



Waikato River Authority

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Policy, History and Looking to the Future

Te Ture Whaimana

- Te Ture Whaimana is the primary direction setting document.
- It is arguably the strongest planning document in the country.
- It prevails over any inconsistent provision in a national policy statement and over a national environmental standard in certain circumstances.



National Decision Making Framework

- A web of resource management legislation
- Cumbersome process
- Unable to keep up with the pace of landuse change.



Healthy Rivers/ Wai Ora

- Plan change for Waikato and Waipā River Catchments
- Collective Action
- Over 10 years to develop
- Farmers frustrated with the wait for certainty



Goals

- Regulations that are sensible, fit for purpose and deliver on Te Turi Whaimana
- Regulations that support and protect restoration mahi.
- Greater collaboration
- Better dialogue between Central and Regional Government



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