



To tātou huanga o
Ruamāhanga

Our Ruamāhanga
values



“Ko Waiohine ko Ruamāhanga ēnei e wairua tipu mai i Tararua maunga e oranga e te iwi”

“These are Waiohine and Ruamāhanga, they are like mothers milk, flowing out of the Tararua mountains for the prosperity of the people”

Na Whatahoro Jury (1841-1923)



Māori Use – Mahinga kai

Mai te pae maunga o Tararua tae noa ki
Kawakawa moana

Mauri of our wai supports our people and
our place

Wairarapa, wairua, wai whakawātea, wai
tohi, wai ora, wai tohu; glistening waters,
spiritual waters, cleansing waters,
baptismal waters, life giving waters,
guiding waters



Māori Use – Mahinga kai continued:

Wai tuna, wai pātiki, kourarau: eel waters,
flounder waters, abundant crayfish

Ngā puna, ngā manga, ngā awa, ngā
roto, ngā repo, taku taimoana



Natural Character - Connection

To tātou awa – we are shaped by the natural character of our waterways

Assurance that our water is okay, what it looks like, sounds like, smells like, feels like to us

Te Mana o Ruamāhanga Mauri, Habitat and Biodiversity

The unique identity of our rivers, lakes
and streams

Their flow, shape, form and colour

The life force of the water, the geology,
plants, fish and animals

Te Mana o Ruamāhanga includes:

Riparian systems

Wetlands

Indigenous fish and in-stream habitat

Water quality and quantity (flow, depth)

Fish passage and spawning places

Wairarapa Moana

The Conservation Estate



Our Ruamāhanga river culture

Our histories, our heritage, our whakapapa.

Our traditions, our social activities, our special places related to our waterways, then, now and in the future. Our social activities; camping, weddings, baptisms and barbeques.



In the Wairarapa:

Our livelihood and wellbeing is tied to water quality and quantity

The benefits of water are shared equitably amongst our community

Our water storage can improve security of supply

Our water isn't owned by anybody

Our water is managed by everyone

We value the efficient use of water



Ruamāhanga Economic Use, Resilience and Prosperity

He taonga te wai, water is life

Water sustains our livelihood, water
grows our people and communities

Reliability of water supply supports our;
incomes, employment and innovation, our
farming, industry and commercial fishing

Sustainable economic use of water brings
resilience and prosperity



Ruamāhanga community public health and wellbeing

Hau ora tangata

Wai ora –Water for our health; spirit, mind
and body

Water for drinking

Water for sewerage treatment

Ruamāhanga Recreation

Recreation supports our community's health and wellbeing.

Currently, swimming, fishing, wading, boating and māhi parekareka ki te wai (enjoying yourself by the water) are important recreational activities in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua (catchment).





Ngā Patai – Questions?