then flows south within a narrow valley, following the line of the West Wairarapa fault. In its lower reaches the river turns away from the fault line and follows an old course of the Ruamāhanga River, joining the Ruamāhanga River east of Opaki.

The name Kopuaranga means fish in a deep or dark pool, and the river has long been associated with fishing.

In its upper reaches across the Hastwell's Valley, the river channel is characterised as an entrenched channel. The river then flows within a narrow fault-formed valley in a tightly meandering channel. On its lower reaches, the river channel becomes wider and straighter, with sections of tighter meandering channels.

The Kopuaranga floodplain contains a mix of soils formed from sandstone, limestone and siltstone. Vast tracts of the fertile Kopuaranga river deposits were used as gardens for centuries. Land use in the catchment is now predominantly in primary production activities (dairying, dry stock grazing, cropping and plantation forestry) with a few scattered areas of native forest throughout the catchment.

In terms of recreation values, the Kopuaranga River is popular for fishing and game bird hunting, and in some areas this has led to enhancement of natural wetlands and ponds, improving the ecological value of the river.

Two cultural sites have been identified along the Kopuaranga River, these being Kopuaranga settlement, and Kohekutu Pā. However the river used to form part of a northwards travel corridor and it has value for mahinga kai, related to both the river and the surrounding forested area.

Key Floodplain Management Points

This FMP provides a framework to supply erosion control works at priority locations, increase planting for erosion control and river enhancement, and other limited noxious plant control works which are included into river maintenance activities. An extension of the scheme boundary further upstream for 24km from Clarke Domain will be implemented.

Key characteristics by reach:

Upper Kopuaranga

Small stream corridor through rolling pastoral landscape

Grass banks with bank slumping in areas

Mangamahoe

Enclosed valley landform containing road and rail corridor

Tightly meandering willow choked corridor

Flax and cabbage tree planting reintroduced in some low-lying areas

Kopuaranga Valley

Meandering river corridor along semi-enclosed valley landform

Increasing rural lifestyle development along river margin

Mixed willow, exotic planting and grass margins

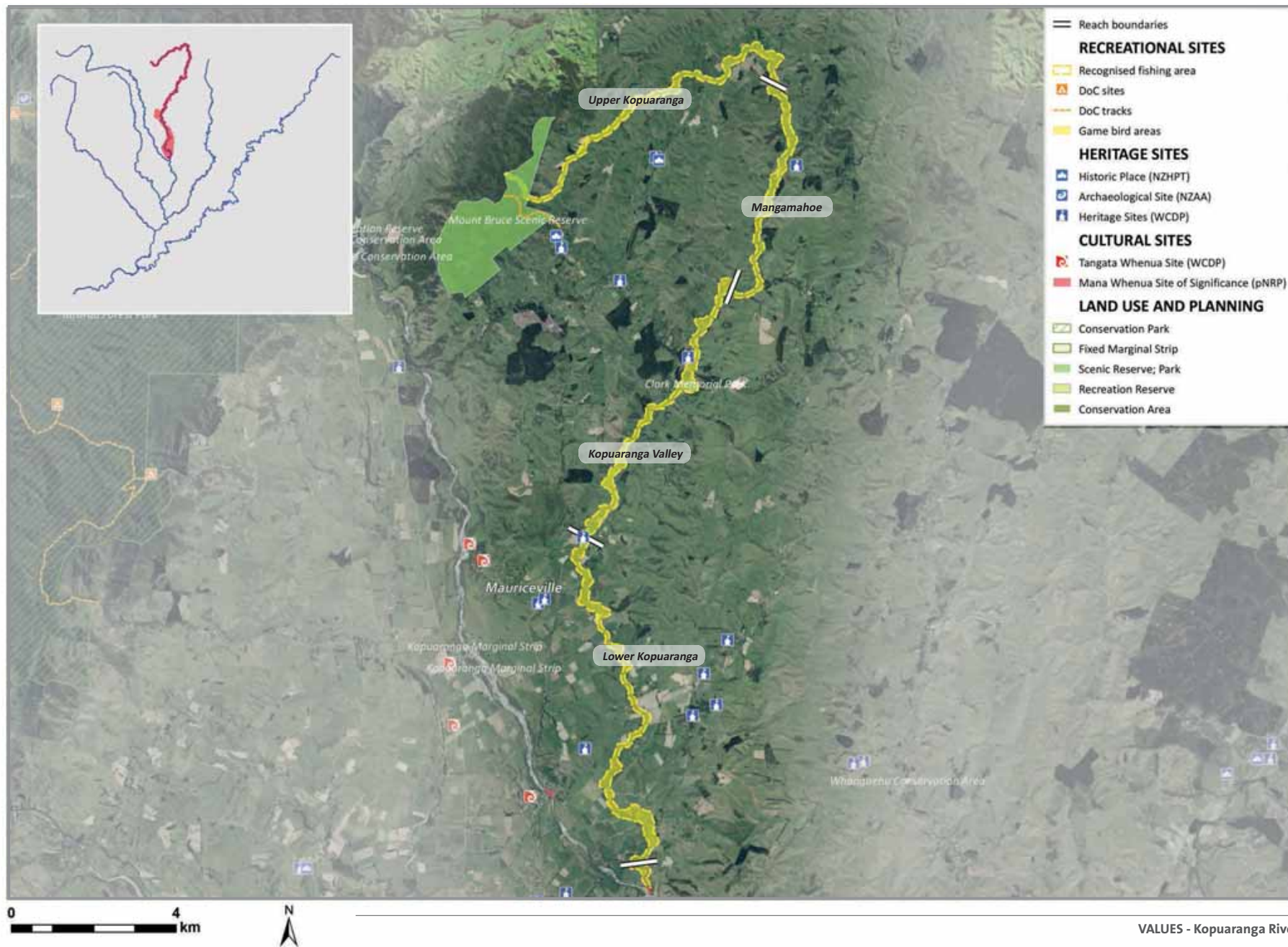
Lower Kopuaranga

Meandering course along eastern edge of Wairarapa Plain

Sparsely settled farmed margins

Mixed poplar, willow and conifer margins

REACH	LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
	LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Upper Kopuaranga	Low / Medium	Medium	Fishing, game bird hunting	-	-	Rural (Conservation), Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Railway	Natural wetlands and ponds
Mangamahoe	Low / Medium	Low / Medium	Fishing, game bird hunting	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Railway, Cemetery	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest
Kopuaranga Valley	Medium	Medium	Fishing, game bird hunting			Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Railway, Recreation, Education, Telecommunication	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Natural wetlands and ponds
Lower Kopuaranga	Medium	Low / Medium	Fishing, game bird hunting	Kopuaranga Truss Bridge (WCDP)	Kopuaranga settlement	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Railway	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Natural wetlands and ponds



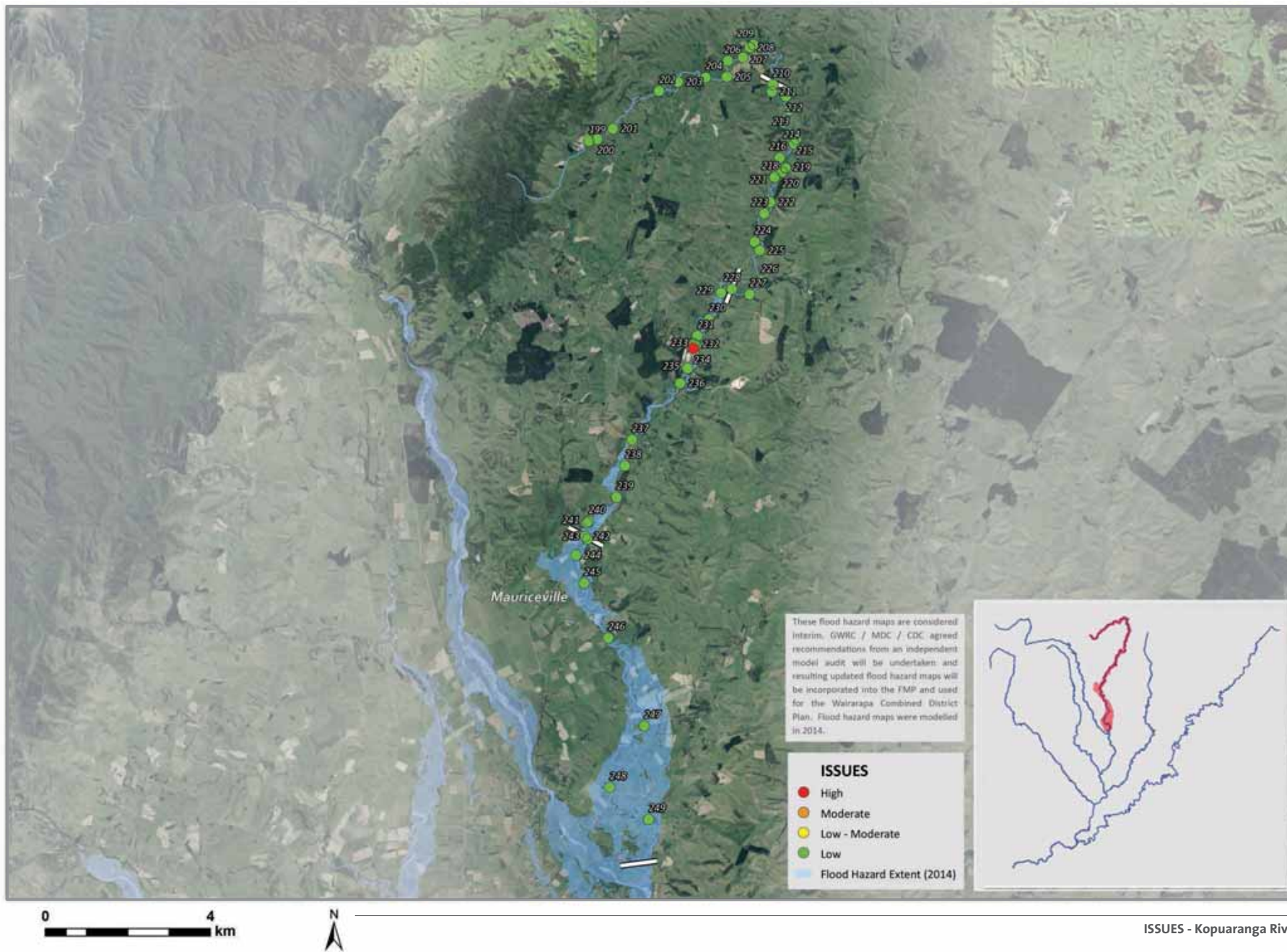
Kopuaranga River

Issues

The Kopuaranga River is prone to overtopping the banks of its incised (deeply cut) channel and spilling out onto the floodplain, even in relatively small flood events. This, combined with a channel choked with willows, may lead to extensive flooding across the plains affecting farms, homes and a number of rural roads.

There is minimal erosion risk posed by the Kopuaranga River, although there are concerns regarding silts washed from the banks and into the stream from its upper reaches. In its lower reaches it sits within a remnant overflow path of the Ruamāhanga River. A number of rural assets, structures, farm tracks and buildings have been included in the erosion hazard study area.

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
LOW	Road [199] Within erosion study area
	Road [200] Within erosion study area
	Road [201] Within erosion study area
	Road [202] Within erosion study area
	Culvert/road [203] Within erosion study area
	Private road/culvert [204] Within erosion study area
	Road [205] Within erosion study area
	Outbuildings [206] Within erosion study area
	Road [207] Within erosion study area
	Private access/culvert [208] Within erosion study area
	Outbuildings [209] Within erosion study area
	Road/bridge & graveyard? [210] Within erosion study area
	Rail bridge [211] Within erosion study area
	Road [212] Within erosion study area
	Road [213] Within erosion study area
	Rail [214] Within erosion study area
	Road [215] Within erosion study area
Road [218] Within erosion study area	
Rail [224] Within erosion study area	
Private access/bridge [225] Within erosion study area	
Road [226] Within erosion study area	
Road [227] Within erosion study area	
Rail and private access [228] Within erosion study area	
Private bridge [229] Within erosion study area	
Private access/outbuildings [230] Within erosion study area	
Road [231] Within erosion study area	
Road bridge [232] Within erosion study area	
Rail bridge [233] Within erosion study area	
Private access [235] Within erosion study area	
Rail and road access [236] Within erosion study area	
Stock bridge [237] Within erosion study area	
Rail [238] Within erosion study area	
Road bridge [239] Within erosion study area	
Private access bridge [240] Within erosion study area	
Road [241] Within erosion study area	
Private access bridge [242] Within erosion study area	
Railway bridge [243] Within erosion study area	
Private access bridge [244] Within erosion study area	
Private access bridge [245] Within erosion study area	
Donovans Road Bridge [246] Within erosion study area	
Stock bridge [247] Within erosion study area	
Stock bridge [248] Within erosion study area	
Private access bridge [249] Within erosion study area	
LOW TO MODERATE	
MODERATE	
HIGH	Mauriceville settlement [234] Within 1% AEP flood extent and affected by the erosion study area



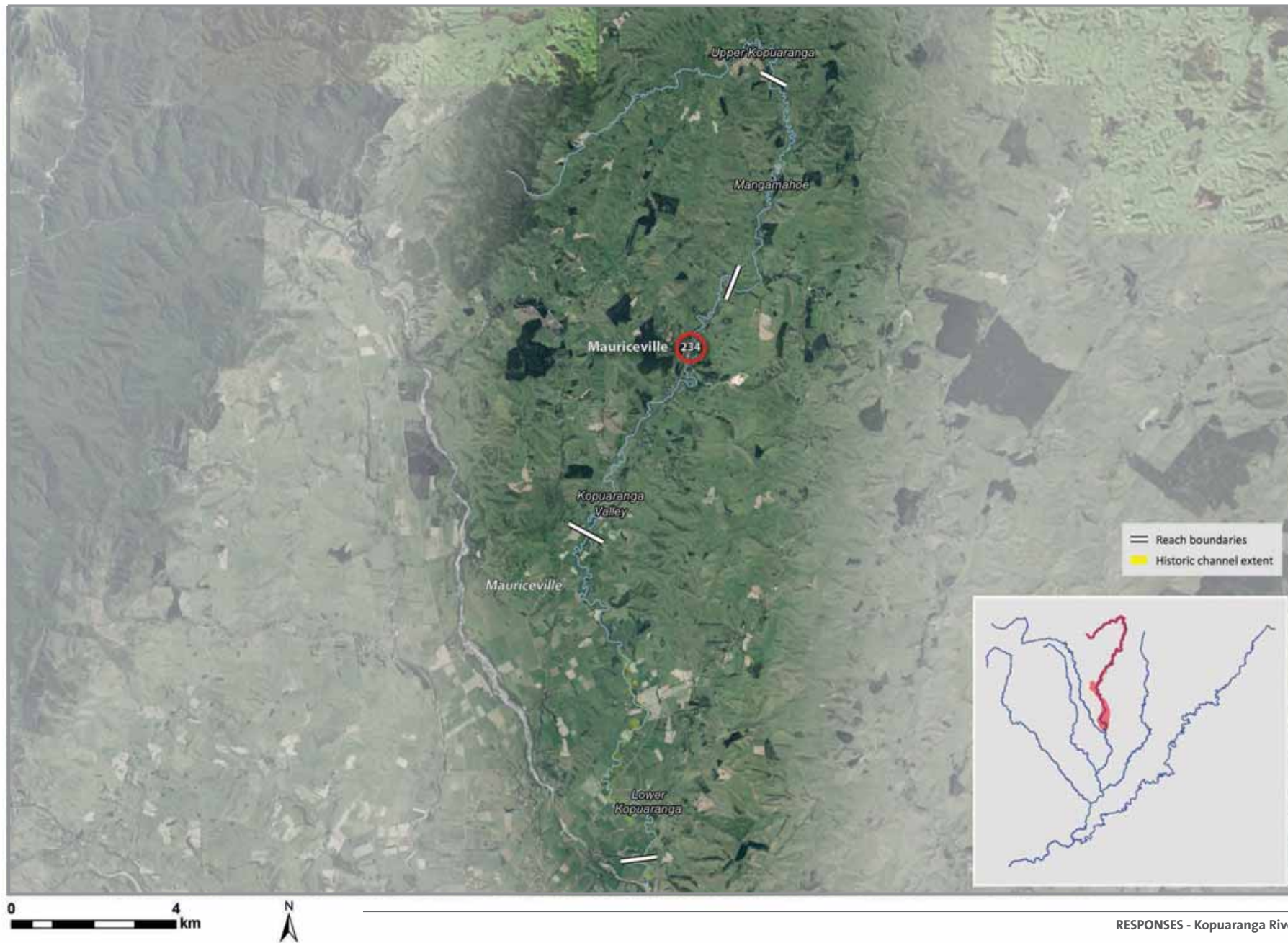
Kopuaranga River

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES	LEVEL OF SERVICE (AEP)		RESPONSIBILITY		PRIORITY
					Current	Target	Primary	Secondary	
SPECIFIC RESPONSES	234	Mauriceville	Emergency management	Provide flood hazard advice to Mauriceville	20%	5%	GWRC	Landowners	Medium
		Within scheme	River management	Scheme boundary extension to include Mauriceville. 10-year development phase in upper reach (upstream 24km) prioritising willow removal and constriction point widening. Provision of erosion control management at priority locations within scheme (targeting downstream affected areas as a result of upstream drainage improvements).			GWRC	Landowners	Medium
COMMON METHODS		Within scheme	River management	River management envelope, recognition of vegetated edge protection as a river management tool, pest management in riparian planted buffers, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers					
		Entire Reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase					
		Entire Reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system					
		Entire Reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs					



Whangaehu River

The Whangaehu River extends from the northern area of the Upper Wairarapa Valley to the Ruamāhanga to the south-east of Masterton. The altitude of the Whangaehu catchment ranges from approximately 410m in the headwaters to around 90-95m at the lower end of the Te Ore Ore plains.

The upper reaches of the river flow from steep hill country near Ihuraua, and the river flows for some 32km to the Ruamāhanga River. It flows due south in the middle of a long rectangular catchment following the line of the ancient Alfredton fault. The steep catchment sides contain the river in a narrow valley in this area. In the lower reaches it meanders across the Te Ore Ore plains east of Masterton.

Formalised access to the Whangaehu River is limited, although a number of informal access agreements have been established between fishing and hunting recreation groups or individuals and landowners.

The Whangaehu River is very significant to Maori, with several cultural sites along the river and in the adjacent hills.

The Whangaehu catchment contains a mix of soils formed from sandstone, limestone and siltstone. Land use in the catchment is predominantly primary production activities – dairying, dry stock grazing, cropping, and plantation forestry – with a few scattered areas of native forest throughout the catchment. There is little evidence of lifestyle type development in the upper catchment, although a number of subdivided lifestyle-sized lots have been created on the Te Ore Ore plains closer to Masterton.

Key Floodplain Management Points

This FMP provides a framework to supply erosion control works at priority locations, increase planting for erosion control and river enhancement, and other limited noxious plant control works which are included into river maintenance activities.

Key characteristics by reach:

Upper Whangaehu

Meandering stream through strongly rolling hills

Mixed forestry and pastoral land use

Open stream margins with sporadic willow and regenerating vegetation in upper reaches

Upper Whangaehu Valley

Transition from stream to river

Strongly rolling valley floor

Steep gorges with mixed indigenous and willow vegetation

Lower Whangaehu Valley

Meandering valley floor course

Mixed willow and kanuka along margins

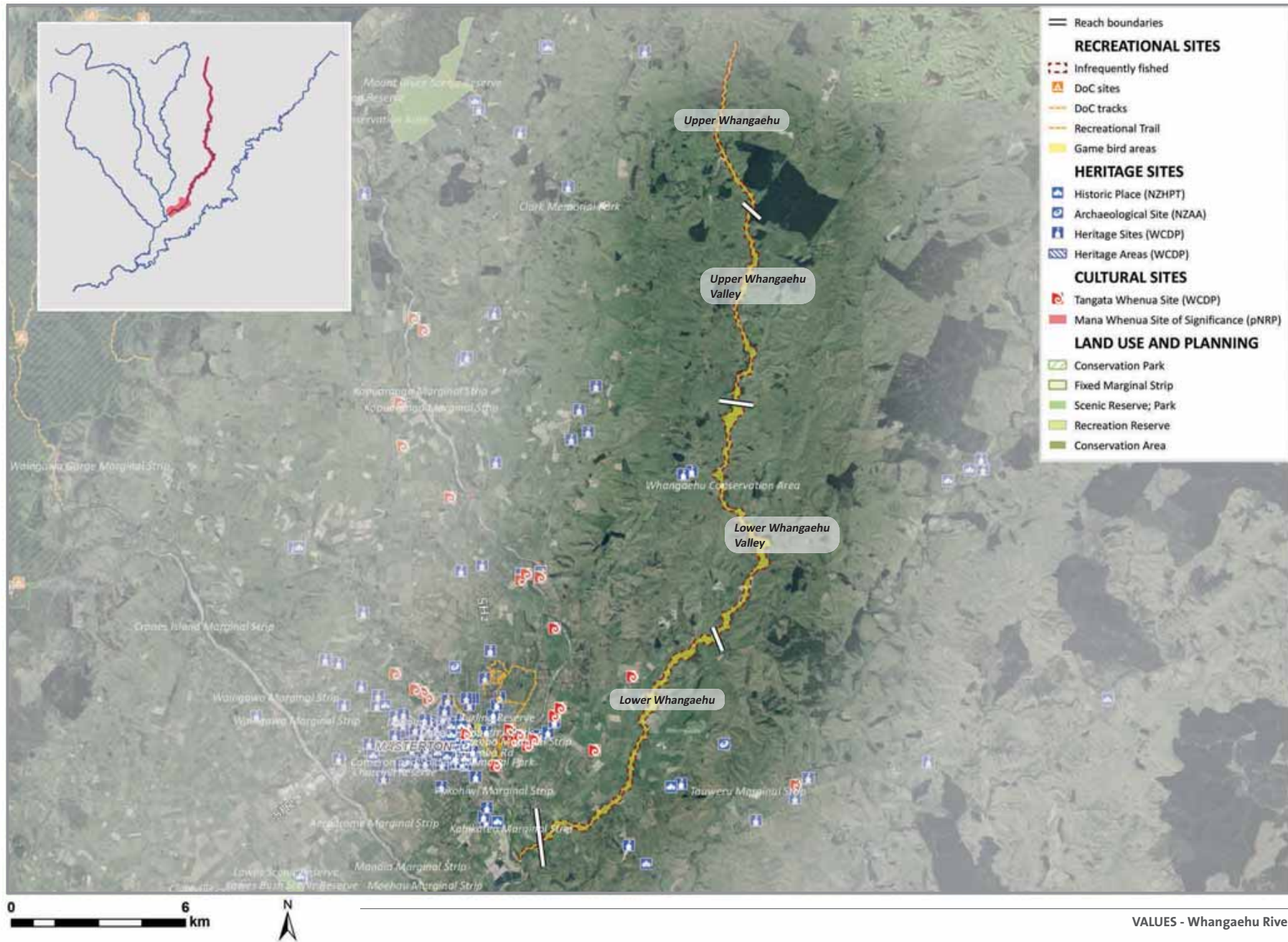
Lower Whangaehu

Steeply incised grass banks

Stock fencing separating river margins from surrounding areas

Mixed poplar, willow and alder planting

REACH	LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
	LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Upper Whangaehu	Low / Medium	Medium / High	Game bird hunting, infrequent fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Road, River	-
Upper Whangaehu Valley	Low / Medium	Medium / High	Game bird hunting, infrequent fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Road, River	Indigenous forest, Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland
Lower Whangaehu Valley	Medium	Medium / High	Game bird hunting, infrequent fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Road, River	Fenced indigenous forest, Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland
Lower Whangaehu	Medium	Low / Medium	Game bird hunting, infrequent fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River	Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland



VALUES - Whangāehu River

Whangaehu River

Issues

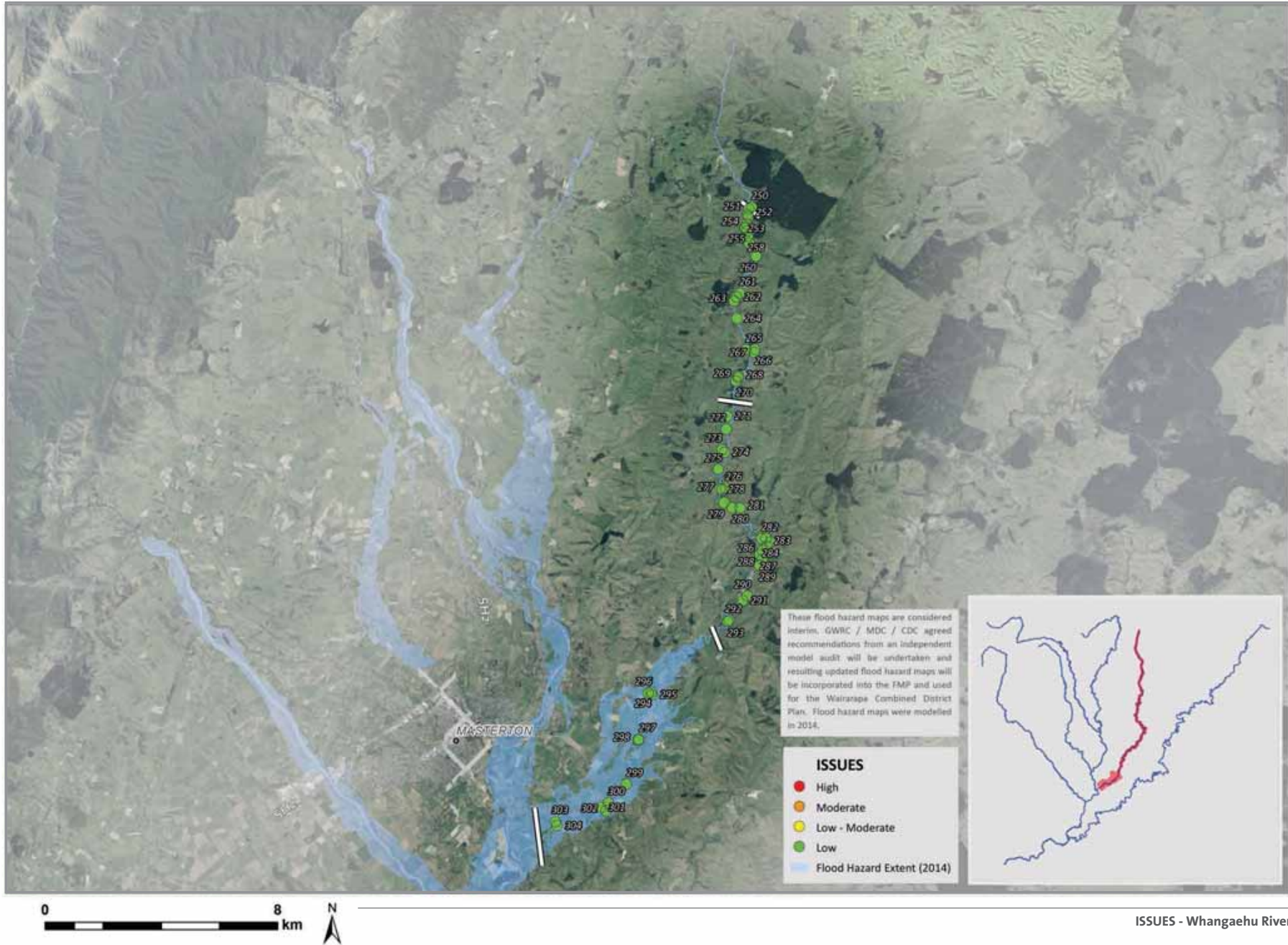
The small channel capacity of the main channel of the Whangaehu is frequently exceeded during heavy rainfall or storm events. When the river overtops its banks the floodwaters flow across the floodplain and into secondary or historic channels spread across the large flat area of the floodplain.

Historically, flooding in the Whangaehu River would have been exacerbated by blockages in the confined channel.

Flooding across the floodplain cuts off a number of communities when the east-west roads from Masterton are flooded. In many places the bridges are high enough above the floodplains to remain dry, but the roads on either side of them are covered with water deep enough to cause severe hazard for motor vehicles.

The erosion risk is relatively small due to the low energy of this river, and its limited ability to modify the surrounding geology. A number of bridges, sections of rural roads, and farm outbuildings are included within the erosion hazard study area. The river is, however, susceptible to silting from its banks and the hills in the catchment.

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION			
LOW	Road [250] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [264] Within erosion study area	Outbuildings [278] Within erosion study area	Road [292] Within erosion study area
	Road bridge [251] Within erosion study area	Road [265] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [279] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [293] Within erosion study area
	Outbuildings [252] Within erosion study area	Private access [266] Within erosion study area	Road [280] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [294] Within erosion study area
	Road and private access [253] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [267] Within erosion study area	Road [281] Within erosion study area	Outbuildings [295] Within erosion study area
	Road [254] Within erosion study area	Outbuildings [268] Within erosion study area	House and buildings [282] Within erosion study area	Road [296] Within erosion study area
	Private access/bridge [255] Within erosion study area	Outbuildings [269] Within erosion study area	Road [283] Within erosion study area	Outbuildings [297] Within erosion study area
	House and buildings [256] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [270] Within erosion study area	Road and bridge [284] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [298] Within erosion study area
	Road [257] Within erosion study area	Outbuildings [271] Within erosion study area	Road [285] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [299] Within erosion study area
	Road bridge [258] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [272] Within erosion study area	Road [286] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [300] Within erosion study area
	Stock bridge [259] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [273] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [287] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [301] Within erosion study area
	Private access/bridge [260] Within erosion study area	Access bridge [274] Within erosion study area	Outbuildings [288] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [302] Within erosion study area
	Road [261] Within erosion study area	Woolshed [275] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [289] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [303] Within erosion study area
	Road [262] Within erosion study area	Road [276] Within erosion study area	Road [290] Within erosion study area	Private access [304] Within erosion study area
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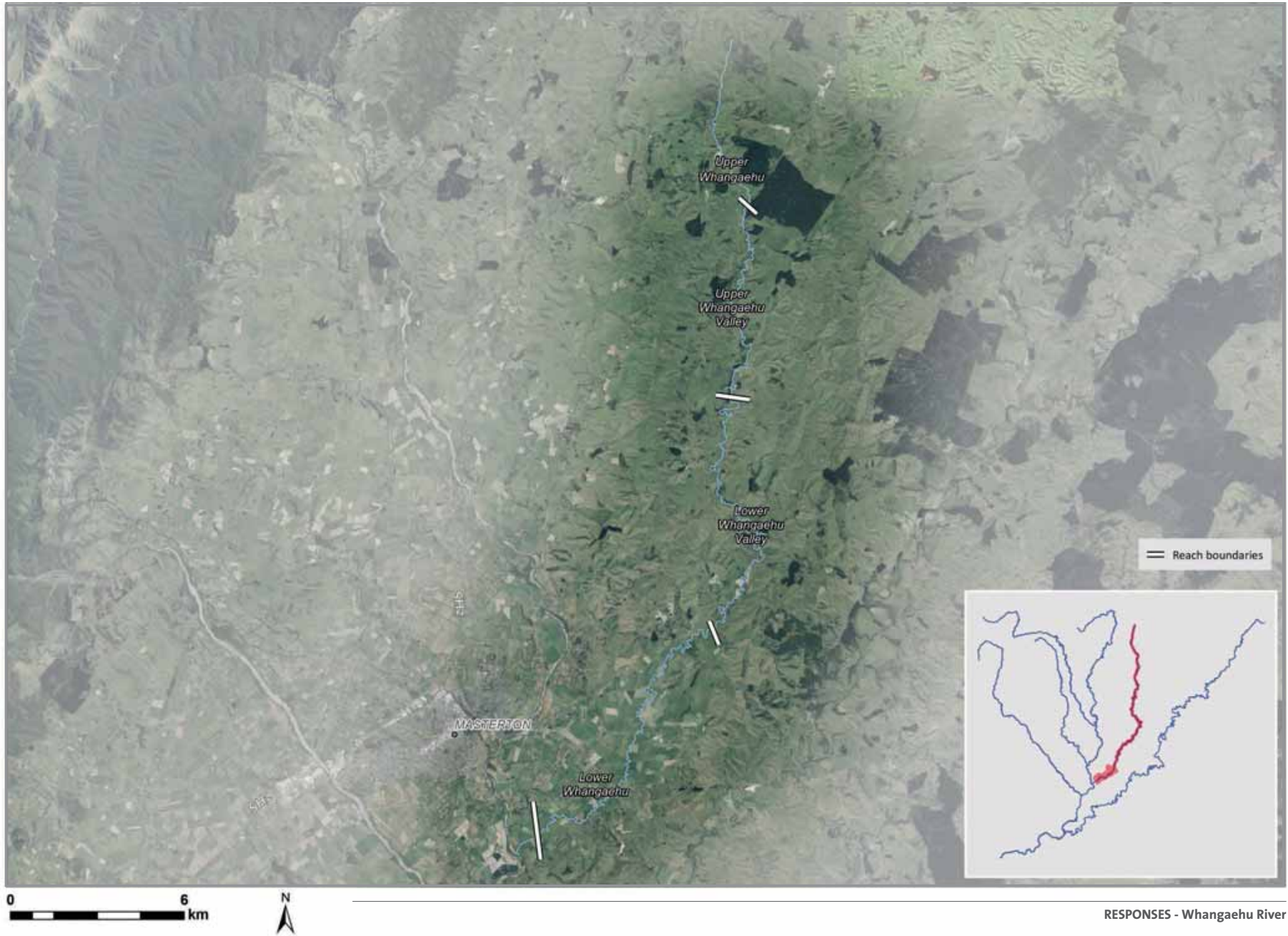
Whangaehu River

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES
COMMON METHODS		Within scheme	River management	River management envelope, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffers, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers
		Entire Reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase
		Entire Reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system
		Entire Reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs



RESPONSES - Whangaehu River

Taueru River

The Taueru (also known as Tauweru) River forms the eastern most river in the study area and flows through the eastern Wairarapa Hills before connecting with the Ruamāhanga to the west of Gladstone along the eastern edge of the wider Wairarapa Plains. This has a total catchment area of 498km² and the main channel has a total length of 69km.

The river has a number of small tributaries, and comparably, for the size of the catchment, has a relatively small and narrow river channel. The upper reaches of the river pass through strongly rolling terrain containing pasture and forestry. The main river channel in the lower reaches has a relatively low gradient with a meandering pattern.

The Taueru River can be translated to mean “hanging in clusters”.

The Taueru River catchment contains a mix of soils formed from sandstone, limestone and siltstone in the eastern Wairarapa hill country. Land use in the catchment is predominantly primary production activities (dairying, dry stock grazing, cropping, and plantation forestry), with a few scattered areas of native forest throughout the catchment. Farming activity, which dominates the modern land use along its length, has had a substantial impact on the landform of the river. Pockets of good quality remnant native vegetation remain in some less accessible steep-sided gully areas, including isolated locations where remnant totara and kahikatea can be found. Within the managed area of the river, introduced vegetation in the form of clumps of willow and poplar dominates the channel form. Outside of the managed area, much of the floodplain and banks are grazed. This diverse mix of character has meant that reaches have generally been classified as having medium level of modification.

The floodplain of the Taueru River is relatively sparsely populated, with the development spread evenly along the length of the river and generally confined by the topography of the narrow valley.

The Taueru is particularly significant to Maori due to its historic significance as a travel route towards the north east and the coastal areas along the eastern side of New Zealand. This led to the formation of a number of settlements. There are several cultural sites identified along the river including locations of pā, urupā and mahinga kai. The Taueru River was a particularly abundant source of freshwater crayfish. Eels were more abundant in lower reaches of the river and today these parts of the river remain a valued fishery.

The remnant pockets of native vegetation and the river form make it important in some locations for recreational pursuits, which include game bird hunting, fishing and kayaking.

The lower reaches of the Taueru include several RAP sites, including Te Kopi Road and Peter Bush.

Key characteristics by reach:

Upper Taueru

- Mixed forestry and farmland
- Meandering stream with open grazed margins
- Corridors and clumps of willow and poplar trees

Bideford

- Meandering willow-lined corridor
- Isolated gorges with remnant totara and kahikatea

Bramerton

- Sweeping river form, semi-enclosed river corridor
- Open grazed pasture banks
- Pockets of remnant indigenous forest

Taueru

- Meandering course cut below river terraces
- River terracing containing historic settlement
- Open grazed margins with sporadic willow, poplar and eucalypts

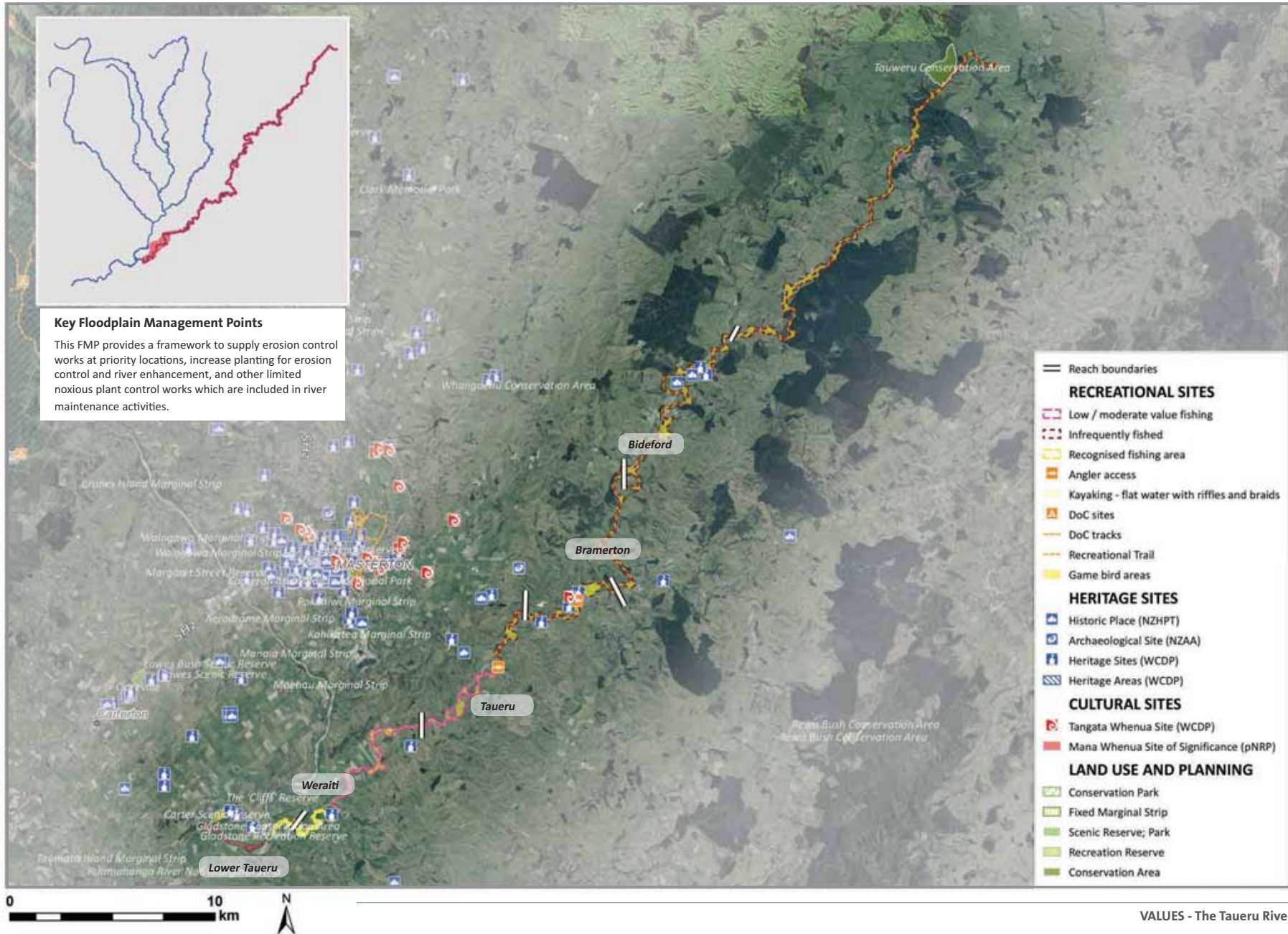
Weraiti

- Incised channel meandering through enclosed river terraces
- Mixed willow and pasture margins

Lower Taueru

- Incised channel meandering through the Wairarapa Plains
- Grassed margins separated from surrounding rural land use

REACH	LANDSCAPE VALUES		RECREATION VALUES	HERITAGE VALUES	CULTURAL VALUES	LAND USE AND PLANNING	ECOLOGICAL VALUES
	LANDSCAPE MODIFICATION	SCENIC VALUE					
Upper Taueru	Medium	Medium / High	Game bird hunting, infrequent fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Road, River	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland
Bideford	Low / Medium	Medium	Game bird hunting, infrequent fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Road, River	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous Vegetation
Bramerton	Medium	Medium	Game bird hunting, infrequent fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), River	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous Vegetation
Taueru	Medium	Medium	Angler access, game bird hunting, infrequently fished	-	Historic pa site, urupā and mahinga kai	Rural (Primary Production), Road, River	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Natural wetlands and ponds
Weraiti	Medium	Low / Medium	Angler access, game bird hunting, low/moderate value fishing	-	-	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River	Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland
Lower Taueru	Medium	Medium	Kayak access, kayaking, game bird hunting, excellent fishing	Memorial Oaks (WCDP)	Urupā	Rural (Primary Production), Rural (Special), Road, River, Flood Protection and Mitigation	Te Kopi Road (RAP), Peter's Bush (RAP), Unfenced indigenous forest, Mixed exotic-indigenous forest, Indigenous treeland, Natural wetlands and ponds



VALUES - The Taueru River

Taueru River

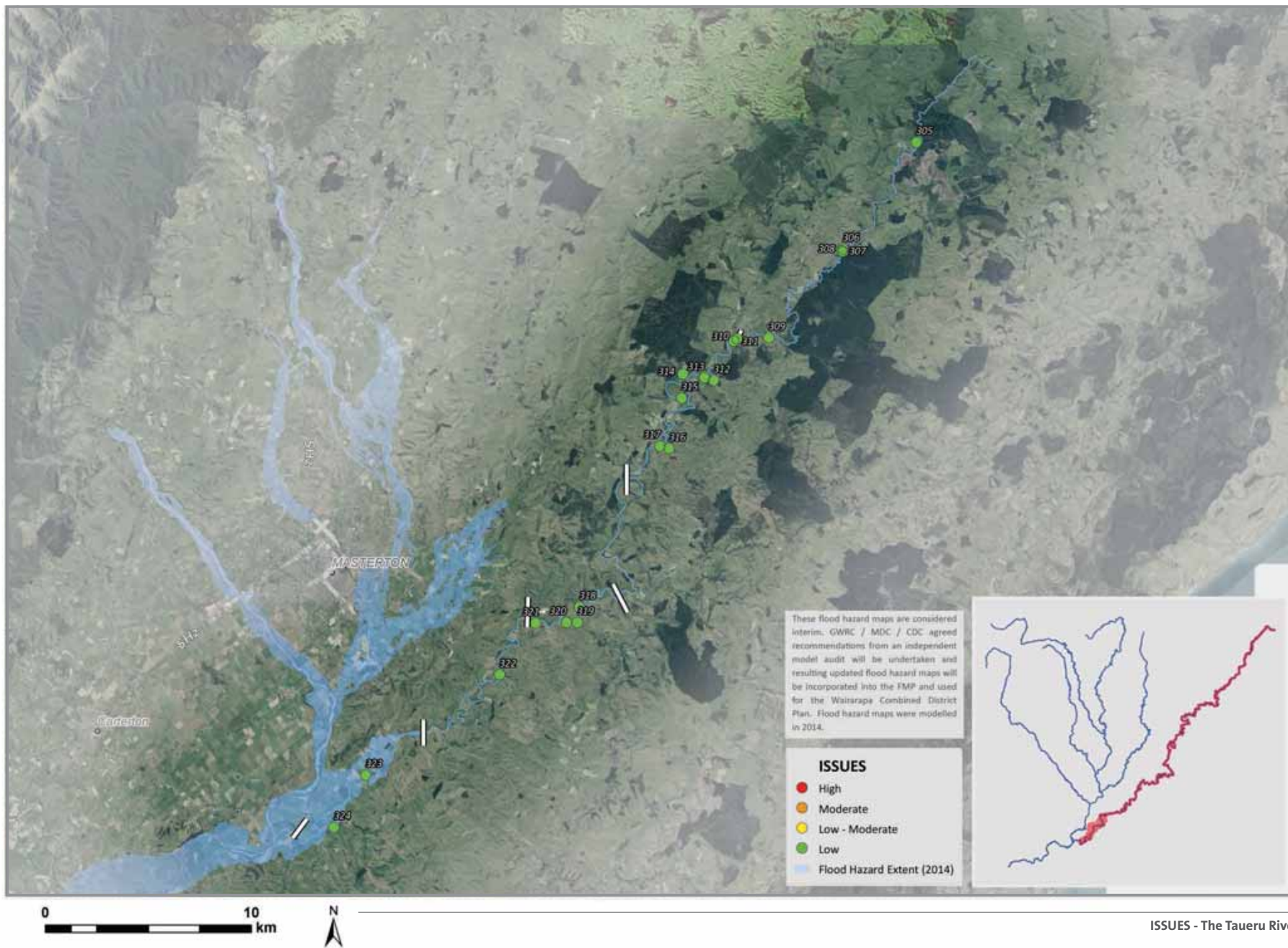
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Flooding frequently overtops the banks of the river to flow across the floodplain, and to a lesser extent through secondary channels. The large catchment of Taueru has led to some significant floods in the past.

The key risks relate to flooding of productive land, access routes to residential property, and the flood risk for rural homes.

The erosion risk posed by the Taueru River is very limited, and only a small number of bridges and structures sit within the erosion hazard study area. The river however is susceptible to heavy silting from sediments washed from its banks and hills in the catchment.

RISK LEVEL	DESCRIPTION			
LOW	Road and Bridge [305] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [310] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [315] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [320] Within erosion study area
	House and outbuildings [306] Within erosion study area	Road [311] Within erosion study area	Private access [316] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [321] Within erosion study area
	House and outbuildings [307] Within erosion study area	Road [312] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [317] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [322] Within erosion study area
	Private access bridge [308] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [313] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [318] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [323] Within erosion study area
	Private access bridge [309] Within erosion study area	Private access bridge [314] Within erosion study area	Stock bridge [319] Within erosion study area	Road bridge [324] Within erosion study area
LOW TO MODERATE				
MODERATE				
HIGH				



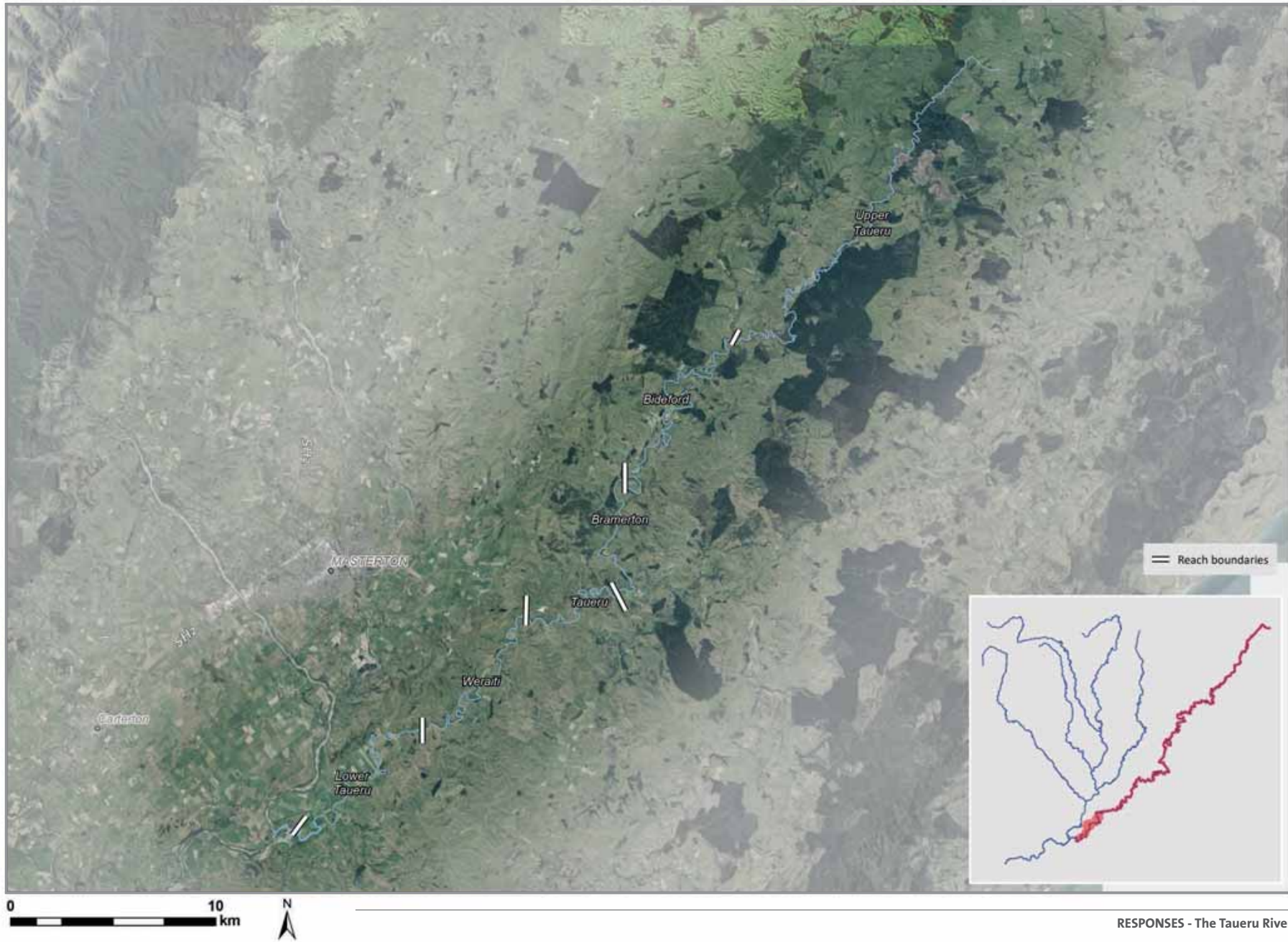
Taueru River

Response

Common methods and specific responses that apply to this reach are set out below. The common methods used to address specific issues are listed in *Appendix 5*.

Reach Specific Responses

	ISSUE ID	SITE	TYPE OF RESPONSE	MEASURES
COMMON METHODS		Within scheme	River management	River management envelope, river bed level monitoring, riparian planting of buffers, pest management in riparian planted buffers, pool-riffle-run envelope, isolated works support, Code of Practice, mixed riparian planting within buffers, alternative land uses within riparian planted buffers
		Entire Reach	Planning and policy	Land use controls, flood hazard maps, rural stopbank policy, scheme funding decision making policy, abandonment/retirement of assets, strategic land purchase
		Entire Reach	Emergency management	Emergency management planning, community resilience, flood forecasting and warning system
		Entire Reach	Environmental enhancement	Environmental Strategy, Community Support Officer, Riparian Management Officer, care group and clubs



RESPONSES - The Taueru River

Appendix 1: Floodplain Management Planning Process

Floodplain management planning is the process that aims to create a plan for how to keep people and property safe from floodwaters, and at the same time puts in place steps to prepare people for coping with a flood when it occurs. Specifically, the FMP process involves recognising the necessity of managing risks to life and property, and the economic effect of flooding on the community. It also recognises the impacts of river management practices on environmental, cultural, and social wellbeing.

Work on this FMP began in 2012. Information has been gathered from a range of sources and ideas have been discussed by the FMP Subcommittee. The preparation of this FMP followed a three-phase process as outlined below.

The process followed the 'Guidelines for Floodplain Management Planning' (GWRC, 2013).

Phase 1 - Investigation

The first phase of work involved collecting data and establishing and understanding the flood and erosion problems. In doing this, a clear picture of values of the rivers and the adjacent floodplains was recognised alongside the existing flood and erosion risks. This required an understanding of the relationships between flood hazards, people and communities including the values that are shared and the way in which the interactions between these are managed.

On the technical level, this phase involved hydrological/climatic assessment, cultural values assessment, ecological and landscape assessment, hydraulic modelling and flood hazard mapping, flood damage assessment, and the assessment of implications for existing zoning. During this phase, a significant flood risk was identified for the Masterton urban area from the flooding of the Waipoua River.

Contact and briefing with affected parties and the community was also carried out by way of an open day and letter drop, as well as presentation of the flood hazard maps in Masterton.

The Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga FMP Subcommittee

The FMP Subcommittee, made up of community and local government representatives, was also established during Phase 1. This Subcommittee was set up as a focus and governance group to assist with the different phases of this work.

The FMP Subcommittee, chaired by Bob Francis, is made up of:

- the GWRC Councillor for the Wairarapa constituency;
- one other GWRC Councillor;
- one elected member each nominated by Masterton District Council and Carterton District Council;
- one member nominated by Kahungunu ki Wairarapa;
- one member nominated by Rangitāne ō Wairarapa;
- up to two members nominated by the existing scheme committees; and
- up to four community members appointed for their skills and experience relevant to the work of the Subcommittee, whom are all appointed by Council.

Over the course of the FMP development, a few members joined and left the Subcommittee for different reasons. We particularly want to acknowledge Councillor Gary McPhee and Siobhan Garlick, who passed away during the development of this FMP. All together fifteen members contributed to the FMP Subcommittee process:

	BOB FRANCIS [CHAIRPERSON] Community		STEPHANIE GUNDERSEN-REID Community		CLLR GRAHAM MCCLYMONT Masterton District Council
	FORMER CLLR GARY MCPHEE GWRC		KATE HEPBURN Community		CLLR BRIAN DELLER Carterton District Council
	CLLR BARBARA DONALDSON GWRC		JANINE OGG Community		CLLR ADRIENNE STAPLES GWRC
	DAVID HOLMES River Scheme		RAWIRI SMITH Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa		MICHAEL WILLIAMS River Scheme
	HORIPO RIMENE Rangitāne o Wairarapa		SIOBHAN GARLICK Rangitāne o Wairarapa		FORMER CLLR MIKE PALMERS Carterton District Council

Phase 2 - Identify and Assess Management Options

This phase of the FMP process saw detailed information gathering and considerable consultation with interested parties and stakeholders. In terms of technical studies and referenced documents, a variety of reports and other documents have informed decisions, as well as provided evidence-based conclusions on how the river can best be managed to control the risks associated with flooding and erosion. The consultation involved numerous meetings, open days, letters, radio coverage, participation in A&P shows, and workshop sessions to gather comments from relevant parties.

During this phase, the aims for this FMP were developed by the FMP Subcommittee in consultation with the community; these are outlined in Section 2.5. Overarching aims for the catchment were elaborated on for different reaches of the rivers. Based on the identified aims, a multi criteria analysis (MCA) was developed specifically for the Te Kāuru catchment to evaluate river management options. This MCA process tested the options against the overarching FMP aims and identified areas requiring improvement to bring their performance to a level acceptable to the subcommittee.

Over 300 issues were identified associated with rivers, flood and erosion risks. These are detailed in the Vision and Aims report, and Part 2 of this FMP.

The technical studies and consultation investigations helped identify and inform flood management options which were considered through a series of workshops run with the FMP Subcommittee including field visits and discussions of the community's needs and appropriate solutions. In this phase, a series of structural and non-structural options were evaluated by the FMP Subcommittee against the aims of this FMP, with the process and outcome being focused on reducing the potential flood and erosion risk.

The FMP Subcommittee workshop topics and associated key decisions are listed in the table below.

DATE	WORKSHOP TOPICS	KEY DECISIONS
20 October 2015	Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA) establishment	
15 March 2016	MCA Recap Common methods applied across Waingawa River	Use of MCA
14 April 2016	Common methods: • River Buffer (banks) • River Buffer (beds) • Pool, riffle and run count • Retreat or Retirement of Assets • Governance and funding	Support Pool, Riffle, Run Count and Retreatment of Assets
17 May 2016	Common methods: • Governance and funding • Mixed vegetated planting • Emergency management • Private bridges across river • Community groups	Support Mixed Vegetated Planting, Emergency Management and Community Groups
17 June 2016	Rathkeale Stopbank Common methods endorsement / feedback	Support High Level Application of all Common Methods
26 July 2016	Waingawa State Highway 2 Gateway / Stopbank River Road Properties	
25 August 2016	Rathkeale Stopbank options Waingawa Stopbank update South Masterton Gateway Mauriceville	Support improvements to amenity at South Masterton Gateway Support inclusion of Mauriceville in management Scheme
13 September 2016	Overview of MDC Assets and flood risk implications	Approve Structure and Preparation of Working Draft of FMP
6 December 2016	Issue 1st Working Draft of FMP	
7 February 2017	Feedback on working draft FMP	
7 March 2017	Summary of feedback on the working draft FMP, and outcomes of the feedback	

DATE	WORKSHOP TOPICS	KEY DECISIONS
4 April 2017	Governance MCA summary of major project responses Common methods by river	Approval of outcomes of MCA process with major projects Support identification of use of Common Methods across each river
13 June 2017	Science of hydrological assessment Management of water courses	
22 August 2017	Waipoua Masterton Urban Area Project Group August meeting Feedback from Whaitua consultation regarding 'managing the rivers' Benefits of wider river active bed and vegetated buffers Design lines/river management envelopes – How were they developed? And how will they be implemented? Major project response updates a. River Road b. Masterton District Council Raw Water Supply Pipeline c. South Masterton stopbank discussion	
12 September 2017	Buffer management report Funding Kopuaranga scheme expansion Rathkeale stopbank	Acceptance of proposed buffer management approach Agreement to include Kopuaranga scheme expansion in the draft FMP
24 October 2017	Implementation of buffers River management descriptions	Acceptance of implementation process for buffer management Draft FMP to have preferred options not multiple options Detail of river management descriptions and level of service descriptions to remain as a supplementary report Confirmed that the preferred river management approach is to generally work within the existing river management envelopes Desire to include designation of the buffers in the draft FMP
28 November 2017	Draft FMP Volumes 1 and 2	Confirm general structure of FMP Review general and more specific comments on content of FMP, covering: • Non-statutory status • Relationship to NPS: Freshwater • Reliance on mixed vegetation • Adaptive management • Relationship to Code of Practice • Terminology
13 February 2018	Responses to Draft FMP Feedback Rathkeale update Consultation	Confirm feedback responses have been identified Review draft responses That genuine and honest feedback from the community is being sought
12 March 2018	Review updates to FMP Volumes 1 and 2 Confirm corrections to be updated in working drafts Consultation responses	MDC and CDC to endorse draft for consultation
10 April 2018	Communication and engagement plan Wide design lines Whaitua update	Focus on implementing flexible, vegetated buffers

DATE	WORKSHOP TOPICS	KEY DECISIONS
8 May 2018	Plant species Engagement Plan Rathkeale Funding Future flooding and Climate Change	Seek agreement with iwi regarding plant selection List of changes to be circulated ahead of next meeting
5 June 2018	Draft FMP Volume 1 and 2	FMP endorsed for community engagement
3 July 2018	Engagement documents / activities Whaitua Implementation Design Team Waipoua update	Environment Committee endorsement for engagement
8 August 2018	Feedback from coffee group meetings Waipoua River modelling	Recognise importance of addressing weeds in buffers MDC and GWRC to proceed collectively
11 September 2018	Stage 1 engagement summary Waipoua option development	Working Group to progress with developing urban Major Project Response for Masterton
15 October 2018	Sustainable Wairarapa Discussion – Ian Gunn Engagement Summary Report Project Managers Report Draft hazard maps for Waipoua Rathkeale update	
1 November 2018	Waipoua flood hazard engagement feedback Oxford Street engagement Waipoua option development Major workstream responding to feedback	Long list of Waipoua approaches development
10 December 2018	Community Involvement Flood hazard maps FMP Project Manager’s report Whaitua update Water Wairarapa update	Support for approach to community engagement
29 January 2019	Urban Waipoua identified approach Buffer Benefits Report – Russell Death Updates to Volume 1	
13 February 2019	Volume 1 updates Volume 2 updates Volume 3 updates Engagement	Planting and weed control key outcomes
21 February 2019	Updates to FMP Volume 1 for re-engagement	Volume 3 endorsed for public engagement
5 March 2019	Engagement on Volume 3 Outline of proposed FMP as one volume	
13 March 2019	Summary of engagement Draft proposed FMP Consultation	FMP Endorsed for consultation
11 April 2019	Engagement report Submissions so far Phase 2 summary report	Establish hearings panel
29 April - 22 May 2019	Hearing and deliberations	
28 May 2019	Summary of submissions and responses Draft independent audit	
5 June 2019	Resolve updates to FMP	

There were several key constraints that had to be considered when assessing management options, for example:

- Location of existing assets (such as bridges, roads, houses); and
- Balancing environmental and cultural value of allowing the river flexibility to behave more naturally with the economic costs of the potential loss of productive land.

In particular, the FMP Subcommittee promoted a river management approach that sought to allow the rivers to behave more naturally, with less frequent intervention, within the current envelopes. This was an explicit attempt to strike a balance between improving the river environments and recognising the economic value of the adjacent land (and the views of those landowners).

In addition to the workshops outlined above, approximately 20 Subcommittee meetings were held in Masterton (open for the public) where the FMP Subcommittee endorsed various steps of the project development. All the reports are available to the public through the GWRC official website.

Phase 3 - Prepare draft Floodplain Management Plan

Based on the evaluation of different options against the vision and aims of this FMP, the preferred option combinations were selected by the FMP Subcommittee and were presented to the community as a “draft” FMP. The preferred options were presented in draft form (as part of three separate volumes) to the community for feedback.

Consultation

One of the key parts of FMP process has been engaging with the community. In particular, engaging with people who may live on or own flood prone land. This FMP brings together several years of intensive work by:

- Key stakeholders and affected parties;
- The rural community;
- The urban community of Masterton;
- The FMP Subcommittee;
- GWRC, Carterton District Council, and Masterton District Council;
- Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa; and
- Various interest groups, public agencies and businesses.

As part of this work, the FMP Subcommittee was a crucial component of consultation on the future management of the river, has made decisions on detailed technical investigations, and endorsed preferred options for addressing the flood and erosion risks at specific locations. These decisions form the basis of this FMP.

The process of how to contribute to the draft FMP was outlined in the draft FMP Volume 1 document in “Section 5: How can the community contribute?” and in the draft FMP Volume 3 document in “Section 7: How can the community contribute?”.

Appendix 2: Previous River Management Practices

River management refers to works within the bed of the river and on the river banks, and the maintenance of stopbanks. Over the last 50 years, river management schemes have been proposed, developed, and maintained. These schemes collectively reduced, mitigated or managed flooding and erosion risk, with the purpose of protecting people, property, infrastructure, and productive rural land. These schemes were formed at various times based on the wishes and with the support of the local community.

Previously there were two distinct types of river management schemes operating within the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment, which reflected the different natures of the rivers. Schemes covering the western side of the valley were dealing with larger, gravel bedded rivers (the Waingawa, Waipoua and Ruamāhanga Rivers). Schemes established on the eastern side included the Kopuaranga, Whangaehu and Taueru Rivers that are smaller, silt bedded rivers coming from the Eastern Hills.

Activities and approaches

The previous approach to flood risk management in the catchment primarily addressed erosion concerns. The gravel bed river management schemes used a river management envelope as a tool to maintain a sufficient river channel to accommodate flood flows. The aim was to keep the river's channel within a design alignment and plant edges each side of the active bed in appropriately wide vegetated buffers to enable maintenance of the channel over time.

Along fast flowing erosion-prone rivers, modern sterile varieties of willow trees are the preferred type of vegetation included in buffers because of their robust nature and vigorous growth, combined with an ability to resist erosion. The principle being that the buffers perform the bulk of the erosion protection and allow the scheme managers to manage break-outs of the river alignment before they damage assets and productive land located behind the buffers and stopbanks. In comparison with earlier willow plantings, such as those done historically on the Whangaehu, Taueru and Kopuaranga Rivers, more modern management takes a hands-on approach to establishing and managing the willow plantations so that they do not impinge on the river channel or otherwise cause a nuisance.

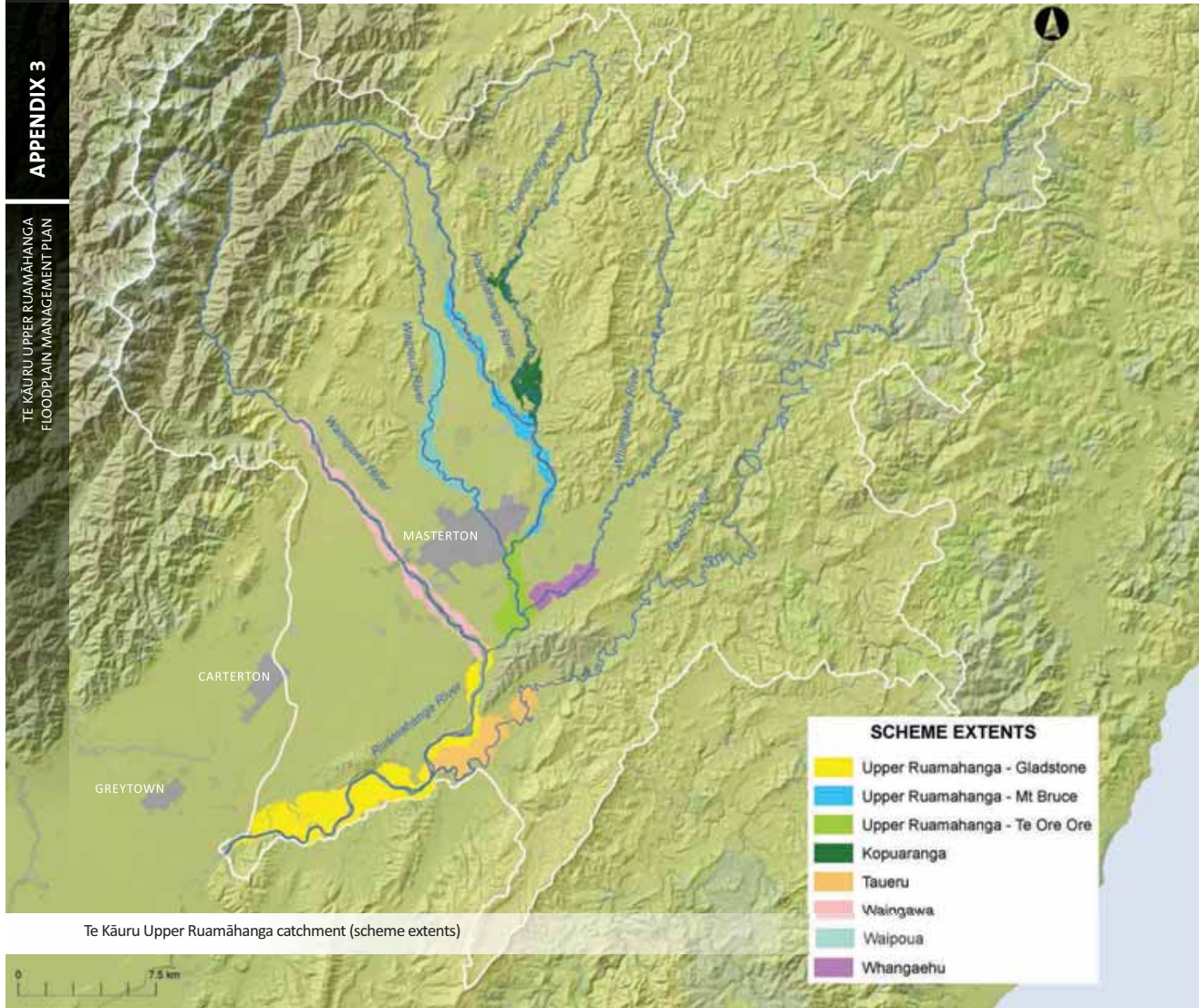
Other complementary river management activities used throughout the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment have included:

- Gravel extraction;
- Bed and/or beach re-contouring (moving gravel within the river bed);
- Rock rip-rap (placement of rock lines along the edge/bank of the river);
- Rock groynes (placement of rock built out from the river edge/bank); and
- Vegetation clearance to prevent the build-up of islands in the river channel. This type of work involves using machinery such as diggers and bulldozers on the edge of the river, or sometimes in the river channel itself.

The focus of previous river management has been driven by a desire to minimise the impact of erosion and flooding on agricultural land and a drive to maximise the productive capacity of that land. Agricultural land use remains one of the key drivers behind the need for river and erosion management and creates the greatest demands on the management of our rivers. This approach came from the prevailing values at the time the schemes were established, where overall economic development was the primary concern. In recent years, concern has been raised about the sustainability of the river management techniques used, and the impacts that these techniques and schemes have had on the river environment and cultural values. As a result of these concerns, and collaborative work between the schemes and community representatives, steps have been made to change or modify these management practices. This FMP aims to build on these improvements and includes the concept of giving the river more room to develop a natural form. It also recognises the full range of river and floodplain values as part of the assessment and option development process.

Gravel management and willow cabling are examples of many works that take place in the rivers





Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga catchment (scheme extents)

Appendix 3: River Management Schemes of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Area

Upper Ruamāhanga Schemes

There has been a long history of river management on the Upper Ruamāhanga River associated with human settlement and people's desire to protect themselves and their assets (land and structures) from the negative effects of flooding.

The modern Upper Ruamāhanga River Management Scheme was established in 1982 and covered a length of 58km of the Ruamāhanga River from Mount Bruce downstream to the Waiohine confluence. The scheme was designed to protect an area of about 2,760ha of rural land and a number of public utilities using a combination of stopbanks, vegetated buffers and heavy bank protection. The overall guiding philosophy was based on an established set of design lines.

A major review of the scheme was undertaken in 2001/02 in response to a number of issues, particularly the river management approach and rating classifications which was considered to be inequitable to certain reaches of the scheme. This review resulted in the Upper Ruamāhanga Scheme being split into three sections, namely the Mt Bruce Scheme (25km), the Te Ore Ore Scheme (9km), and the Gladstone Scheme (24km), to reflect the typical quantum of works required and the subsequent relative rating requirements of each section of the river.

Waingawa River Scheme

The Waingawa River Management Scheme covers a length of 17km, stretching from the Atiwhakatu Stream to the Ruamāhanga River confluence downstream. The river is bisected by a number of geological fault lines and this influences the natural characteristics of the river. The floodplain is generally well defined by clear river terraces, indicating where the river has been over a geologic timeframe, although cross country overflows towards Masterton were possible prior to the construction of stopbanks in the vicinity of West Bush/Skeets Road. After a series of floods in 1988 local landowners and the District Councils put forward a request for a river management scheme be set up to manage the effects and to provide ongoing protection to land and community assets. The scheme was established in 1992. Prior to establishing the scheme, any work carried out in the river to mitigate flood and erosion damage was carried out by individual landowners or the utility owner at their own expense.

A significant aspect of the scheme was a mechanism for encouraging the retirement of private land adjacent to the river for the creation of a vegetated buffer. This mechanism involved the agreement of the owner, who then received 10% of the assessed value of the land and the remaining 90% of the assessed value being credited to the scheme rating

district to partially offset scheme costs. Over the first 15 years infrastructural assets were developed to mitigate erosion damage, course change and flood hazard to Masterton. After this phase the scheme focused on maintenance works.

Waipoua River Scheme

The Waipoua River Management Scheme covers a length of 18km, stretching from the Mikimiki Bridge to the Ruamāhanga River confluence downstream.

The Waipoua River Scheme was originally established in 1954 to mitigate flooding and erosion hazards for rural land and the Masterton urban area. The scheme was designed to protect an area of about 770ha from flooding. The scheme consists of stopbanks, grade control weirs, vegetated buffers, protective willow plantings and rail-iron groynes.

The scheme is split into two parts; the rural reaches and the Masterton urban reach. GWRC is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of both components, however, the funding of the maintenance works within the Masterton urban area is split 50/50 between GWRC and Masterton District Council. There are three grade control weirs in the Masterton urban reach that maintain the water level in the river to ensure sufficient water supply to Queen Elizabeth Park. These weirs are within the GWRC list of assets.

Kopuaranga River Scheme

The Kopuaranga River Scheme covers a length of around 27km, from just downstream of Mauriceville to the confluence with the Ruamāhanga at Matapihi. It was established in 2007 in response to flood events during 2004 and 2005. Willows within and near the Kopuaranga River channel were impeding river flows, resulting in reduced channel capacity. The effect of this willow growth was more frequent flooding, particularly on properties in the lower sections of the Kopuaranga catchment. Following community consultation, a scheme was established to fund the selected removal of willows and the re-planting of native and exotic species in the lower catchment. In addition, an ongoing maintenance programme involving spraying or cutting willows is undertaken as required. Since the establishment of the scheme, progressive removal and re-planting of willows has been undertaken.

Whangaehu River Scheme

The Whangaehu River Scheme covers 9km of the river and is a relatively small scheme in terms of the scope of works carried out and expenditure. This scheme was established in 1995 in response to worsening flooding resulting from increased congestion of the river channel caused by willows and other debris. The scheme extends from the confluence with the Ruamāhanga River up to the Masterton-Castlepoint Road.

Taueru River Scheme

The Lower Taueru River Scheme covers 18km of the river and is similar in scope to the Whangaehu Scheme. This scheme was established in 1994 to reduce the incidence of flooding in this area due to excessive willow growth within the river channel. The scheme extends from the confluence with the Ruamāhanga River (just upstream from the Gladstone Road Bridge) up to the end of Te Kopi Road. The cause of the flooding (e.g. willow growth reducing the capacity of the river channel) and the resulting scheme works (e.g. original removal of willows and debris, followed by spraying to control re-growth) have many similarities with the Whangaehu River.

Cost of management work (2017) and key protected areas

RIVER	COST OF MANAGEMENT WORK	KEY PROTECTED AREAS
Ruamāhanga	Mt Bruce \$125k – typical annual maintenance cost \$1.5M – Flood Protection assets value Te Ore Ore \$150k – typical annual maintenance cost \$2.5M – Flood Protection asset value Gladstone \$160k – typical annual maintenance cost \$3M – Flood Protection asset value	Mt Bruce (\$5k/km), Te Ore Ore (\$17k/km), and Gladstone areas (\$7k/km) Average \$\$ spent per km is indicative of the relative levels of service between the three schemes (i.e. low, high, medium respectively)
Waingawa	\$179,000 – annual maintenance cost \$1.4M – Flood Protection asset values	Masterton water supply intake and the water supply pipeline The railway and state highway bridges The bank edge at the end of the Hood Aerodrome runway Local and regional utilities infrastructure
Waipoua	\$110,000 with around \$20,000 identified for the urban reach \$3,664,087 asset values	Urban Masterton and other public and private assets
Kopuaranga	\$23,000 – annual maintenance No Flood Protection assets here	The river management scheme covers 27km upstream from the confluence with the Ruamāhanga River
Whangaehu River	\$7000 – annual budget No Flood Protection assets here	Covers 9km upstream from the confluence with the Ruamāhanga River
Taueru River	\$5000 – annual budget No Flood Protection assets here	It extends for a length of 17.7km from the confluence with the Ruamāhanga

Appendix 4: Legislative and Policy/Principle Context

An outline of the legislation, policies and principles relevant to preparation of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga FMP is set out below.

Legislation

There are four key statutes of particular relevance to floodplain management: the Resource Management Act 1991; the Local Government Act 2002; the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941, and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Each of these performs a distinct and important role in managing flood risk, including the ability for a range of regulatory and non-regulatory measures to be introduced which enable central and local government to more effectively manage such risks (for example, structural measures such as stopbanks, policy and planning measures such as land use controls, and river management responses such as river management envelopes and riparian planting of buffers).

Resource Management Act (RMA)

Natural hazards are a relevant planning concern under the RMA, with the 'management of significant risks from natural hazards' recognised as a matter of national importance (s.6(h)).

To achieve this, regional and city/district councils assume specific natural hazard related functions under the Act, with regional councils responsible for controlling the 'use of land for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating natural hazards' (s. 30(1)(c)(iv)) and city/district councils responsible for controlling 'any actual or potential effects of the use, development, or protection of land for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating natural hazards' (s.31(1)(b)(i)).

Functionally, regional councils play a lead role in hazard management, with allocation of responsibilities between agencies outlined in their regional policy statements (s.62(1) (i)).

These requirements, along with other relevant matters in Part 2 of the RMA, provide a regulatory context for regional and city/district councils to control land use to avoid or mitigate natural hazards, such as flooding. This is typically realised through objectives, policies and rules specifically developed for this purpose contained in respective regional and district plans (ss.67/68 and 75/76), and in considering and determining any associated resource consent applications (Part 6 and s.106).

Local Government Act (LGA)

Under the LGA regional and city/district councils are required to have particular regard to the contribution that the core service of 'avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards' makes to their communities (s.11A).

A key requirement under the Act is the preparation of long term plans (LTPs). These act as a vehicle for regional and city/district councils to outline their key activities (expenditure) over the following 10 year planning horizon. They also provide a basis for accountability through the identification and setting of required levels of service and performance measures in relation to groups of activities, such as flood protection (s.93).

As part of the LTP, councils are also required to prepare financial strategies including an indication of the 'expected capital expenditure on network infrastructure, flood protection and flood control works that is required to maintain existing levels of service' (s.101A(3)).

The LTP and associated asset management planning process enables councils to determine the level of natural hazard protection to be provided by their assets (in the case of flood protection works), or the level of event they are intended to withstand (in the case of network infrastructure).

Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act (SCRCA)

While much of the original SCRCA has been repealed, it still empowers regional councils to undertake catchment works to promote soil conservation or minimise and prevent damage by floods and erosion (ss.10 and 133).

Although the Act provides a mandate to undertake works for the purposes of flood protection and erosion control, it does not compel or require regional councils to act on these matters. Furthermore, any proposed works (e.g. stopbanks) are subject to the requirements of the RMA if the activity is not permitted as of right or a resource consent is required under a relevant district or regional plan (s.10A).

The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 replaced the Rating Powers Act 1988, but does refer to it within various sections.

Under Section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 outlines the procedure for setting rates. Rates must be set in accordance with the relevant provisions of the long term plan including the funding impact statement for each financial year.

For public transport, river management, pest management and Wellington regional strategy rates, the Council bases its differential rating categories on those used by each of the territorial authorities in the Wellington Region. Differential rating categories for the Wairarapa river management schemes, Wairarapa catchment schemes and Wairarapa drainage schemes are based on areas identified on the approved classification registers held by the Council.

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM, 2014 (Amended 2017))

The NPS-FM is a regulatory instrument issued by the Government under the RMA that provides direction to local authorities on management of freshwater through establishment of:

- a framework that considers and recognises Te Mana o te Wai (the integrated and holistic well-being of the water) as an integral part of freshwater management; and
- a set of objectives and policies that direct water to be managed in an integrated and sustainable way, with provision made for economic growth within set water quality and quantity limits.

Particular provisions in the NPS-FM of relevance to floodplain management are as follows.

- Objective C1 and associated Policies C1 and C2 – these relate to improving integrated management of freshwater and the use and development of land within a catchment. This, in turn, necessitates regional councils to review the way they manage land use impacts on water quality and quantity, including management of sediment input and land uses that alter water yield (Policy C1), and to recognise the relationship between management of land use, water and provision of all forms of infrastructure, including stopbanks (Policy C2).
- Objective CA1 and associated Policies CA1 and CA2 – these relate to the identification of freshwater management units (FMUs) incorporating all freshwater bodies within a region, along with the establishment of a nationally consistent approach to setting relevant freshwater objectives for these units (the National Objectives Framework).

Ecosystem health and human health for recreation are compulsory values for consideration when developing FMU specific objectives. Aside from these, regional councils may also take into consideration a range of other values, where appropriate to their local/regional circumstances. Such values can include natural form and character (e.g. biophysical, ecological, geological, geomorphological, and morphological aspects), mahinga kai, wāhi tapu and water supply (Policy CA2(b) and Appendix 1).

Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region (RPS)

The RPS contains a specific topic on natural hazards, with river flooding identified as one of the three most significant natural hazards in the region. It also contains the following natural hazard-related objectives.

- Objective 19: The risks and consequences to people, communities, their businesses, property and infrastructure from natural hazards and climate change effects are reduced.
- Objective 20: Hazard mitigation measures, structural works and other activities do not increase the risk and consequences of natural hazard events.
- Objective 21: Communities are more resilient to natural hazards, including the impacts of climate change, and people are better prepared for the consequences of natural hazard events.

To achieve these objectives the RPS relies on four key policies: two that direct district and regional plans that apply in the region, and two that set out matters that need to be considered by councils when processing and determining a

resource consent/notice of requirement, or a change/variation or replacement to a plan. These policies are as follows.

- Policy 15: Minimising the effects of earthworks and vegetation disturbance – district and regional plans.
- Policy 29: Avoiding subdivision and inappropriate development in areas at high risk from natural hazards – district and regional plans.
- Policy 51: Minimising the risks and consequences of natural hazards – consideration.
- Policy 52: Minimising adverse effects of hazard mitigation measures – consideration.

Regarding responsibility for policy implementation, the RPS states that these responsibilities are shared between the regional council and city/district councils (Policy 62), and identifies a range of regulatory and non-regulatory methods, including the following regulatory and non-regulatory methods.

Regulatory

- Method 1: District plan implementation (city and district councils).
- Method 4: Resource consents, notices of requirement and when changing, varying or reviewing plans (GWRC and city and district councils).

Non-regulatory

- Method 14: Information about natural hazard and climate change effects (GWRC, city and district councils and Civil Defence Emergency Management Group).
- Method 22: Information about areas at high risk from natural hazards (GWRC and city and district councils).
- Method 23: Information about natural features to protect property from natural hazards (GWRC and city and district councils).

Any Regional Plan or District Plan prepared under the RMA is required to put the RPS into practice. These plans help the respective regional and city/district councils to carry out their resource management functions, including managing natural hazards and their associated effects, and to develop ways to deal with the full range of floodplain management planning issues.

FMP Principles

The FMP approach adopted and implemented by GWRC is premised on a set of four core principles that reflect:

- The evolving nature of Council practice in preparing and implementing FMPs throughout the region and the corresponding lessons learnt; and
- The political and economic realities associated with any prospective change to its current approach to managing flood hazard risk (e.g. managed retreat vs building or upgrading flood protection structures).

The principles also reinforce and complement the objectives and policies in the RPS, as well as the Council's operational floodplain management guidelines.

The core principles are as follows.

- **Avoid building in areas at high risk of flood hazard**
Avoiding the construction of residential and other buildings vulnerable to flooding in undeveloped urban and rural areas (i.e. a 'greenfields' situation) exposed to a high level of flood hazard is the most effective way of managing flood risk in these locations in the long term. In areas subject to a lesser degree of flood hazard, activities and development should be appropriate to the circumstances and should not exacerbate flood risk.
- **Only consider new flood protection infrastructure where existing development is at risk**
Where existing urban or rural land use and/or development (e.g. dwellings, irrigation infrastructure, dairy sheds) is subject to an unacceptable degree of flood risk the construction of new structural protection measures (e.g. stopbanks, elevating existing buildings) will be considered. This includes circumstances where, for instance, there is an elevated risk to human life or safety or where the impact on lifeline utilities or the local/regional economy is judged to be significant.
- **Establish standards of flood protection relative to the degree of risk**
In designing and implementing structural and/or non-structural measures within areas subject to flood risk, the following standards are to be applied by GWRC and city/district councils subject to their regulatory processes.
 - » Protection of all habitable buildings and urban areas
 - › A minimum 1% AEP flood standard to floor levels for habitable buildings and new development within existing urban areas, along with provision of safe access
 - » Stopbank protection
 - › Where required to protect existing urban areas and associated land use, stopbanks will be constructed to achieve a minimum 1% AEP flood standard
 - › Where required to protect rural areas and associated land use, stopbanks are generally constructed up to a 5% AEP flood standard to alleviate frequent or nuisance flood events
 - » Plan for climate change in assessing the degree of flood hazard risk and in determining an appropriate response. In assessing flood hazard risk and determining appropriate structural and/or non-structural responses in areas subject to flood risk, GWRC will apply the following allowances for climate change predicted to occur over the next 100 years in the design criteria for its flood hazard investigations:
 - » Current allowances
 - › Increases in rainfall intensity - 20%
 - › Sea level rise - 0.8m

The manner in which these principles are applied to specific catchments is largely determined in discussion with individual communities during the process of preparing a FMP. This includes, for example, consideration of such matters as:

- › What constitutes 'an unacceptable level of risk' to the local community and what are the structural and non-structural measures available to reduce exposure to these risks; and
- › How estimates of potential flood damage are derived (e.g. current land use and potential future losses under existing development conditions vs increased development opportunities and economic growth resulting from the introduction of structural measures).

Appendix 5: Issues Summary

RESPONSES SPECIFIC TO INDIVIDUAL ISSUES - FOR GENERAL RESPONSES FOR EACH REACH REFER TO RESPONSE SUMMARY												
ID	RIVER	REACH	NAME	ISSUE DESCRIPTION	THREAT	AT RISK	RANK	PRIMARY COMMON METHOD	SECONDARY COMMON METHOD	TERTIARY COMMON METHOD	3RD PARTY ASSET OWNER LIAISON	COMMENT
1	Ruamāhanga	2	State Highway 2	SH2 runs close to a gorge section of the Ruamāhanga River and sits within the erosion study area. The risk of erosion here is considered low because of natural rock control. Further information on geology may clarify any risk.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice		3rd party asset owner liaison	
2	Ruamāhanga	2	SH2 bridge	SH2 crosses the Ruamāhanga and the abutments sit within the erosion study area. This section of the river is well entrenched and gorge-like and risk to this structure is considered low.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice		3rd party asset owner liaison	
3	Ruamāhanga	2	Scheme upstream boundary location	The upstream boundary of the Scheme sits below the gorge area of the river, it is recommended that this is reviewed in consultation with landowners in this area.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				Scheme expansion unlikely
4	Ruamāhanga	2	House	A house at 2036A SH2 sits within the erosion study area extent, but outside the modelled 1%AEP flood area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
5	Ruamāhanga	2	House	A house at 1986 SH2 sits within the erosion study area extent, but outside the modelled 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
6	Ruamāhanga	2	House	A house at 1964 SH2 sits within the erosion study area extent, but outside the modelled 1% AEP event.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
7	Ruamāhanga	2	Private stock bridge	There is a stock bridge that crosses the river which sits within the erosion study area and potentially is at risk of damage from debris flows, bed level changes and flood events.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
8	Ruamāhanga	2	House	A habitable structure sits within the erosion study area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
9	Ruamāhanga	2	SH2	SH2 sits within the erosion study area extent, but is considered to be at low risk because of geology in area and distance from active channel.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice		3rd party asset owner liaison	
10	Ruamāhanga	2	Channel alignment	No design channel exists for upstream of scheme boundary.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope				
11	Ruamāhanga	2	Private bridge	A private bridge structure crossing the river with abutments is within the erosion study area. This may be susceptible to debris flows, erosion issues, and bed level changes.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River bed level monitoring	Emergency management planning			
12	Ruamāhanga	2	Dunvegan Forest Remnants RAP sites	Dunvegan Forest Remnants are within erosion study area and within the 1% AEP modelled flood extent.	Flood & Erosion	Environment	Low	River management envelope	Protection against deforestation in the upper catchment	Flood hazard maps		
13	Ruamāhanga	3	Site of regional significance	The Hidden Lakes area is a site of regional significance. It is within the erosion study area extents and current regional planning is unclear if there will be a requirement to protect this against possible future erosion.	Erosion	Cultural Value	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Environmental strategy		
14	Ruamāhanga	3	Outbuildings	Possible farm ancillary buildings are within the erosion study area and within the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Business	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Flood hazard maps	Emergency management planning		
15	Ruamāhanga	3	House	A house at 65 Fenemor Road is located within the erosion study area. It is situated outside the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
16	Ruamāhanga	3	Houses	Houses near 1158 SH2 are within the erosion study area. The properties around these houses are within the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	House	Moderate	River management envelope	Flood hazard maps	Emergency management planning		
17	Ruamāhanga	3	House	A house at 1050 SH2 sits within erosion study area. The house is not within the 1% AEP flood area but areas of the surrounding property area affected.	Flood & Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Flood hazard maps	Emergency management planning		
18	Ruamāhanga	3	Gravel extraction site	This location is a good gravel extraction point with good current access, and it is used and licensed by GWRC Flood Protection.	Land use	Flood Protection	Low	River bed level monitoring	Code of practice			

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19	Ruamāhanga	3	Houses	Houses at 8 Opaki Kaiparoro Road and 212 Opaki Kaiparoro Road are within the erosion study area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
20	Ruamāhanga	3	SH2	SH2 sits within the erosion study area but is considered to be at low risk because of the geology.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		3rd party asset owner liaison	
21	Ruamāhanga	3	Railway line	The main north-south railway line sits within the erosion study area, the natural rock control in this area is currently protecting the line. The line is infrequently used.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
22	Ruamāhanga	3	Double bridges	The SH2 and rail bridges are susceptible to bed level changes. Current bed levels provide adequate freeboard for the bridge soffits, however there are concerns about scour around the piers. The bridge abutments are protected by natural rock controls.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River bed level monitoring	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
23	Ruamāhanga	3	Houses	The houses in vicinity of the southern bridge abutment are within the erosion study area, however are likely to be protected by the natural rock controls around the SH2 and rail bridges.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Emergency management planning			
24	Ruamāhanga	4	Opaki water race intake	This water race intake is reasonably stable and only requires occasional maintenance to ensure it operates.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River bed level monitoring	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
25	Ruamāhanga	4	Swimming hole	The double bridges swimming hole is very popular, but it is also a hazardous swimming location.	Land use	Recreation	Low to Moderate	Environmental strategy	Community Support Officer			
26	Ruamāhanga	4	Bluff Rangitumau Road	The road sits within the erosion study area but is likely to be of low risk due to natural rock control.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Emergency management planning			
27	Ruamāhanga	4	Stopbank	Stopbank within the buffer, needs to be moved to the outer extent of buffer and away from erosion pressures from river.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope	Rural stopbank policy			
28	Ruamāhanga	4	Erosion control works	Erosion control works for Rathkeale stopbank are used to maintain the design fairway in this area.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	River management envelope			3rd party asset owner liaison	Major project response
29	Ruamāhanga	4	Stopbank	The Rathkeale stopbank is located in the erosion study area. It currently requires protection from bank erosion.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	River management envelope			3rd party asset owner liaison	Major project response
30	Ruamāhanga	4	Urupā	A historic urupā site which sits on the edge of a cliff above the Ruamāhanga River and is located within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Cultural	Moderate	River management envelope	Environmental strategy			
31	Ruamāhanga	4	House	A house at 143A Matapihi Road sits within the erosion study area, but it is outside the 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
32	Ruamāhanga	4	Rathkeale College buildings	Rathkeale College sheds are located within the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Business	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Emergency Management Planning	Community resilience	3rd party asset owner liaison	Major project response
33	Ruamāhanga	4	Rathkeale College sewage pond	The sewage treatment ponds for Rathkeale College are located within the erosion study area and are within the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Business	Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Emergency Management Planning	Community resilience	3rd party asset owner liaison	Major project response
34	Ruamāhanga	4	Bed armouring	The river bed is becoming armoured (hard packed together) due to the addition of finer sediments falling onto it from the cliffs above.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River bed level monitoring	Isolated Works support			
35	Ruamāhanga	4	House	A house on 7 Matapihi Road is located within the erosion study area but outside the 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Emergency management planning			
36	Ruamāhanga	4	Houses	At 365 Black Rock Road, the house is located within the erosion study area and sits on the edge of the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
37	Ruamāhanga	4	Private water take	A private water intake for an irrigation system is located within erosion study area. No known issues.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Community resilience			
38	Ruamāhanga	4	Outbuilding	A farm storage or utility building is located within the erosion study area but outside the 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion	Business	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			

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39	Ruamāhanga	4	Road	Black Rock Road is within the erosion study area at this location, it has required erosion protection within the last decade.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
40	Ruamāhanga	4	Houses	147 to 240 Black Rock Road have houses which sit within the erosion study area. The houses on these properties sit outside the 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
41	Ruamāhanga	4	Water intake	The subsurface gallery intake consent application would be at risk of channel degrade.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River bed level monitoring	Code of Practice			
42	Ruamāhanga	4	Private frost protection intake	The private water intake for frost protection system sits within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
43	Ruamāhanga	4	Channel alignment	At XS245+50m - hard edge protection holds a narrow design channel alignment at this location, the river may naturally tend to a wider channel.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
44	Ruamāhanga	4	House	138 Gordon Street sits within the erosion study area, but is well set back from the river channel behind a high bank.	Erosion	House	Low	River management envelope	Emergency management planning			
45	Ruamāhanga	4	Henley Lake water intake	The channel alignment and bed levels in this area cause intake problems for water to Henley Lake.	Erosion	Infrastructure	High	River management envelope	River bed level monitoring		3rd party asset owner liaison	
46	Ruamāhanga	4	Te Ore Ore stopbank	The stopbank is believed to be of low standard of protection but several properties behind it are affected by the modelled 1% AEP flood area.	Flood	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy	Code of Practice	Flood hazard maps		
47	Ruamāhanga	4	Industrial yards	Sheds, machinery, possible contaminants are sitting within the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Environment	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Flood hazard maps	Community resilience		
48	Ruamāhanga	4	Powerlines north of Te Ore Ore bridge	Sub-transmission lines are located north of the Te Ore Ore bridge and the pylons are located outside river bed but may be affected by the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		3rd party asset owner liaison	
49	Ruamāhanga	4	Te Ore Ore Bridge	This bridge is relatively new and therefore risk of scour issues is unlikely. It may be affected by changes to weir arrangements, and abutments sit within erosion study area.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope			
50	Ruamāhanga	4	Te Ore Ore weir	Ongoing effects of damaged rock and rail weirs across the river. It is visually unattractive and a safety concern for recreation users of the river.	Erosion	Recreation	High	Code of Practice	Environmental strategy			
51	Ruamāhanga	5	Henley Lake	Henley Lake Park area is being eroded and historically has been threatened by erosion. There is a current staged land retreat in progress to allow greater room for the river.	Erosion	Recreation	High	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
52	Ruamāhanga	5	Powerlines	Distribution lines cross the river, the pylons are located outside river bed but within the erosion study area.		Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		3rd party asset owner liaison	
53	Ruamāhanga	5	Narrow river channel	River flows regularly break out onto paddocks on the true left bank of the river, this alleviates some of the erosion and flood risks to River Road properties.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
54	Ruamāhanga	5	Houses	Approximately 14 River Road properties are at risk of erosion from the Ruamāhanga River. They have historically been threatened in floods.	Flood & Erosion	House	High	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency Management Planning		Major project response
55	Ruamāhanga	5	Cemetery	The cemetery sits within the erosion study area. It has historically suffered from erosion and light rock protection is in place to manage some of these effects.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
56	Ruamāhanga	5	Closed landfill	Potential erosion of contaminated material. This area has eroded previously, it is now protected with light rock and willows.	Erosion	Environment	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
57	Ruamāhanga	5	Stopbank	A 10-20-year stopbank infested with trees has an increasing risk of failure which would affect the Wastewater Treatment Plant.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	Code of Practice	Rural stopbank policy			
58	Ruamāhanga	5	Channel alignment	The true left bank of the channel in this location is maintained by groynes on an alignment outside of the design fairway.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			

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59	Ruamāhanga	5	Stopbank	The level of service of this stopbank is unclear from downstream of the closed landfill.	Flood	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy	Code of Practice			
60	Ruamāhanga	5	WWTP irrigation beds	A proposed irrigation area is protected by a vulnerable ~2-year stopbank. These irrigation beds currently sit within the buffers and are within the erosion study area and 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	High	Recognition of buffers as a river management tool	Flood hazard maps		3rd party asset owner liaison	
61	Ruamāhanga	5	MDC Waste Water Treatment Plant	The Wastewater Treatment Plant sits within both the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood area. There are some 1% AEP stopbanks protecting the asset however these are outflanked further upstream.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	Major project response
62	Ruamāhanga	5	House	A house at 374A Lees Pakaraka Road sits within the erosion study area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
63	Ruamāhanga	5	Road	Lees Pakaraka Road sits within the erosion study area and on the edge of the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River management envelope	Flood hazard maps	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
64	Ruamāhanga	5	WWTP discharge point	The Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges treated water to the Ruamāhanga River.	Land use	Environment	High	River management envelope	Code of Practice		3rd party asset owner liaison	
65	Ruamāhanga	4	Channel alignment	Historically the channel was wider at this location than the current very narrow design channel alignments.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Historic channel lines			
66	Ruamāhanga	5	Three houses	Three houses in erosion study area are considered to be at lower risk than the road upstream due to high bank and cemented deposits. There is no history of erosion.	Erosion	House	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
67	Ruamāhanga	5	Wardells Bridge	The river bed in the location of this bridge is observed to be a very stable site, with low risk of erosion or scour. The road to the north of the bridge is within by the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	Code of Practice	Flood hazard maps		3rd party asset owner liaison	
68	Ruamāhanga	6	Waingawa-Ruamāhanga confluence	Instability from Waingawa flows influences the Ruamāhanga at this location making it a very challenging area to manage and the river management lines are very difficult to achieve.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
69	Ruamāhanga	6	Ruamāhanga river terrace RAP site	A RAP site is on the edge of the 1% AEP flood extent and within erosion study area.	Flood & Erosion	Environment	Low	River management envelope	Environmental strategy	Flood hazard maps		
70	Ruamāhanga	6	Channel alignment	The channel is naturally wider than the design channel alignment in this location.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
71	Ruamāhanga	6	Houses	There are several houses located in the erosion study area. They are located on reasonably firm material, on a high terrace which is unlikely to erode.	Erosion	House	Low	River management envelope				
72	Ruamāhanga	6	River alignment	This section of the river has proved to be a challenge to manage to the river management lines and pushes out towards the edge of its buffers on both banks.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
73	Ruamāhanga	6	Frost protection water intake	There is an erosion threat to a private water intake located within the erosion study area, the landowner has provided some protection.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
74	Ruamāhanga	6	River alignment	The river alignment in this location needs constant management and if alignment is not well managed, it spills extra water onto Te Whiti Flats, and the Te Whiti stopbank is at risk of overtopping.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of practice			
75	Ruamāhanga	6	Fish habitat	This is a site for fish habitat.	Land use	Environment	Low	Land use controls	Environmental strategy			
76	Ruamāhanga	6	Dakins Road - public road	Erosion affecting the end section of Dakins Road, near Cottier Estate has been addressed in past with rock works. These rock works have protected the immediate area they were installed to protect, but adjacent areas are still affected by erosion.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Isolated Works support	Emergency management planning		
77	Ruamāhanga	6	Te Whiti Stopbank	The stopbank sits within the erosion study area and in places within the current buffers. There is a risk that it may erode and expose protected areas. It currently protects a known flooding area.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of practice			

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78	Ruamāhanga	6	Channel alignment	Buffer widths upstream of the Taueru confluence require review.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope				
79	Ruamāhanga	6	Fish passage	This is an important confluence between the Ruamāhanga and Taueru Rivers.	Land use	Environment	Low to Moderate	Environmental strategy				
80	Ruamāhanga	6	Gladstone complex	The Gladstone pub, sports fields and several houses sit within the erosion study area and are within the 1% AEP flood area. Despite these risks there is no recorded history of flooding or erosion.	Flood & Erosion	Business	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
81	Ruamāhanga	6	Gladstone Bridge	There are no known issues of scour or erosion at this bridge, however an exclusion zone applies to 100m upstream and downstream. Freeboard to soffit is ok and debris flow risk is ok.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	Code of Practice				
82	Ruamāhanga	7	Stopbank	This stopbank protects farmland and is of very poor quality. It is overgrown with trees and believed to be susceptible to failure.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy				
83	Ruamāhanga	7	Ahiaruhe Stopbank	This stopbank protects farmland against small, more frequent, flood events. It is located within the erosion study area and close to the river. It is full of trees and has a high risk of failure.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	Rural stopbank policy				
84	Ruamāhanga	7	River access	An easement has been created to allow access to Carter Reserve. This site is not being promoted and there is a risk that disuse may lose future opportunities.	Land use	Recreation	Low	Care groups and clubs	Environmental strategy	Land use controls		
85	Ruamāhanga	7	Gravel extraction site	Ahiaruhe gravel extraction site	Land use	Flood Protection	Low	Code of Practice				
86	Ruamāhanga	7	Outbuildings	Farm or other utility buildings are located within the erosion study area and 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Business	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope			
87	Ruamāhanga	7	Channel alignment	The channel in this locations narrows at XS201 and widens out at XS198. This creates erosion issues upstream and downstream of this location.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
88	Ruamāhanga	7	Channel alignment	Buffer width on true right bank of river is very narrow and on the true left of river is very wide. The currently managed alignment does not match design alignments.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope				
89	Ruamāhanga	7	Channel alignment	The channel naturally widens in this area outside of the design channel alignment.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
90	Ruamāhanga	7	Outbuildings	There are outbuildings within the erosion study area and 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Business	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope			
91	Ruamāhanga	7	Kokotau Bridge	No known issues with this bridge, abutments sit within erosion study area and the road to north is within the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	River bed level monitoring	Flood hazard maps		
92	Ruamāhanga	8	Stopbank	A small stopbank with a low protection level is within the erosion study area.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy				
93	Ruamāhanga	8	Channel alignment	The buffer strip in this area is very narrow and needs to be wider.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				
94	Ruamāhanga	8	Channel alignment	The design channel alignment in this location is difficult to maintain and it has been recommended that the design lines may need to be reviewed.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				
95	Ruamāhanga	8	Farm buildings	250 Taumata Road contains a number of structures at risk of erosion on the edge of a thin buffer, it is also within the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood & Erosion	Business	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
96	Ruamāhanga	8	House	A house on 142 Foreman-Jury Road is within the erosion study area and on the edge of the modelled 1% AEP flood area. Several buildings near the address are within the buffer.	Flood & Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Flood hazard maps	Emergency management planning		

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97	Ruamāhanga	8	Taumata Lagoon	A potential fish habitat site is within the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood	Environment	Low to Moderate	Land use controls	Environmental strategy	Flood hazard maps		
99	Ruamāhanga	8	Kokotau to Waiohine scheme reach	There is little funding spend in this area. The landowners that contribute to the wider schemes have questions about value for money for them.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	Code of Practice	Community Support Officer			
100	Waipoua	10	Channel alignment	The channel alignment in this area is identified as being significantly outside the recommended design fairway.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				Volume 3
101	Waipoua	10	Scheme upstream boundary expansion	The scheme has previously been longer, extending upstream into the Massey Farms property.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	River management envelope	Scheme decision making policy			Scheme expansion unlikely
102	Waipoua	10	Design lines	There are currently design lines in place for the Waipoua River upstream of the scheme boundary, however, they are not used for any purpose.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				
103	Waipoua	10	Massey irrigation water intake	The intake for the irrigation system sits within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
104	Waipoua	10	Massey farm sheds and bridge	Several farm buildings and an access bridge sit within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Business	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
105	Waipoua	11	Mikimiki bridge	There is observed ongoing bed degradation which affects the bridge, road and the water level recorder site. Work has been carried out in the past to tackle issues with scour.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River bed level monitoring	Code of Practice		3rd party asset owner liaison	
106	Waipoua	11	Farm building	A farm outbuilding is located within the modelled 1% AEP flood area.	Flood	Business	Low	Flood hazard maps	Community resilience			
107	Waipoua	11	Channel alignment	The design fairway narrows at this location and may require revision - XS40+100m - 85m narrows to a 45m design width.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				
108	Waipoua	11	Design lines	Current design lines have been identified as possibly too narrow.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				
109	Waipoua	11	Farm outbuilding	A farm outbuilding is located with the modelled 1% AEP flood area and within the erosion study area.	Erosion & Flood	Business	Low	Flood hazard maps	Community resilience			
110	Waipoua	11	Bridge	A private bridge is located within this property. There are possible issues with the abutments creating an obstruction to flow and being susceptible to erosion.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Community resilience			
111	Waipoua	11	Telecom line	A private telco line which runs beneath the river bed that is potentially susceptible to damage by machinery or scour.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River bed level monitoring	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
112	Waipoua	11	Water intake	A private water intake for Watson Lake is within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
113	Waipoua	12	Channel alignment	The buffer strip in this area has been identified as being too narrow and it is recommended that a wider buffer be established in accordance with the recommended design channel alignments.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				
114	Waipoua	12	Private erosion structures	These erosion protection structures were privately constructed, but have from time to time been maintained by GWRC operations.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low	Code of Practice	Isolated Works support			
115	Waipoua	12	Water intake	A private water intake for a lake on private property is situated within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
116	Waipoua	12	Channel alignment	The buffer planting on the true right bank has been reinforced with a rock line. This has made the buffer strip narrow in this area, however due to the protection a review of the appropriate buffer may be appropriate.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			Volume 3
117	Waipoua	12	Road	A section of Matahiwi Road is within erosion area and modelled to be 0.6m deep in a 1% AEP flood.	Erosion & Flood	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	

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118	Waipoua	12	House	A house at 236 Matahiwi Road is situated within the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion & Flood	House	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
119	Waipoua	12	Houses	A number of properties on Matahiwi Road are modelled to be within the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood	House	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning		
120	Waipoua	12	Road	Road at risk of flooding during a modelled 1% AEP event to a depth of between 0.3m and 0.8m.	Flood	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning		
121	Waipoua	12	Stopbank	The stopbank on the true left banks sits on the edge of the active channel and within the erosion study area. There has been past consideration of revision of the design lines in this location to relocate the active channel away from the structure.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy	River management envelope			
122	Waipoua	12	Low quality stopbank	This stopbank is very close to the river and at risk of erosion. It is affected by substantial tree growth making it vulnerable to storm damage and piping effects along root pathways.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy	Code of Practice			
123	Waipoua	12	Serpentine confluence	Aggradation in the area of the Serpentine Stream confluence with the Waipoua River increases the likelihood of flooding and blockage.	Flood	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River bed level monitoring	Code of Practice			
124	Waipoua	12	Serpentine stopbank	This stopbank is of concern because it partially protects a number of properties however the management objectives of the structure are unclear. It is very close to the river and within the erosion study area.	Erosion & Flood	Flood Protection	Moderate	Rural stopbank policy	Emergency management planning			
125	Waipoua	12	Houses	There are houses within erosion study area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
126	Waipoua	12	Bridge capacity	The Paierau Road Bridge is potentially creating additional flooding problems upstream.	Flood	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	Flood forecasting and warning system			3rd party asset owner liaison	
127	Waipoua	12	Paierau Road	The stopbanks upstream of the Paierau Road Bridge overtop and flood the road frequently creating a hazard to life.	Flood	Infrastructure	Moderate	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning	Community resilience	3rd party asset owner liaison	Major project response
128	Waipoua	12	Houses	Matahiwi Rd/Akura Road homes are at risk of flooding in a 1% AEP modelled flood event.	Flood	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning		
129	Waipoua	12	Houses	There are houses within erosion study area.	Erosion	House	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
130	Waipoua	12	Stopbank	The quality, standard of protection, alignments and purpose of the flood protection infrastructure in the area of the Serpentine Stream confluence is variable and has been of concern for sometime.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy	Code of Practice			
131	Waipoua	12	Stopbank	The stopbank on the true right bank of the river gets close to the river channel and within the erosion study area at its downstream extent.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy	Code of Practice			
132	Waipoua	12	Akura Nursery	Akura Nursery floods from overland flow originating from upstream of Paierau Road Bridge.	Flood	Land use	Low	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning	Community resilience		
133	Waipoua	12	Stopbank	The stopbank on the true left bank of the river is within the erosion study area and has required protection to reduce risk.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Rural stopbank policy	Code of Practice			
134	Waipoua	12	Houses	There are houses located within the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood	House	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning		
135	Waipoua	12	Golf course	The golf course is located in the modelled 1% AEP flood area and is also within the erosion study area.	Erosion & Flood	Land use	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		

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136	Waipoua	12	Narrowed channel	The river channel becomes more confined as it approaches the railway bridge upstream of Masterton.	Flood	Land use	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				
137	Waipoua	13	Channel alignment	No design fairways have been created for the section of the Waipoua River which flows through Masterton. This creates management challenges due to a lack of guidance for river engineers.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				Volume 3
139	Waipoua	13	Stopbank	The alignment of the stopbank puts it close to the active channel and within the erosion study area. The stopbank is modelled to overtop in a 1% AEP flood event. There are known low spots along its length which may have created flooding issues in paddocks.	Flood & Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps				Volume 3
140	Waipoua	13	Bed control weirs	Structures which cross the channel to prevent channel degradation are susceptible to damage in high flow events and susceptible to erosion.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	Code of Practice	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope	3rd party asset owner liaison	Volume 3
141	Waipoua	13	Sewer lines	Sewer lines run down both banks of the Waipoua River along its length through Masterton. These are located on the river side of the stopbanks and within erosion study areas.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	Code of Practice	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope	3rd party asset owner liaison	Volume 3
142	Waipoua	13	Bed control weirs	Structures which cross the channel to prevent channel degradation are susceptible to damage in high flow events and susceptible to erosion.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	Code of Practice	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope	3rd party asset owner liaison	Volume 3
143	Waipoua	13	Channel alignment	There is a mismatch between the fairways and the extents of the bed control weirs in the urban reach of the Waipoua River.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			Volume 3
144	Waipoua	13	Bed control weirs	Structures which cross the channel to prevent channel degradation are susceptible to damage in high flow events and susceptible to erosion.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	Code of Practice	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope	3rd party asset owner liaison	Volume 3
145	Waipoua	13	Irrigation water intake	The rugby ground's irrigation water intake is located within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope	3rd party asset owner liaison	Volume 3
146	Waipoua	13	Sewer siphon	The Landsdowne sewer siphon crosses the river and is at risk from flood damage and is within the erosion study area.	Flood & Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope	3rd party asset owner liaison	Volume 3
147	Waipoua	13	Emergency sewer discharge point	An emergency sewer discharge point is located on the river bank.	Land use	Environment	Low to Moderate	Code of Practice	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope	3rd party asset owner liaison	Volume 3
148	Waipoua	13	Channel alignment	No design fairways have been created for the section of the Waipoua which flows through Masterton. This creates management challenges due to a lack of guidance for river engineers responsible for the scheme management.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				Volume 3
149	Waipoua	13	Future flooding in Masterton	There are many properties in the future flood hazard area (1% AEP including climate change)	flood	House	High	Flood hazard maps				Major project response
150	Waingawa	15	MDC water supply intake	Part of the Masterton water supply network is located in the headwaters of the Waingawa River. In relatively stable gorge section.	Erosion	Infrastructure	High	Emergency management planning				
151	Waingawa	15	MDC water supply pipe bridge	There are problems with build-up of the river bed level, the risk of debris flow damage. This poses a risk to the water supply to Masterton.	Erosion	Infrastructure	High	River bed level monitoring	Emergency management planning			Major project response
152	Waingawa	15	MDC water supply pipeline	There is a currently managed erosion risk to the main water supply pipeline. It is located between the river bank and the road.	Erosion	Infrastructure	High	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		Major project response
153	Waingawa	16	House	A house at 114 Waingawa Road is in the erosion study area and in 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion & Flood	Erosion & Flood	Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
154	Waingawa	16	Upper Waingawa Road	The upper Waingawa Road is modelled to be flooded to a depth of 0.9m in a 1% AEP flood.	Flood	Infrastructure	Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning		

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155	Waingawa	16	Farm buildings	A dairy shed and other outbuildings are in the erosion study area and flood risk area.	Erosion & Flood	Erosion & Flood	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
156	Waingawa	16	Taratahi Water Race intake	Bed degradation means achieving water intake level is difficult, river alignment is difficult to maintain with current alignment, it is necessary to balance between scour and aggradation to keep intake clear.	Erosion	Infrastructure	High	River bed level monitoring	Pool, riffle, run envelope	River management envelope		
157	Waingawa	16	MDC water supply pipeline	Bed degradation at Black Creek is creating a risk to the Masterton water supply pipeline. The pipeline also sits within the erosion study area at this location.	Erosion	Infrastructure	High	River bed level monitoring	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		Major project response
158	Waingawa	16	Waingawa River bush RAP sites	Waingawa River Bush RAP site is within the design channel buffer and close to the edge of the design channel alignment.	Erosion	Environment	Moderate	River management envelope	Environmental strategy			
159	Waingawa	16	Houses	Houses are located within the erosion study area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
160	Waingawa	16	MDC Water Treatment Plant - Main facility	Parts of the MDC Water Treatment Plant are within the erosion study area, the main plant is not affected by this.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
161	Waingawa	16	MDC Water Treatment Plant - Sludge area	The sludge treatment sections of the MDC Water Treatment Plant are located on the lower terraces within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
162	Waingawa	16	MDC water supply - Boost pump station	The boost pump station for the Masterton water supply is located within the 1%AEP flood area.	Flood	Infrastructure	High	Flood hazard maps	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning		
163	Waingawa	16	House	There is a house in flood hazard area - the address is unclear.	Flood	House	Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Flood forecasting and warning system	Emergency management planning		
164	Waingawa	16	House	A house at 636D Norfolk Road sits within the erosion study area and Wairarapa Combined District Plan erosion area. It is not affected by the modelled 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion	House	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
165	Waingawa	16	MDC water supply	An area designated for potential future water treatment that sits within the erosion study area and the 1% AEP flood area.	Flood	Infrastructure	Low	Land use controls	Code of Practice		3rd party asset owner liaison	
166	Waingawa	16	Historic river channel	An old river channel used to flow through this location, and an overflow path in the updated 1% AEP flood area. The old gravel river bed has been planted over and closed off with a stopbank.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Historic channel lines	Land use controls	Rural stopbank policy		
167	Waingawa	16	River alignment	Buffer zones are an issue at this location. There has been ongoing trouble managing the river to within the design lines. Erosion on true right bank is currently beyond the buffer extents.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	River management envelope				
168	Waingawa	16	Tararua Drive stopbanks	The stopbanks in this location are of low level and crest height is monitored. It is recommended that the levels are confirmed (Tararua Drive - 3no. Low level banks).	Flood	Flood Protection	Moderate	Rural stopbank policy				
169	Waingawa	16	House	At 65 Totara Park Drive the house and outbuildings are in the erosion study area, they are not within the 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion	House	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
170	Waingawa	16	Flap-gates in stopbank	Two flap-gates in Skeets stopbank create possible back flow routes. These are occasionally blocked open because of misunderstandings.	Flood	Flood Protection	Low to Moderate	Code of Practice				
171	Waingawa	16	Skeets stopbank	This stopbank protects against an overflow path which has historically connected the Waingawa River to the Waipoua River. It is currently maintained by GWRC Flood Protection but a failure could have flood consequences for Masterton.	Flood	Flood Protection	High	Code of Practice	River management envelope			
172	Waingawa	16	Buildings	There are several buildings which are part of 123 Upper Mania Road and 161 Upper Mania Road which sit with the erosion study area.	Erosion	House	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		

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173	Waingawa	16	SLUR Site	A site at 81 Upper Manaia Road is registered on the SLUR database and sits within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Environment	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning		
174	Waingawa	16	Distribution powerlines	Pylons just upstream of the rail bridge - distribution network. One pole is currently situated in the river bed, the others are at risk of erosion on berms.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
175	Waingawa	16/17	Contractors yards	Contractors yards within the erosion study area and are within the 1% AEP flood area. Known erosion management area.	Erosion & Flood	Business	Low	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
176	Waingawa	16	Sub-transmission powerlines	Pylons just upstream of rail bridge - sub-transmission lines. Pylons sit on the edge of the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
177	Waingawa	16	Rail bridge	Contractors yards within the erosion study area and are within the 1% AEP flood area. Known erosion management area.	Erosion & Flood	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River bed level monitoring	Code of Practice		3rd party asset owner liaison	
178	Waingawa	16	Contractors yards	Contractors yards within the erosion study area and are within the 1% AEP flood area. Known erosion management area.	Erosion & Flood	Business	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
179	Waingawa	16	Stopbank	This stopbank is believed to be a high failure risk.	Erosion & Flood	Flood Protection	High	River management envelope	Emergency management planning			Major project response
180	Waingawa	16	Channel alignment	The buffer zones between the two bridges are very narrow, and have been recommended for review.	Erosion & Flood	Flood Protection	Low	River management envelope				
181	Waingawa	16	Channel alignment	The buffer zones between the two bridges are very narrow and have been recommended for review.	Erosion	Flood Protection	Moderate	River management envelope				
182	Waingawa	16	Sewer, water on road bridge	Key infrastructure is at low risk of being damaged by flood and debris flows attached to the road bridge.	Erosion & Flood	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	Emergency Management Planning		3rd party asset owner liaison	
183	Waingawa	16	Road bridge	Bed degradation is a managed problem in the area around the road bridge.	Erosion & Flood	Infrastructure	Moderate	River bed level monitoring	Code of Practice		3rd party asset owner liaison	
184	Waingawa	17	Pump station for sewer line	The pump station is located on the edge of the 1% AEP flood area, and within the erosion study area.	Erosion & Flood	Infrastructure	Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
185	Waingawa	17	Powerlines	Transmission network power line pylons are located within erosion study area, 200m downstream of SH2.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency Management Planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
186	Waingawa	17	Contractors yards	Contractors yards within the erosion study area and are within the 1% AEP flood area. Known erosion management area.	Erosion & Flood	Business	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
187	Waingawa	17	Contractors yards	Contractors yards within the erosion study area and are within the 1% AEP flood area. Known erosion management area.	Erosion & Flood	Business	Low to Moderate	Flood hazard maps	River management envelope	Emergency management planning		
188	Waingawa	17	Powerlines	Distribution network power line pylons are located within erosion study area, 30m downstream of SH2.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice	Emergency Management Planning	3rd party asset owner liaison	
189	Waingawa	17	Land retirement agreements	There is ongoing work to manage buffers through land use change to planted willow buffers.	Land use	Flood Protection	Moderate	River management envelope	Mixed vegetation planting			
190	Waingawa	17	Illegal dumping	The good access and relatively secluded location make this site a popular location for illegal rubbish dumping.	Land use	Environment	Low	Environmental strategy	Community Support Officer	Care groups and clubs		
191	Waingawa	17	Recreation area	The good access to the end of Hughes Line makes it a popular area for recreation groups. There is interest in developing this access and area further from a number of interest groups.	Land use	Recreation	Low to Moderate	Community Support Officer	Care groups and clubs	Environmental strategy		
192	Waingawa	17	Flight path	There is a controlled level for tree height for aircraft taking off from the Hood Aerodrome.	Land use	Flood Protection	Moderate	Code of Practice				Major project response

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193	Waingawa	17	Aerodrome runway	The aerodrome runway is known to be affected by erosion and has been eroded in the recent past (2000), it is situated within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	High	River management envelope			3rd party asset owner liaison	Major project response
194	Waingawa	17	SLUR Site	Hood Aerodrome is a registered SLUR site which sits within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Environment	Low	Emergency management planning	Land use controls	Environmental strategy		
195	Waingawa	17	Private water intake	A private water intake is located within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
196	Waingawa	17	Drag strip	The drag strip sits within the erosion study area and is within the 1% AEP flood area.	Erosion & Flood	Environment	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Flood hazard maps			
197	Waingawa	17	Distribution powerlines	Pylons for a distribution network area located within the erosion study area on the true right bank and may be close to the erosion study area boundary on the true left bank.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	River management envelope	Emergency Management Planning	Community resilience	3rd party asset owner liaison	
198	Waingawa	17	Private water intake	A private water intake is located within the erosion study area.	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low to Moderate	River management envelope	Code of Practice			
199	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
200	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
201	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
202	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
203	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Culvert/road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
204	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private road/culvert	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
205	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
206	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
207	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
208	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access/culvert	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
209	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
210	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road/bridge & graveyard	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
211	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
212	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed

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213	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
214	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
215	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
216	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
217	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
218	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
219	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
220	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Woolshed	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
221	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	House and buildings	Potential oxbow cut-off	Erosion	House	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
222	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
223	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Shed	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
224	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
225	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
226	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
227	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
228	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail and private access	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
229	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
230	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access/outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed

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231	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
232	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		Scheme expansion proposed
233	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
234	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Mauriceville settlement	Within 1% AEP flood area and within the erosion study area.	Flood and Erosion	Houses	High	Flood hazard maps	Code of Practice	Isolated Works support		
235	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
236	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail and road access	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
237	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
238	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
239	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
240	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
241	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
242	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
243	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Rail bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
244	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
245	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
246	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge (may be MDC maintained - Donovan's Road)	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
247	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
248	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		

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249	Kopuaranga	Kopuaranga River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
250	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
251	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
252	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
253	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road and private access	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
254	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
255	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
256	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	House and buildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	House	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
257	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
258	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
259	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
260	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
261	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
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263	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
264	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
265	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
266	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Private access	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		

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267	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
268	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
269	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
270	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
271	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
272	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
273	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
274	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
275	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Woolshed	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
276	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
277	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
278	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
279	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
280	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
281	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
282	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	House and buildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	House	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
283	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
284	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road and bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		

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286	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
287	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
288	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
289	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
290	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
291	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
292	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
293	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
294	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
295	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
296	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
297	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Outbuildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Business	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
298	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
299	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
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303	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		

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ID	RIVER	REACH	NAME	ISSUE DESCRIPTION	THREAT	AT RISK	RANK	PRIMARY COMMON METHOD	SECONDARY COMMON METHOD	TERTIARY COMMON METHOD	3RD PARTY ASSET OWNER LIAISON	COMMENT
304	Whangaehu	Whangaehu River	Private access	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
305	Taueru	Taueru River	Road and bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
306	Taueru	Taueru River	House and buildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	House	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
307	Taueru	Taueru River	House and buildings	Within erosion study area	Erosion	House	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
308	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
309	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
310	Taueru	Taueru River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
311	Taueru	Taueru River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
312	Taueru	Taueru River	Road	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
313	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
314	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
315	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
316	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
317	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
318	Taueru	Taueru River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
319	Taueru	Taueru River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
320	Taueru	Taueru River	Stock bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
321	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
322	Taueru	Taueru River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		

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323	Taueru	Taueru River	Private access bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		
324	Taueru	Taueru River	Road bridge	Within erosion study area	Erosion	Infrastructure	Low	Code of Practice	Emergency management planning	Isolated Works support		

Appendix 6: Glossary

1% AEP FLOOD EVENT	A 1% Annual Exceedance Probability flood event has a one percent or one in 100 chance of being equalled or exceeded in any one year. On average, this is expected to occur once in 100 years, based on past flood records, though in reality it could happen at any time.
ACTIVE BED	The area of a river channel which is affected by the river processes of flows, sediment transport and the alteration of bed form during flood events. Outside of flood events, the active bed of a gravel bed river is normally only partially covered by flowing water (see Wetted channel).
AGGRADATION	Increase in the general level of the active bed through a build-up of bed material sediments. This may arise because a pulse of bed material has moved through a reach or due to changes in river processes affecting the transport of bed material.
AVULSION	Rapid abandonment of a river channel and the formation of a new river channel.
ANNUAL EXCEEDANCE PROBABILITY	The chance of a flood occurring in any given year. The probability is expressed as a percentage. For example, a large flood which may be calculated to have a 1% chance to occur in any one year is described as 1% AEP flood.
ASSET/FLOOD PROTECTION ASSET	A useful or valuable structure or material that is valued by Greater Wellington such as stopbanks, rock lining material, bridges, roads, debris fences etc.
BANK	A defined feature at the edge of an active bed, generally marked by a steep change in slope.
BEACH	A general term for areas of deposited bed material within the active bed that is relatively clear of vegetation, often lying between the low flow channel(s) and the banks.
BERM	An area of relatively low lying land within a waterway beyond the active bed, and generally from a bank landwards to a higher natural feature, or flood-containing stopbank. Berms generally have some form of vegetative cover. They are flooded relatively frequently and provide additional flood capacity, while accommodating erosion and active bed migration.
BOULDERFIELD	Land in which the area of unconsolidated bare boulders (> 200 mm diameter) exceeds the area covered by any one class of plant growth-form.
BUFFER /RIPARIAN PLANTED BUFFER	A defined area along the margin of the river that may be prone to erosion in order to guide priorities for river management purposes. Buffers planted with vegetation to control bank erosion are called riparian planting of buffers.
CATCHMENT	The land area draining through the main stream, as well as tributary streams, to a particular site. It relates to an area above a specific location.
CHANNEL / RIVER CHANNEL	A topographic feature that contains, or has contained, flowing water. The term can be used in a variety of ways depending on context. Channels can exist within the active bed of a river, or may refer to the entire active bed. See Wetted channel.
CODE OF PRACTICE	The Code of Practice is the document developed by GWRC that guides all river management activities undertaken by GWRC for the purposes of flood and erosion protection across the Wellington Region.
COMMON METHODS	These provide the suite of methods which are identified in this FMP in response to flood and erosion issues.
DEGRADATION	A decrease in the general level of the active bed through removal of bed material sediments. This may arise because a pulse of bed material has moved through a reach or due to changes in river processes affecting the transport of bed material.
DESIGN STANDARD	The standard of the flood management methods designed to contain a flood of a certain size (e.g. the height of river stopbanks).

DESIGNATION	This is an ability to reserve land under the district plan, either to note a hazard or to note the location of a structure to provide protection from that hazard. There are generally strict rules which control what may happen in these areas and they can be used to reserve land for construction in the future.
EMERGENCY	A situation that is the result of flood and causes or may cause loss of life or injury or illness or distress or in any way endangers the safety of the public or property.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT)	The application of knowledge, measures, and practices for the safety of the public or property. Emergency management responses are designed to guard against, prevent, reduce, recover from, or overcome hazards that may be associated with an emergency. Emergency management includes, without limitation, the planning, organisation, co-ordination, and implementation of those measures, knowledge, and practices.
ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY	Sets the direction for the management and development of the Upper Ruamāhanga rivers and their margins.
EROSION	The process of removal of material from a channel, banks or berms by the river flows.
FLOOD	Inundation of an area outside the active bed or banks, baseflow channel or channels, of a river due to runoff from a rainfall event or events.
FLOOD HAZARD MAP	A map showing flood hazard in terms of depth of inundation, flow velocities or combined hazard categories for events of different probability. The maps are produced based on computer modelling.
FLOODPLAIN	The low-lying, flat or gently sloping land adjacent to a river channel that is covered with water during floods.
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN	Long term plan for sustainable management of flood and erosion risks. These plans detail the Regional Council's priorities for flood protection works for specific rivers in the region and set a vision for managing those rivers. The plans have a 40 year planning horizon with planned reviews every 10-15 years.
FLOOD STANDARD	The defined flood (volume, peak, shape, duration, timing) which a flood defence system and its associated facilities are designed to safely pass.
HABITAT	The place or type of site where an organism or population normally occurs.
HAZARD (FLOOD OR EROSION)	Flood or erosion occurrence the action of which can have a negative impact on human life, property, or other aspects of the environment.
INFRASTRUCTURE	Networks, links and arts of facility systems, e.g. transport infrastructure (roads, rail, parking), water system infrastructure (pipes, pumps and treatment works).
ISOLATED WORKS	Privately owned flood or erosion protection works that are constructed outside areas where GWRC manages community flood protection schemes.
KAITIAKITANGA	Guardian or steward or to have guardianship or stewardship.
LIFELINES	Utilities that provide services essential for the ongoing functioning of a community during and following an emergency. They include utility services - telecommunications, gas, electricity and water; and transportation network - road, rail, port and airport services. Other essential services include hospitals and medical centres, and emergency services, such as the police, ambulance and fire services.
MEANDERING RIVER	A river with a curved channel as opposed to a braided river with multiple channels in the river bed. In planform a meandering river has a wave form, where a meander refers to a single bend. Meanders are moving due to river flows, sediment transport and associated scour and deposition of the channel and banks.
MITIGATION	For this plan, the act of moderating or reducing the effects of the flood or erosion hazard or flood protection works.

MAURI	The life essence present in things as a result of their being imbued with that character.
NON-STRUCTURAL RESPONSES	Non-structural responses or measures keep people away from flood waters and help the community cope when flooding occurs. They include planning and policy responses (policies and rules in district plans), voluntary actions (information and advice to help people to make their own decisions), emergency management responses, and other.
OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (OMP)	Operational Management Plans are developed by GWRC for specific rivers to provide detailed guidance on the implementation of an FMP at a reach by reach scale. The OMP identifies the management objectives and reach specific values that must be considered in the selection of the most appropriate river management methods to be used for each reach.
OVERFLOW PATH	<p>Overflow paths (also known as flow paths) include areas in the river corridor and on the adjacent floodplain where a large volume of water could flow during a major event. They are often areas of land which lead fast-flowing water away from the river corridor and over the floodplain.</p> <p>The depth and speed of flood waters are such that development could sustain major damage, and there may be danger to life. The rise of flood water may be rapid. Evacuation of people and their possessions would be dangerous and difficult, and social disruption and financial loss could be high. A blocked overflow path could potentially cause a significant redistribution of flood flows to other areas of the floodplain. Due to water depths and velocities, overflow paths are generally unsuitable for development, unless adequate flood avoidance and/or mitigation provisions are made.</p>
PONDING AREA	<p>Ponding areas are those areas where flood waters would pond either during or after a major flood event. Water speed is slow in ponds, but water levels could rise rapidly. Evacuation of people and their possessions may be difficult, especially on foot, and may need to be by boat. There could be danger to life. Social disruption may be high. Generally, ponding areas are unsuitable for development, unless adequate avoidance and mitigation provisions are made.</p>
POOL, RIFFLE, RUN	These are the areas in the river channel characterised by diverse mix of flows and depths. 'Pool' is an area of low flow channel where depth is relatively greater and velocity of the flow is lower than in the surrounding parts of the river. 'Riffle' is an area of the low flow channel that is shallow and steep with higher flow velocities and unbroken standing waves over the bed material. 'Run' is an area of the low flow channel with relatively fast consistent flow and shallow depths. Runs form downstream of riffles or between pools.
RESIDUAL RISK	The risk of flooding that exists despite the protection provided by flood protection structures. In other words, it is the additional or "leftover" risk due to possible breaching and overtopping of structures such as stopbanks.
RIPARIAN	The interface between land and a river or stream.
RISK (FLOOD OR EROSION)	The combination of the likelihood and the consequences of a hazard.
RIVER	A continually or intermittently flowing body of fresh water; includes a stream and modified watercourse; but does not include any artificial watercourse.
RIVER BED	The RMA defines a river bed as 'The space of land which the waters of the river cover at its fullest flow without overtopping its banks'. Often the horizontal extent of a river bed defined thus corresponds to the extent of the active bed.
RIVER BED LEVEL ENVELOPE	A management term referring to an area between defined limits within which the measured height of the river bed is allowed to vary, with a minimum of management intervention.

RIVER CORRIDOR	River corridor includes land immediately next to the river channel. It is the minimum area able to contain a major flood and allow the water to pass safely downstream. The extents are identified based on modelled depth and velocities of 1% AEP flood event. The depth and speed of flood waters in the river corridor are such that they represent a potential danger to people and structures.
RIVER MANAGEMENT ENVELOPE	A management term referring to an area between defined limits within which the outer edge of the design channel is allowed to migrate into the buffer under different flow conditions, with a minimum of management intervention.
SELECTED LAND USE REGISTER (SLUR)	Sites that are registered in GWRC's Selected Land Use Register (SLUR) are known (or suspected) to have been involved (historically or currently) in the use, storage or disposed of hazardous substances and as a consequence may contain residues of these substances.
SERVICE	As in utility service, is a system and its network infrastructure that supply a community need.
STONEFIELD / GRAVELFIELD	Land in which the area of unconsolidated bare stones (20-200 mm diam.) and/or gravel (2-20 mm diam.) exceeds the area covered by any one class of plant growth form. The appropriate name is given depending on whether stones or gravel form the greater area of ground surface.
STOPBANKS	Banks aligned beside the river to prevent floodwater flowing into floodplain areas. They are also known as flood defences.
STRUCTURAL RESPONSES	Structures or other physical works designed to keep flood waters away from existing development. Stopbanks and floodwalls are obvious examples of structural responses.
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT	<p>As defined by Section 5 of the Resource Management Act:</p> <p>Managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while:</p> <p>Sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and</p> <p>Safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.</p>
RIPARIAN PLANTED BUFFER	Buffers planted with vegetation to control bank erosion.
WETTED CHANNEL	The area within the active bed currently containing flowing water.

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Review of the Navigation and Safety Bylaws

1. Purpose

The Council's Navigation and Safety Bylaws are due for formal review, and we would like to begin this, the proposed review process is outlined in this report.

2. Background

Our existing Navigation and Safety Bylaws were made under the Local Government Act (LGA) 1974 to control on water activities in the regions coastal and harbour waters out to 3 nautical miles from shore and including Lakes Wairarapa and Onoke. A 2013 amendment to the Maritime Transport Act (MTA) 1994 moved the power to make these Bylaws to section 33M of the MTA. The Bylaws are to ensure maritime safety within our regional waters. The Bylaws must be reviewed, at a minimum of every ten years. The review process must follow the Special Consultative Process in the LGA 2002.

3. Comment

In previous review processes, as set out in the LGA, public consultation was required on a draft proposed Bylaw. The level of interest with the proposed changes varied considerably. Making changes to the proposed Bylaw as a result of suggestions made during consultation would require a restart to the process. This can be avoided by consulting with stakeholders and the public before the LGA process begins to seek feedback on changes that could be included in the proposed Bylaw. This will allow for greater involvement and may result in there being more options for submitters to comment on.

We believe it would be appropriate to have the Bylaws in place prior to a 2020-21 summer boating season so that all our printed material and messaging is clear, prior to the main boating period. We propose to go out to stakeholders, users groups and the public this winter and seek suggestions for changes before 31 October this year. This gives us time to engage with anyone providing input and prepare draft proposed Bylaws to be presented to the Environment

Committee in April/May next year. The Committee will be asked to support the proposed Bylaws and begin the formal public consultation process. The LGA requires a minimum of one month of public consultation. However because there are a lot of clubs and groups it is suggested that a two month period is appropriate before the submissions are considered and a report produced for the Committee. Depending upon the nature of the submissions a hearing may be required prior to the final report being presented.

4. Communication

We have good communications with a significant selection of harbour users, recreational and commercial. We will be sending information out to all of these groups of users seeking input into the draft proposed Bylaws and then once the consultation period starts invite them to comment on the proposed Bylaws that result. We will work with our Customer Engagement team to promote this process to as many interested parties as possible.

5. Consideration of climate change

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers in accordance with the process set out in the GWRC Climate Change Consideration Guide.

5.1 Mitigation assessment

Mitigation assessments are concerned with the effect of the matter on the climate (i.e. the greenhouse gas emissions generated or removed from the atmosphere as a consequence of the matter) and the actions taken to reduce, neutralise or enhance that effect.

Officers have considered the effect of the matter on the climate. Officers recommend that the matter will have no effect.

Officers note that the matter does not affect the Council's interests in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) or the Permanent Forest Sink Initiative (PFSI)

5.2 Adaptation assessment

Adaptation assessments relate to the impacts of climate change (e.g. sea level rise or an increase in extreme weather events), and the actions taken to address or avoid those impacts.

Officers have considered the impacts of climate change in relation to the matter. Officers recommend that climate change has no bearing on the matter.

6. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

6.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

The decision required to begin this review process is an acknowledgement of the form the process will take and that seeking input into our proposed bylaws is a part of the review process. The formal steps required by the LGA would then be activated through the Environment Committee and Council next year.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

6.2 Engagement

Engagement on the matters contained in this report aligns with the level of significance assessed. Following this meeting, with the Committee's agreement we will make contact with stakeholders and harbour users via the GWRC Customer and Engagement team to explain the process and seek input and feedback around the drafting of reviewed Bylaws. Dependent on what we receive we have the opportunity to speak with contributors about their input. In the formal part of the process next year we will send the information to the same groups and specifically to anyone who provided input in the initial phase.

7. Recommendations

That the Environment Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Supports the proposed review process.*
4. *Agree that seeking public feedback is the beginning of the review process.*

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General Managers' Report to the Environment Committee on 20 June 2019

1. Purpose

To inform the Environment Committee of Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) activities relating to the Committee's areas of responsibility.

2. Key/Strategic issues

2.1 Wellington Regional Biodiversity Framework

The Collaborative Working Group for the Wellington Regional Biodiversity Framework has been convened to explore and develop ways of joining up biodiversity effort across the region. A hui whanaungatanga (initial informal gathering) was held on May 30th and the group members are enthusiastic to get started with the work. The first meeting proper will be in late June and a public launch will be held in late July.

The Group has two interim co-chairs, Sharlene Maoate-Davis and Paul Blaschke, and permanent co-chairs will be selected by the Group in the next couple of months. The membership includes three ohu members (mana whenua representatives appointed by the Ara Tahi Leadership Forum) and a representative each from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and the Department of Conservation, who will work alongside ten members selected for their varied experience and perspectives on biodiversity work in the region. Ali Caddy, a team leader in the Biodiversity department, will represent GWRC on the Group.

GWRC is funding the work of the Group (for a period of up to two years) and a dedicated project team is providing secretarial and advisory support. This team is led by the Biodiversity department, with support from the Customer Engagement and Environmental Science departments

2.2 Updating Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour Strategy

Staff from the Biodiversity, Environmental Science and Environmental Policy departments have been meeting with partners (Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Porirua City Council and Wellington City Council) looking at how *Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan* might be refreshed to incorporate recommendations from the Whaitua Committee and the Ngāti Toa Statement. Reviewing the progress of the collaboration to date and what might be different in future will be discussed with the Joint Harbour Committee at their next workshop in late July

3. Catchment Management

3.1 Land Management

3.1.1 Wellington Region Erosion Control Initiative (WRECI) Programme

The final contract with Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) for the WRECI programme 2019-2023 is expected to be complete by the end of June. The proposed contract decreases the proportion of the total works programme contributed by GWRC general rates by securing additional funding from MPI. Staff have confirmed that this aligns with the Revenue and Financing Policy.

The winter planting programme has started with a large afforestation project already completed. The first helicopter flight for poplar poles is scheduled for Wednesday 12 June, and in preparation for this 3,500 poles have been bundled and set aside to be delivered to properties in the Tinui and Castlepoint areas. Two contract pole planting teams have been engaged and will be planting approximately 2,000 poles per week for the next three months.

3.1.2 Akura Nursery

Akura plant Nursery has now opened its doors for another season. Staff and contractors have been very busy throughout May getting the shelves and pole bays full for what is expected to be a big season.



Akura Plant Nursery native seedlings ready to be planted.

So far there has been an increase in native and exotic plant orders through WRECI, Contestable Fund and Riparian programmes. WRECI operations this winter have already planted 100,000 pine seedlings.

Internal orders from the Land Management department have been coming through and so far there are 140,000 native plants and 230,000 pine seedlings ordered. A total of 29,000 poplar and willow poles have been pre-sold for soil conservation works and a further 6,000 pre-ordered for river management purposes with the Flood Protection Department.



Akura Plant Nursery poplar and willow pole ready for delivery.

3.1.3 Eastern Hill Catchment Schemes

All six catchment schemes in Eastern Wairarapa – Mataikona, Whareama, Homewood, Kaiwhata, Maungaraki and Awhea - have held their annual meetings in May. A number of consistent agenda items were covered at all meetings including scheme asset review and sharing information about Regional Whaitua process.

Communications were well received about what to expect when the Eastern Wairarapa Whaitua process begins. Feedback comments were common relating to communities responding proactively to Whaitua planning processes. Each scheme discussed the how, what and when of being proactive and the important takeaway message was that they were all keen to be doing something now rather than waiting for GWRC to lead the Eastern Whaitua process.

A massive landslide deposited huge amounts of earth and vegetation into the lower reach of the Kaiwhata River on Saturday 1 June 2019. It is anticipated that road access will be impeded for a lengthy period as the water backs up creating a lake behind it.



Kaiwhata River impeded by large landslide

3.1.4 Farm Environment Plans (FEP) and contestable fund

Staff are reviewing Land Management processes for implementation of the farm system improvement contestable fund. This will include looking at the criteria of the FEP programme and updating it to reflect the Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) frameworks coming out of Whaitua Implementation Plans and directing funding preferentially towards activities, initiatives or projects that will target the contaminant(s) of concern within FMUs.

The contestable fund for the 2018-19 financial year is on track to meet \$300,000 of projects funded in the region with around 75% of these in priority catchments. Projects that have been funded to improve water quality and/or enhance biodiversity on farms have been roughly equally split between dairy and, sheep and beef land uses. A high level of activity in the programme this financial year has been focused on properties around Wairarapa Moana- a priority catchment area for the programme.

3.1.5 Riparian Programme

The Riparian programme is focussed on making sure that pre-approved projects are completed by the end of the financial year. Demand for support through the Riparian programme has increased over the last few months. In light of this, a review of the riparian programme, and criteria used to evaluate potential projects is being undertaken.

Discussions have started with MPI to look at opportunities to expand the Riparian programme through a One Billion Trees partnerships grant.

3.2 Biosecurity

3.2.1 Greater Wellington Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2039 (RPMP)

The Hearing Panel's decision and the draft RPMP were adopted at the Council meeting on 14 May and notified publically on 29 May 2019 in local papers and on our website. Any appeals to the Environment Court must be made by the 20 June 2019.

3.2.2 MPI National Fruit Fly Response

Nine Biosecurity staff have been deployed to assist with the national fruit fly eradication program in Auckland. They are currently working Monday to Friday in Auckland and returning for the weekend. This program is likely to go on for a number of months. Biosecurity will continue to assist this program for as long as we are able to maintain our regional commitments at the same time.

We have received very positive feedback from MPI about GWRC staff conduct and competence. One senior staff member will remain in Auckland for up to 8 weeks in an operations manager position.

3.2.3 Regional Possum and Predator Control Programme (RPPCP)

Approximately 108,000ha of possum control has been completed to date. It is likely that an additional 8,900ha will be treated during the year as an extra project (Te Whanga) has been incorporated into this year's programme. To date five possum control projects have undergone monitoring and the average RTC is 3.3% (vs 5% target).

Mustelid control has been completed for the year including 119 traps set throughout the Otaki project on the Kapiti Coast protecting a variety of native birds (marsh crake, spotless crake, bittern, pied stilts, dabchicks, banded dotterels, wrybill and Royal spoonbill) over 15 wetlands in the region. In Wairarapa, traps are set along the Ruamahanga River north of Masterton to protect the entire Region's breeding population of Black billed gull. Other birds present and likely to benefit from the control are banded dotterel, black fronted dotterel, black shags, NZ pipits and pied stilts.

Preparation is currently underway to determine the RPPCP for the 2019/20 year. TBfree NZ has advised that 42,000ha (Pakowhai, Aohanga, Mataikona and Stronvar) will be declared Bovine Tb free as at 30 June 2019. The RPPCP for the 2019/20 now includes 181,000ha of land declared bovine tuberculosis free and a further 4,300ha of mustelid control.

3.2.4 Wainuiomata Mainland Island aerial rat control.

The Biodiversity Department has engaged Biosecurity (BioWorks team) to undertake aerial 1080 baiting over 2,745ha within the Wainuiomata Mainland Island (MLI) during the 2019 year to minimise the impact of rat and stoat population increase on native birds following the imminent mast event.

3.2.5 Predator Free Miramar

The Predator Free Wellington – Miramar eradication project has been gathering pace recently. Thirteen new staff have been recruited for completing the field work in the urban and commercial areas on the peninsular. Contracts have been agreed upon with three main contractors to complete all of the work in the bush reserves, coastal areas and selected commercial sites. The control is planned to start by mid-June over bush and coastal areas followed by the residential and commercial properties beginning of July.

To date, 86% of all residential and commercial property owners have given permission to host a predator control device. It is expected that the remaining properties will be signed up before the end of June.

We have worked with Wellington Airport to develop a mutually agreeable plan to enable effective pest control, while maintaining a safe, unobstructed busy airport. Part of this compromise was to only complete control work from 1am till 5am.

3.3 Biodiversity

3.3.1 Wetland Programme

- 54 landowners with wetlands are now signed up to the Wetland Programme (a total of 76 wetlands as some have more than one on their property). 36 of these wetland sites have approved Wetland Restoration Management Plans

3.3.2 Biodiversity Advocacy

- Staff coordinated a Restoration Workshop in Wellington for community conservation groups, which focused on health and safety. The workshop was delivered by Conservation Volunteers New Zealand. Participants learned how to identify and manage risks, and how to keep their volunteers safe and productive
- A Freshwater Hui for community was held in Lower Hutt on Friday 7 June. The Hui provided an opportunity for those involved in freshwater restoration to come together for a day of collaboration, professional development, networking and inspiration. Attendees included community volunteers, mana whenua and agency experts from across the region. GWRC and the Ministry for the Environment fund Mountains to Sea Wellington to deliver this event
- Restoration Day was held in Waikanae on 18 May and was well received by participants. The theme this year was Caring for our Coasts and speakers issued a range of calls to action – to get busy on climate change, to collaborate and get together more (particularly community restoration groups with iwi) and to shift our thinking when it comes to coastal erosion. This year the event was led by the Department of Conservation, with support from GWRC, local councils and other organisations. GWRC will lead the event for another three year period from 2022



Restoration Day participants observing a lizard garden on the Paekakariki Escarpment

3.4 Flood Protection

3.4.1 Asset Management & Operations

a) Western Operations

Rock groyne repairs have been completed along the Hutt River and two new rock groynes have been built in the Otaki River above Mangahaene Island.



Otaki river rock groynes under construction



Waikanae Expressway Bridge: Diversion cut and extraction

In conjunction with the resource consents project we have worked with NZTA, M2PP, Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai and KCDC to complete a small project that was outstanding from the McKays to Peka Peka expressway project. The work includes gravel extraction, channel realignment, a new rock line and planting under the Expressway Bridge. Due to time constraints we applied for an extension to work into June. Approval for has been granted by Environmental Regulation with support from Te Atiawa ki Whakarongotai and Fish and Game.

The work has been undertaken by a local contractor and supervised by GWRC staff. This is the most significant in stream work GWRC has carried out in the bed of the Waikanae River for some years, so it has provided a good opportunity for GWRC to apply processes that may be required for future works. The work was supported by some excellent communications provided by GWRC staff which helped us to progress the work while keeping local landowners and the wider public both safe and informed.

b) Wairarapa Operations

The Annual River Scheme Committee meetings are underway. The information presented in these meetings is provided by GWRC staff across a number of teams including Finance, Hydrology, Science Integration, Environmental Policy, and Flood Protection teams.



Programmed work completed in the Waingawa River Scheme

The Te Kāuru FMP Subcommittee Chair, Bob Francis and Francie Morrow, Project Manager, Floodplain Management Planning, provided an update on the Te Kāuru Floodplain Management Plan (FMP). GWRC Councillor Adrienne Staples provided insight on the Waiohine Action Group (WAG) and Mangatarere Catchment Management Plan, community driven processes.

The advisory committees for each scheme confirmed the recommendations that the proposed works programmes and scheme rates for their respective schemes be approved and noted by the Environment Committee. There are two more scheme meetings to be scheduled and these will complete the Annual River Scheme meetings for this financial year.

3.4.2 Investigations, Strategy and Planning

The Investigations, Strategy, and Planning main focus areas are the two Wairarapa FMPs; the Waiohine and the Te Kāuru. Alongside these we are delivering survey, gravel analysis, hydraulic modelling and advisory services.

Floodplain Management Plans (FMPs')

Waiohine FMP, Upper Wairarapa Valley

A community led project is currently underway to understand the flood risk and develop mitigation options.



Progress to date: The Waiohine project team is continuing to work through the river management, emergency management and environmental aspects of the FMP. The team have engaged with operational staff, WREMO, Environment and Policy staff and river process academics. Alongside the development of the plan the project team is completing drainage works around the Te Uru o Tane Urupā to alleviate some ground water issues in advance of a larger stop banking project.

Looking forward:

Over the next quarter the project team will be finishing engaging with subject matter experts, deliberating and decision making ahead of producing a first draft of the plan. This first draft is expected to be delivered in July.

Otaki FMP review

The Otaki FMP was approved in June 1998 which outlined the river management, major flood defence projects and environmental actions to manage flooding on the Otaki River. This FMP is being reviewed to confirm that it is still appropriate and to confirm progress against the implementation actions.

Progress to date: The project team has discussed the major projects with Nga Hapu o Otaki and Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC). Further workshops are being established with KCDC to discuss the planning control measures described in the FMP.

Looking forward:

The next step for this project is to run a series of public events and to speak to specific landowners about the FMP options and current status. Further workshops will be held with KCDC to discuss the planning control measures and how they are currently being implemented.

Flood Warning review

Emergency management is a key component of flood risk management work has been underway in the department to understand our current warning and response capability and develop a robust warning and response system.

In April workshops were facilitated by GNS and attended by Met-service, Hutt City Council (HCC), Wellington Water, Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office (WREMO) as well as representatives from the local community to develop a strawman flood warning system.

These workshops identified three key challenges;

- **Limited interagency response plan** – Processes between flood protection and WREMO are not clearly defined.
- **Limited warning capability** – GWRC currently has limited flood warning capability to facilitate proactive emergency management.
- **Limited community awareness** – Community awareness of flood risk and what actions to take are generally low within communities.

Looking Forward:

Flood protection is working in conjunction with ESci and WREMO to develop a programme of work that will seek to address the three challenges outlined above. These programmes will be a collaboration between the three departments and it is envisaged that they will go live on July 1.

3.4.3 Floodplain Management Plan Implementation RiverLink, Te awa kairangi/Hutt River, Hutt City

In April, Martin White commenced in the role as RiverLink Project Director, and commenced recruitment of the project office required to support delivery of the next phase of work. RiverLink Project Manager will commence in quarter 4 this year, and the project office expanded to bring in officers from GWRC and HCC, and NZ Transport Agency (NZTA).

Negotiations continue with the preferred supplier for the design and consenting consultancy services, with an amended programme seeking to appoint the team before the end of financial year.

NZTA is working towards completion of the Detail Business Case (DBC) for the Melling Transport Improvements.

GWRC, HCC and NZTA continue to work together to look for ways to bring NZTA into the design and consenting phase for RiverLink, and realising the cost

and benefit opportunities that come from sharing the consenting work and jointly engaging the communities of Hutt City and the region.

GWRC has continued with its property acquisition requirements for the delivery of the flood protection upgrade works, completing sale and purchase agreements for 76 of the 118 required. HCC continue with their legal processes regarding the property acquisitions along Daly St. NZTA have yet to confirm further details of their future property requirements; these overlap GWRC's property interests and therefore will affect project net costs.

Other aspects of work that are continuing or upcoming are:

- Continuing the focus of the RiverLink engagement to work with the local business and retail community, this includes working with a group of south-end of high street businesses interested in space activation work complete in the riverbank carpark across the stopbank into Andrews Avenue through to the southern end of High Street.
- Two chamber of commerce events, where the RiverLink project team will present about the project and answer questions from the attendees.
- RiverLink featuring as a field trip choice for the IPWEA 2019 conference in Wellington
- RiverLink featuring as a site visit as part of the LGNZ Regional Sector Leadership group regional tour.
- Geotechnical investigations should commence in the fourth quarter.

Lower Wairarapa Development Scheme Improvement works

The Pukio East Stopbank realignment work continues to be progressed by the Southern Wairarapa team managing the construction work. The first phase of the new stopbank construction has been completed. Construction stages 2 and 3 will be undertaken in the 2019/20 financial year.





Stage 1 Construction 1 complete

4. Environment Management

4.1 Environmental Science

4.1.1 Mātauranga Māori Hui

A regional sector hui was held in Wellington 21-22 May to talk about Mātauranga Maori and cultural monitoring as related to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM). It brought together attendees from Iwi, Ministry for the Environment, Environment Protection Agency, the Institute of Environmental Science and Research and regional councils. It was great to hear what is happening across the sector (some great mahi from Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Auckland Council). There was a lot of korero about moving on from talking about being partners with mana whenua to being true partners and providing tino rangatiratanga. A key message was that more korero is required about mana whenua monitoring needs, rather than regional council's needs.



Left: Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Mātauranga Māori framework. Right: attendees at Mātauranga Māori Hui

4.1.2 Weather

Our warm season climate and water resources report has just come out. It's packed with heaps of data, colourful maps and graphs as usual. You can read it here:

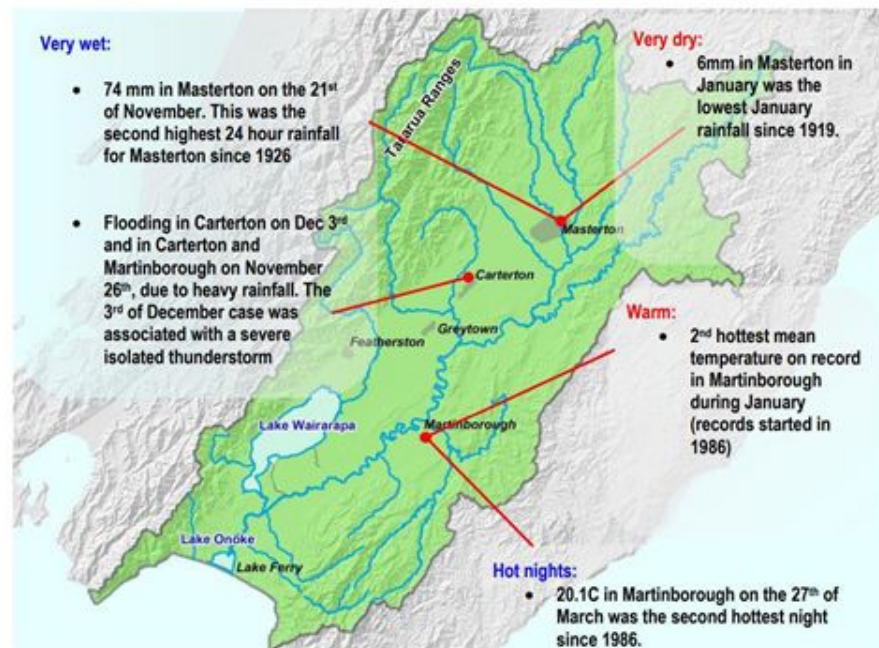
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There were a number of key observations from global (macro) scale to site measurement (micro) scale, including:

- Global scale, ocean heat content last year was the highest on record (averaged over a large 2,000 metre layer into the ocean, this is a lot of stored heat).
- Hemispheric scale: blocking high forcing moist onshore flow onto the east coast - more rain for our farmers.
- New Zealand scale: Marine heat wave is ongoing, helping explain this warm autumn of late.
- Regional scale: rainfall ranging between 250% the average and less than 20% average within the warm season.
- Whaitua scale: lots of action in the Ruamahanga whaitua;
- Measurement site scale: river flow of 888% above average in Dec, and 6% of the average in March, at Pahaoa in the Wairarapa Coast (it must be cool to live nearby and watch this variation).

Ruamāhanga Valley climate summary

- **Wetter** (high total accumulation, but swinging between extremes month to month).
- **Warmer** (much above average temperatures)



Example of the whaitua based summaries from latest Climate and Water Resources Summary for the Wellington Region

4.1.3 Random ecological network

Over the last three years the marine and freshwater team has been working towards establishing a random ecological network to obtain ecological information about our region. A total of 48 randomly selected sites across the region have been surveyed. Sampling includes habitat assessments, fish surveys, and invertebrate sampling. We are now about to begin our data analysis and the results will be one of the first times we are able to report on fish community health.



The variety of sites assessed as part of the random ecology network.

4.1.4 Air quality monitoring in Carterton

In Carterton, approximately 71% of homes report using wood fires for heating. When wood is burnt it releases fine particles into the air which are measured as PM₁₀ or PM_{2.5}. These tiny particles can affect the health of children, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions. GWRC has an obligation to monitor winter air quality in Carterton every three years for the purposes of determining compliance with the National Environmental Standard for Air Quality.

GWRC's mobile air quality monitoring trailer was installed in Carterton in early May to monitor PM_{2.5} particles. We are monitoring PM_{2.5} rather than PM₁₀ as the Ministry for the Environment have signalled their intention to move to a PM_{2.5} standard rather than PM₁₀ as is presently used.



Mobile air quality monitoring trailer installed at Carterton public swimming pool measuring winter fine particle air pollution (PM2.5)

4.1.5 Vital Floodwarning Network Upgrades – Tararua Range

The Hydrology team operate and maintain a network of high altitude rain gauges in the Tararua Range. These are a vital early warning tool as part of the council’s floodwarning responsibilities.

The sites were installed in 1991 and infrastructure such as the equipment housing, cabling and measurement gauges have not been upgraded since then and are they finally starting to show signs of wear and tear from the extreme environment they inhabit.

As well as replacing and upgrading existing infrastructure we are improving the resilience of the floodwarning network by installing dual rain gauges sensors and dual communication devices. This will ensure that is one form of measurement or communication is disabled for any reason then we will still have access to data from the site.



Tararua Range floodwarning rain gauge installations. Left: Mt Kapakapanui, elevation 1102m. Right: Penn Creek at McIntosh, elevation 1286m

4.1.6 Wellington Water Rain Gauge Network

A new rain gauge installation at Haywards Hill will complete the 2018/19 year of site installs for the Wellington Water (WWL) contract. This network is used

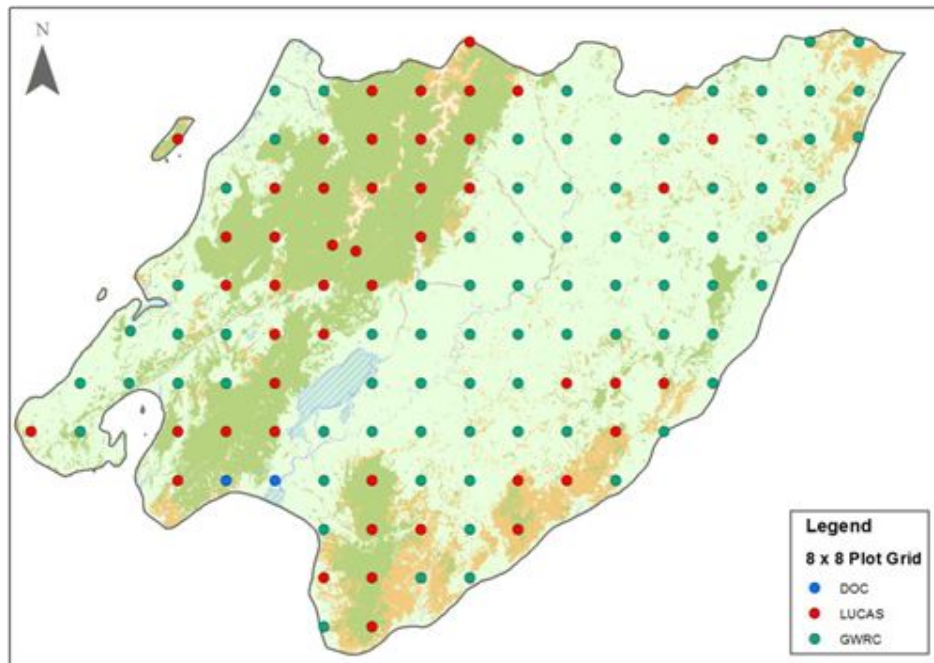
by WWL to better manage their storm water networks in real-time and respond to flooding issues, as well as gain a better understanding of the distribution of the rainfall across the four cities.

This network currently consists of 19 rain gauges located in urban areas within WCC, Porirua City Council (PCC), HCC and Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) boundaries. A further 11 sites are to be established over the next two years.

4.1.7 Terrestrial Ecology State of the Environment monitoring programme milestone

The terrestrial ecology team have just completed the final year of a five-year monitoring programme that established monitoring sites across the Wellington region on an 8 x 8km grid. At each site, birds, vegetation and pests are surveyed to provide a picture of the state of terrestrial biodiversity in the region. There are a total of 126 sampling points, 35 of which are being monitored by either the Ministry for the Environment for national carbon accounting purposes or by the Department of Conservation on public land for biodiversity purposes. The remaining 91 sites have been measured by GWRC.

Interesting findings so far have included the high diversity of native birds and plants in the low intensity farming areas, the difference any native vegetation makes to the presence of native bird species and the impact of deer on forest growth in the eastern Wairarapa. The first re-measurements of the grid will begin next spring and changes in biodiversity present will be recorded.



Map of the terrestrial ecology State of the Environment monitoring programme

4.1.8 Action planning for regionally threatened plant species

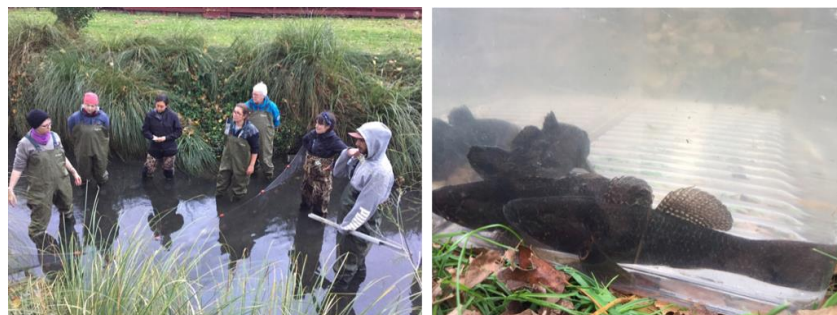
Wellington’s regionally threatened plant species was the topic for botanists from around the Wellington region in May. The majority of these regionally threatened species are also nationally threatened and recommendations for protection, propagation possibilities or monitoring were collated. Forty-eight regionally critical, fifteen regionally endangered and nine regionally vulnerable species were listed.

For example, there is a nationally critically threatened plant community type present in the coastal area of the eastern Wairarapa. The coastal turf community is comprised of low-growing plants that are reliant on salt spray. A recent survey found that most of the 30-odd communities identified were small, generally in poor condition, invaded by the exotic buck’s horn plantain (*Plantago coronopus*), and under severe pressure from coastal erosion. The distribution is currently being mapped and the condition of these communities established as a baseline for future monitoring of sea level rise impacts of climate change. Long-term management options may include repatriation and controlled grazing to prevent these short plants from being out competed by taller pasture grasses.

4.1.9 Training/upskilling

Staff from ESci have been attending workshops to hone their skills, including:

- A two-day workshop with Stella McQueen organised by Mountains to Sea Wellington was well attended by GWRC staff, teachers and interested community groups. The workshop started with education about why we should monitor followed up with a practical setting of nets and traps. ESci staff routinely do fish surveys as part of our work, so this was a terrific opportunity to continue upskilling. This also gives staff confidence when teaching community, iwi and school groups how to look after their own streams, as part of our citizen science programme.



Left: Stella McQueen shows how to set a fyke net. Right: Fin spines help identify giant kōkopu.

- A half day workshop in the Horokiri stream, Porirua to learn how to do an inanga spawning habitat survey. This was organised by Alton Perrie (GWRC) and led by Winsome Marshall from EOS Ecology. Attendees came from DoC, Otaki mana whenua and rangatahi from Wairarapa, and of course GWRC staff. Everybody managed to find

at least one inanga egg – not easy to do when it’s the size of a pin head (see picture). The rangatahi will be adding the skills learned to their kiatiakitanga ‘toolbox’



Left: Alton and Winsome discuss the site. Right: spot the inanga egg.

4.2 Environment Regulation

4.2.1 Non-notified consents processed

Between 1 January 2019 and 31 May 2019 a total of 204 consents have been granted on a non-notified basis. A summary of the type of consent and the area to which it pertains is set out in the table below.

Territorial Authority	Coastal Permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit	Total
CDC		4	8	3	15
HCC	3	12	19	4	38
KCDC	2	10	10	3	25
MDC	2	8	12		22
PCC	9	9	11	4	31
SWDC	1	7	12	13	33
UHCC		2	3		5
WCC	6	6	12	6	29
Region wide			3		3
Total	23	58	90	33	204

There were no particular non-notified consents of note with the predominant consent type being for land use consents, mainly for bores. There were also a number of water take renewals in South Wairarapa.

4.2.2 Consenting

Featherston Wastewater re-consenting

As previously reported, the GWRC officers report was filed on 1 March 2019 and the recommendation was to decline. Since then South Wairarapa District Council, submitters’ and GWRC all lodged evidence. The matter was

scheduled for a one to two week long hearing, commencing 27 May however a decision was made to defer the hearing at the request of SWDC due to a number of issues. GWRC and SWDC are currently working through a collaborative process to try and resolve some of the issues surrounding the application.

NCI Packaging Ltd re-consenting

NCIs existing consent expires in August 2019 and they have submitted a consent application to continue to discharge contaminants to air associated with manufacturing metal packaging in Upper Hutt. The application is being technically reviewed by PDP and further information has been requested from the applicant. It is anticipated that the consent process will be limited notified as per the last consent process.

Hutt Valley wastewater network overflows

Wellington Water Ltd (WWL) has applied to renew three existing discharge permits which currently authorise intermittent discharges of untreated wastewater into freshwater during wet weather events from constructed overflows at the Silverstream storage tank (Hutt River), Barber Grove pump station (Hutt River) and Wellington Road pump station (Black Creek, Wainuiomata). WWL are seeking a five year duration with a view to aligning these within a wider consenting framework designed to manage all wastewater network overflows in the Hutt Valley with an integrated catchment-wide approach to managing the wastewater and storm-water networks. The application is currently awaiting further information and is being technically reviewed by NIWA (on behalf of GWRC). Consultation is ongoing with RPH and iwi.

4.2.3 Pre-application

Wairarapa Water Use Storage Project

We are currently undertaking preliminary pre-application work discussions for the above project. We are planning to hold a series of workshops with the consultants and key GWRC staff members to work collaboratively through the technical and planning issues. The aim of the workshops is to devise some clear processing pathways and highlighting the key issues/risks involved. The first workshop is set for 17 June 2019.

Porirua wastewater collaborative pilot project

A Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) workshop is to be held in June 2019. In preparation for the MCA, a series of workshops have been undertaken by the group to set the MCA assessment criteria, weight each criteria, and briefly describe each of the nine options. The options are combinations between different plant outfall options, treatment quality, conveyance and/or storage within the network. Wellington Water (WWL) and their consultants/advisors are currently preparing comparative assessment reports on the shortlisted options, some of which have been hampered by updated population growth predictions and pressures related to the redevelopment of Porirua East. The MCA will involve all the collaborative group parties: WWL and their consultants/advisors, GWRC, Porirua City Council, Wellington City Council, Regional Public Health, Ngati Toa and members of the Porirua Harbour Trust.

The MCA is a tool that will help the group decide on a preferred option to present to the Joint Venture (JV) committee (WCC and PCC councillors) in August 2019. The JV will make the final decision on the option to carry through to the detailed design, assessment and consenting phase for the plant and network. The resource consent applications for treatment plant discharges are due to be lodged in February 2020.

4.2.4 Compliance, Investigations and Enforcement

Silverstream Landfill

GWRC received 11 notifications from Stokes Valley residents about odour coming from Silverstream Landfill on Friday 17th May 2019. Two duty officers attended the area on the evening of the 17th, and determined an offensive and objectionable odour to be coming from the landfill, which is a breach of the landfill's resource consent. We have launched an investigation into this breach, and are talking to Hutt City Council, Pioneer Energy Ltd and Waste Management New Zealand in regard to their actions onsite leading up to the odour.

Transmission Gully Project

On 10 May 2019, four Infringement Notices were issued to the contractors (CPB HEB JV) for repeated non-compliance, both in procedures and management of erosion and sediment controls onsite, resulting in discharges of sediment laden water into streams. Formal warnings have also been issued to NZTA and the Wellington Gateway Partnership in relation to these incidents. These incidents occurred in January, February and March.

Wellington Water

On 14 May 2019, an infringement notice was issued to Wellington Water (and one also issued to their contractor) for unconsented works they undertook in a stream in Upper Hutt in February. Environmental Regulation officers are working to assist Wellington Water in getting the appropriate consents in place and in providing the correct information to their contractors.

4.3 Environmental Policy

4.3.1 Whaitua update

Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua

The completion of the Ngati Toa Rangatira Statement and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Implementation Programme is to be celebrated on 19 June 2019 at Takapūwāhia Marae. Three Ministers of the Crown were invited but are unable to attend. Councillors from GWRC, WCC and PCC have been invited.

Officers are considering options for implementing the regulatory recommendations through a plan change/variation process. Non-regulatory recommendations are being considered as part of the review of Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy and Action Plan.

Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara

Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee has now held five meetings (the most recent being 10 June 2019).

At its fourth meeting, held at Hutt City Council, the Committee confirmed its Foundational Framework as guiding principles based on kawa and tikanga (see below). The Committee discussed the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM) which must be implemented by Council by 2025 (meaning limits and objectives will be set in regional plans for all waterbodies and catchments to maintain and improve fresh water quality). The Committee is interested in using different terminology and framing from the NPSFM including use of Māori terms such as Waiora, Waimāori, Waimate, and Waitapu alongside or instead of bands (A,B,C,D).

The Committee has established subgroups for communications/engagement and policy development. The policy subgroup, chaired by Cr. Blakely and Hikitia Ropata, has started work on 100 year visions, problem definitions and an analytical policy framework. This is due to be workshopped with the full committee on 10 June.

The Committee submitted on Wellington City Council's *Planning for Growth* consultation documents. The submission included the group's Kawa Foundational Framework and highlighted the need for new development and policies for its design to take into account the requirements of the NPSFM to maintain and improve water quality in freshwater and receiving environments, and the implications on three-waters infrastructure and allocation limits.

Kāpiti Whaitua

Preliminary work is underway to support the establishment of the Kāpiti Whaitua Committee in late 2020.

The Kāpiti Whaitua is defined by the Waitohu catchment on GWRC North Western boundary, includes the Western Tararua range and runs south to Wainui (the mountain immediately inland from Paekakaariki adjacent to Transmission Gully). The Whaitua captures Waikanae and Ōtaki rivers, their estuaries and associated wetlands. There are three iwi represented in the area; Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki (who represent Ngāti Raukawa interests within our region), Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai and Ngāti Toa Rangatira and one territorial authority Kāpiti Coast District Council.

It is anticipated that while a single Whaitua wide process is proposed, Ōtaki and Waikanae catchment communities will identify their objectives and develop limits independently before bringing their findings together to address matters in common and form a Whaitua Implementation Plan with regulatory partners.

Although the formal process of establishing catchment freshwater limits and objectives in Kāpiti is not scheduled until 2020, development of a Waikanae ki uta ki tai catchment management programme provides an opportunity to make progress this year. Waikanae ki uta ki tai supports a collaborative programme process and is aimed at restoring the River to a 'healthy functioning

state'. Key initial work-streams and milestones for Waikanae ki uta ki tai include:

- Vision and values
- Issues list
- Decision-making process
- Status quo stocktake and assessment
- Science/monitoring framework
- Programme plan

These matters are all fundamental to Whaitua processes for setting catchment objectives and limits and are essential to implementation of non-regulatory methods to maintain and improve water quality. GW in partnership with DOC, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai and KCDC are supporting the programme development.

WHAITUA TE WHANGANUI A TARA– FOUNDATIONAL FRAMEWORK

(Te Reo and English words reflect each other and not a direct translation)

TE PŪTAKE

“Kei te pūtaka o Te Whaitua o Te Whanganui a Tara tōna mauri mana motuhake... hei oranga mo te katoa”.

The mauri of Te Whaitua o Te Whanganui a Tara and the communities who live within it is nurtured, strengthened and able to flourish.

TE WHANGANUI A TARA PEPEHA

No te kawa ora te mauri o te wai
From the ultimate life principles is the vitality of water.

Ka tupu te taurikura o ngā iwi, ngā uri, ngā ruranga katoa
From this the nourishment of the iwi, their descendants and those who call this place home is provided.

Ko tātou katoa ngā tāngata tiaki o ēnei wai!
For we all are the responsible guardians of these waters

NGA KAWA

Te Kawa Tuatahi: Te Kawa Ora

Ko te Whaitua o Te Whanganui a Tara te mātāpuna o te ora: The waters give life.

The waters of te Whaitua o Te Whanganui a Tara are the source of spiritual and physical sustenance for all life within its waters and lands.

Te Kawa Tuarua: Te Kawa Wai

E rere kau mai ngā wai iti, ngā wai roa, ngā wai nui, ngā wai puna, ngā wai tuku kiri mai i ngā pae maunga ki Tangaroa: The waters flow from the mountains and hills to the sea.

Within te Whaitua o Te Whanganui a Tara is a living system of interconnected waterways, streams, rivers, springs and groundwater that flow from the hills to the sea.

Te Kawa Tuatoru: Ko Te Kawa Tiaki

Ko tātou enei wai, ko tātou ngā tāngata tiaki: we are these waters, we are responsible for their care.

The communities of the Whaitua are united with, depend on and have responsibility for the waters of te Whaitua o Te Whanganui a Tara, the health of which is vital to all that live within it.

Te Kawa Tuwhwa: Te Kawa Honohono

Ngā manga iti, ngā manga nui e piripiri kau ana, ka tupu ngā awa, ka tupu te taurikura o ngā tāngata katoa: the small and large streams that flow into one another form the numerous rivers, Harbour and coast which provide nourishment for all.

Whaitua Te Whanganui a Tara is woven from the land, the waters and the life within it. It transcends its component threads and cradles all who live within it.

4.3.2 Proposed Natural Resource Plan update

All public hearings for the proposed Natural Resources Plan have now been completed and the public hearings formally closed by the Hearing Panel on 1 April 2019. The hearing panel is now completing its deliberations and drafting the decisions on submissions. Decisions must be publicly notified by 31 July 2019. Officers are assisting the Panel in completing this process.

4.3.3 Progress with Plan Variation 1

Policy options for achieving the freshwater objectives of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Implementation Programme were discussed with the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee on 6 May. Feedback from this meeting has been incorporated into a paper that was taken to Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee (Te Upoko Taiao) on 11 June.

The draft issues statements and explanations, draft objectives and associated s32 evaluation, which were due to be taken to the 26 March meeting (cancelled due to lack of a quorum) of Te Upoko Taiao will also be taken to the 11 June meeting.

4.3.4 National Planning Standards implications

Officers are reviewing the national planning standards and working with a planning consultant to determine the changes required to be compliant with the planning standards.

Changes will be required to the Natural Resources Plan and the Regional Policy Statement, as well as developing an e-planning platform.

There will be choices to be made regarding both Plan Variation 1 (and future whaitua variations) and the review of the Regional Policy Statement to determine how much we ‘front load’ the planning standards definitions and structure into these processes.

The Regional Policy Statement must be changed to the standard structure within three years. Depending on the ease and implications of changing to the new structure, there may be merit in undertaking a review of the Statement earlier than the 10 years statutory timeframe. We will be looking to discuss the options and get agreement with the district councils, given the flow on effects for district plans as well as the regional plan.

4.3.5 City and District Council plan changes and resource consents

Territorial Authority	Status of Document	Name of Document	Main topics commented on	Action
Upper Hutt City Council	Proposed plan change	Proposed plan change 42 Mangaroa and Pinehaven Flood Hazard Extents	Flood hazard and policy provisions	Save our Hills have withdrawn their appeal and the file is closed. The Jeffries appeal has been resolved by the addition of an advice note to the relevant chapters advising that regional consents may also be required.
Wellington City Council	Proposed plan change	Proposed District Plan Change 83 – Kiwi Point Quarry	Effects of proposed quarry extension for gravel extraction activities on biodiversity	Plan change approved. Awaiting notice of any appeals on our issues.
Hutt City Council	Draft plan change	Draft district plan change significant natural areas	Identification and protection of significant biodiversity provisions	Awaiting resolution in the Environment Court of a previous plan change removing blanket protection for urban trees, prior to any further direction on the Forest and Bird legal action.
Hutt City Council	Draft private plan change	190,236,268 Stratton St and 310 Normandale Rd	Stream retention, earthworks and indigenous biodiversity	Consultation on layout and lot numbers as changed from rural to rural residential.

Territorial Authority	Status of Document	Name of Document	Main topics commented on	Action
Porirua City Council	Notified resource consent	12 lot subdivision and construction of 10 buildings in the Rural zone Plimmerton	Possible stormwater management issues	Application being assessed for need for submission.
Porirua City Council	Preparation for Draft District Plan	District Plan Review	Alignment with policy and operational matters	A draft is now due in September.
Kapiti Coast District Council	Decision version	Proposed District Plan Decisions version 2017	Joined as S274 party to appeals on matters in submission	Issues with the layout of areas in the structure plan for the city centre and traffic continue to be unresolved.
South Wairarapa District Council	Proposed private plan change and resource consent	Orchards Retirement Village Greytown	Stormwater management and transport connectivity	Submission lodged.

4.4 Parks

Parks Planning – Parks Network Plan review

After the conclusion of internal workshops exploring issues and opportunities in detail, parks planners are now writing various sections of the new draft plan in liaison with officers from across Greater Wellington. An Environment Committee workshop is planned to discuss draft material and seek feedback.

Queen Elizabeth Park

Site preparation for the winter planting programme has been completed. 12,000 plants will be planted by schools, corporate and community participants. An additional 3000 plants will be planted along stream banks and in previously planted areas, these being Matai, Totara, and Kahikatea. A further 8.2 hectares will be planted in the Maclean Trust site and other retired park areas by contractors using the “Q” plant technique developed in conjunction with Groundtruth, a local Paekakariki company.

The public engagement sessions for the draft Coastal Erosion plan for the Wellington Road section of Queen Elizabeth Park have been completed with 150 people having taken part. Submissions close on 7 June, feedback will be considered and incorporated into a final concept plan which will be presented to the Environment Committee for discussion at the August meeting. Overall feedback has been very positive with many people commenting it is good to see an agency taking this issue seriously.

A total 28.5 hectares of gorse and other weeds were aerial sprayed in the south eastern section of the park, over around three hours. This includes 4 hectares in an area which had been retired some years ago from farming, but where gorse had subsequently taken over the site. Another 2-3 hours will be required as weather allows to finish off the work. A drone is also to be used to control a large area of blackberry to allow restoration of that site.

Work is underway to upgrade a carpark at the US Marines Memorial site, to tidy it up and enhance disabled access to the site and the bird hide in the nearby Marines wetland.

Battle Hill Farm Forest Park

Approximately 5ha of marginal grazed land adjacent to the Battle Hill bush reserve has been retired and the first 3.5 hectares will be planted over the coming winter season.

As part of the ongoing pest control operation 19 goats were discovered and destroyed in the reserve area; this mob has been transient through the valley for some time.

Following conclusion of the equestrian eventing season, Battle Hill Eventing Incorporated has made many improvements to the cross country course to keep up with health and safety requirements imposed by their governing body. At their recent AGM they expressed their appreciation for how the park is looking, reflecting comments by many of their competitors over the past season. They have especially noticed the lack of weeds, the condition of pastures and the growth of the trees in the riparian retirement margins.



One Day Event at Battle Hill

The Wellington RDA arena was officially opened by their Patron the Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy, capping off many years of hard work by RDA staff and volunteers.



Dignitaries at the arena opening

Belmont Regional Park

The new track to connect Hill Road and the Old Coach Road is largely complete with some tidying and gravelling works to be completed before the end of June. We are discussing a name for the trail with Iwi and once confirmed signs will be completed and an opening arranged. This is the last of the major projects to be completed using funds from Transmission Gully land sale proceeds.

Fencing works related to the Transmission Gully project are nearly complete, including designation boundary and additional restoration mitigation areas. The planting of these sites is underway, with the planting contractors using the airstrip on the park to fly bags of plants to the sites.

Recently our Belmont Regional Park farm license holders, Dion and Ali Kilmister, featured on [Country Calendar](#). Footage included both Belmont Regional Park and Battle Hill Farm Forest Park raising the profile of these parks and the activities that occur on them, including the annual Farm Day at Battle Hill.



Butchery and Cooking demonstration



Working dog demonstration

Akatarawa Forest

The Parks team have been working with Biodiversity team assessing road culverts in the Akatarawa Forest against the new fish passage guidelines. Further work is planned drawing on a NIWA specialist to help identify practical means of compliance at the top ends of steep forested catchments where machinery access is a serious impediment. Parks reps will attend a workshop on use of the national Fish Passage Assessment Tool on 18 June.

The Cannon Pt Walkway (zig-zag section) has been re-metalled.

Pakuratahi Forest

The new Tunnel Gully toilet project is well underway - at the upper gums picnic area. Ground works are almost complete.

The main entry bridge at Plateau Road entrance has been identified for replacement, due to undermining and loading issues. Funding has been approved. The installation of a new concrete bridge will occur early next financial year, subject to consenting timeframes.

Parks coordinated a site visit with Land Management and E-Reg to the PF Olsen harvesting operation in Mangaroa. The visit utilised the checklist developed collectively by the departments to monitor and inform consenting and management of forestry. A great example of three very different GW departments working together for better environmental outcomes.



Harvesting in Mangaroa Forest; Tunnel Gully Entrance earthworks

Earthworks have been undertaken to protect parks assets at Tunnel Gully. The stream over time had moved to within 0.5 metre of the first carpark and another 100m upstream had also eroded the banks to within a metre of the main road. The contractor did an excellent job of managing sedimentation during the

project. The works have held up extremely well over the heavy Queens Birthday rains.

Kaitoke Regional Park

The planned replacement swingbridge has been delayed while the engineering design is tweaked to meet the disabled access standard. Funding has been carried forward to 2019/20.

Wellington Water has contracted Fulton Hogan to complete the upgrade of the Gorge Road section in Kaitoke. This required significant Parks involvement to manage visitor flows and especially deal with our daily tour operators (e.g. Lord of the Rings tours to Rivendell). Shady and wet conditions led to delays which frustrated operators; however the works were eventually completed in early May. New barriers installed during the works have enhanced the safety of the road for visitors.



Gorge Road, new barriers and surfacing; Top Terrace Camping area, prep for planting

Park rangers continue to work with Department of Corrections to achieve great outcomes. The latest project is to implement the new Top Terrace camping area landscape plan that involved preparing new areas for planting.

East Harbour Regional Park

The first meeting of the reactivated Roopu Tiaki for the Parangarahu Lakes Area took place in May. This followed a formal appointment process for representatives of the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust – Lee Hunter (co-Chair), Vince Robertson and Megan Somerville. GWRC representatives include Amanda Cox (co-Chair), Jimmy Young and Richard Romijn.

The track metalling programme at East Harbour Regional Park is now complete – a job 14 years in the making. The last section (Mackenzie/Butterfly Creek)

was completed using a micro-sized digger. Stanley Street zig-zag track has been reinstalled.

Final work on the Baring Head bridge replacement project is still in process. Rip-rap protection underneath the abutments has been installed. Further maintenance work is required prior to final sign off.

Works continue on the Baring Head Lighthouse Complex restoration project. Parks are funding a contractor to do the lead paint removal/stripping of the generator building and garage, while Dulux are funding the painting. The two houses are lined up to be completed in Spring 2019.

Heritage interpretation work is underway with the assistance of a specialist consultant, funded by a grant obtained by the Friend of Baring Head. The first work will see three rooms of the Power House opened with panels about climate change and NIWA work, light keeping stories and fascinating insights.

Parks and the Friends of Baring Head continue to work closely with Conversation Volunteers New Zealand through the Million Metres Programme. This season's planting is already underway at Baring Head.



Garage at Lighthouse Complex; Million Metres Planting at Baring Head

Wainuiomata Recreation Area

Parks has been leading an initiative to address the growing issue that sycamores present particularly around the entrance and in adjacent Richard Prouse Park. This has meant working closely with biodiversity and Hutt City Council to get commitment to funding removal and drill and fill work.

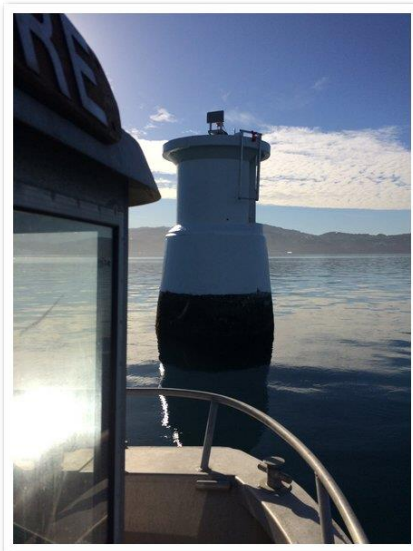
Across the Parks network

The draft Parks **Dam Safety Management System and Emergency Action Plans** documents are currently being reviewed – this is a joint project with Dam Safety Intelligence.

Progress with implementation of the proposed new GW field radio system is going well. Site layout plans have been confirmed and a resource consent application has been lodged with KCDC for the Mt Wainui repeater site work. Procurement of the Parks fleet hardware is underway for installation this year.

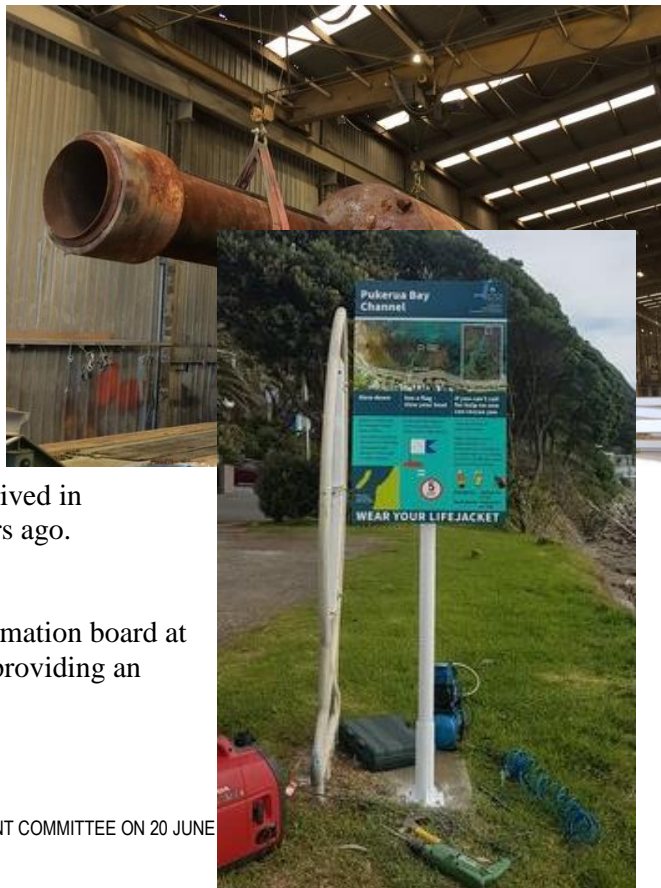
4.5 Harbours

Navigation Aids



The work on **Point Jerningham** light has gone well when the weather has permitted. We only require one more topcoat and a protective coat over that for the work to be finished. The work has included a new door and access to the top of the lighthouse.

We have started the clean and paint of our spare **Barrett Reef buoy** in preparation to swap it with Buoy that has been at the harbour entrance for the last four years. Due to space issue at the Port this time the Buoy has gone to a workshop in Porirua to be prepared and painted. This may be the first time the buoy has been inside since it arrived in Wellington almost 70 years ago.



We have installed an information board at **Pukerua Bay**, as well as providing an

aerial photograph showing the narrow gap in the reef we have included some of our safety messages. The signage was put in place with consultation with the local residents to ensure it was obvious to boat ramp users without being obstructive.

Harbour Safety

On May 17th we held the initial **Port users forum**, a meeting between ourselves, CentrePort Marine Management and Pilots and Ferry masters from both ferry companies. This forum was initiated to enable discussion about issues effecting safety among the large users of the harbour. The first meeting had 20 people present and provoked good discussion on a variety of topics. There was support for the forum and many present felt this should be a regular event. We are currently working with the other parties involved to arrange this.

On May 23/24 we had an external peer review panel in Wellington looking at how we and CentrePort jointly comply with the **Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code**. The panel were welcomed by Nigel Corry and Port CEO Derek Nind. They looked at process and visited Wellington harbour radio; they looked at the port operations and were given an overview of the regeneration working taking place by CentrePort. At the conclusion of the review the panel expressed their appreciation on the way we (ourselves and CentrePort) had approached the review and they found that we are in compliance with both the letter and intent of the code. Their formal report will be through shortly, which may also include some areas for considerations or recommendation for improvements. This will be reported on once it is received. Being



a peer review they also noted there were a few things they will take back to their respective areas to assist in their own work. CentrePort's Marine Manager and Assistant Marine Manager have both been involved in peer reviews in other regions. I took part in the northland review last year and will be going to the Chatham Islands for a review there in November.

Pollution Response

We took delivery of some new oil spill response equipment from Maritime NZ. This equipment was included in our **oil spill response exercise** in Island Bay on June 6th. We had 28 people at the exercise from within GW, the oil industry and the Taputeranga Marine reserve. Maritime NZ carried out revalidation of staff as well as assessed the effectiveness of the exercise.



Photos: Mike Loughan, Friends of Taputeranga Marine Reserve.

Two local oil transfer sites (in this case a marina fuel bowser and tanker truck operation) have submitted their **Oil Transfer Site Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plan**. This is work done under delegation from the Maritime NZ Director to ensure that companies transferring oil or oil products in the coastal marine area are adequately equipped to respond to the risk that their activities have. We are also working with the Seaview wharf users group who will be submitting their plans later in the year.

The effort to identify and stop the **unsourced discharges from the Aotea Quay** drains took a step forward, when, in the process of carrying out dye testing a concentrated amount of an unknown pollutant was discovered in the drain. Unfortunately we were unable to capture it from the drain however we now have the best samples to date. This has shown a high concentration of diesel. Further investigation has identified the section of drain the substance appears to be entering from. Work is continuing to further narrow down the search for the source. This is on-going work involving ourselves, Environmental Protection, KiwiRail and CentrePort.

5. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines. Due to the procedural nature of this decision officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

5.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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