



Healthy Rivers
PLAN FOR CHANGE

Maniapoto Māori Trust Board
Raukawa Charitable Trust
Te Arawa River Iwi Trust

Wai Ora
HE RAUTAKI WHAKAPAIPAI

Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board
Waikato Raupatu River Trust
Waikato Regional Council

Collaborative Stakeholder Group Workshop 12 Agenda

**4th June 2015, 9.30am and
5th June, 8:30am,
Taupo Yacht Club, 9 Ferry Lane Taupo**

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Project goals and scope

Primary project goal: (Stakeholder Engagement Strategy pg 16):

The primary goal of the Healthy Rivers - Plan for Change/Wai Ora - He Rautaki Whakapaipai project is for Council and Waipa and Waikato River Iwi to jointly recommend that the Council notify a change to the Plan that addresses the adverse effects of discharges in the Waipa and Waikato River catchments (Project Plan, 28/1/13).

Secondary goals:

In order to contribute to achieving the restoration and protection of the Waikato and Waipa Rivers, the Waikato Regional Plan review process should:

1. seek, over time, to improve river/water body quality;
2. focus at first on defining the issues and options relating to water quality;
3. develop a range of possible land management scenarios, including options for limits and targets for the river/water bodies. These land management scenarios and limits and targets need to be based on sound environmental, cultural, scientific and economic information;
4. use a mix of methods, which may include rules, education, incentives, including industry self-regulation, that the Waikato Regional Council may use to facilitate the necessary changes on the ground. These methods to be discussed and developed alongside the setting of limits and targets.

Wherever possible decisions will:

- a. understand the impacts of the limits and targets on the wellbeing of the community;
- b. maximise the economic and environmental sustainability of businesses;
- c. minimise financial impacts on the regional community.

Decision making framework (Terms of Reference Page 16)

How will we make decisions?

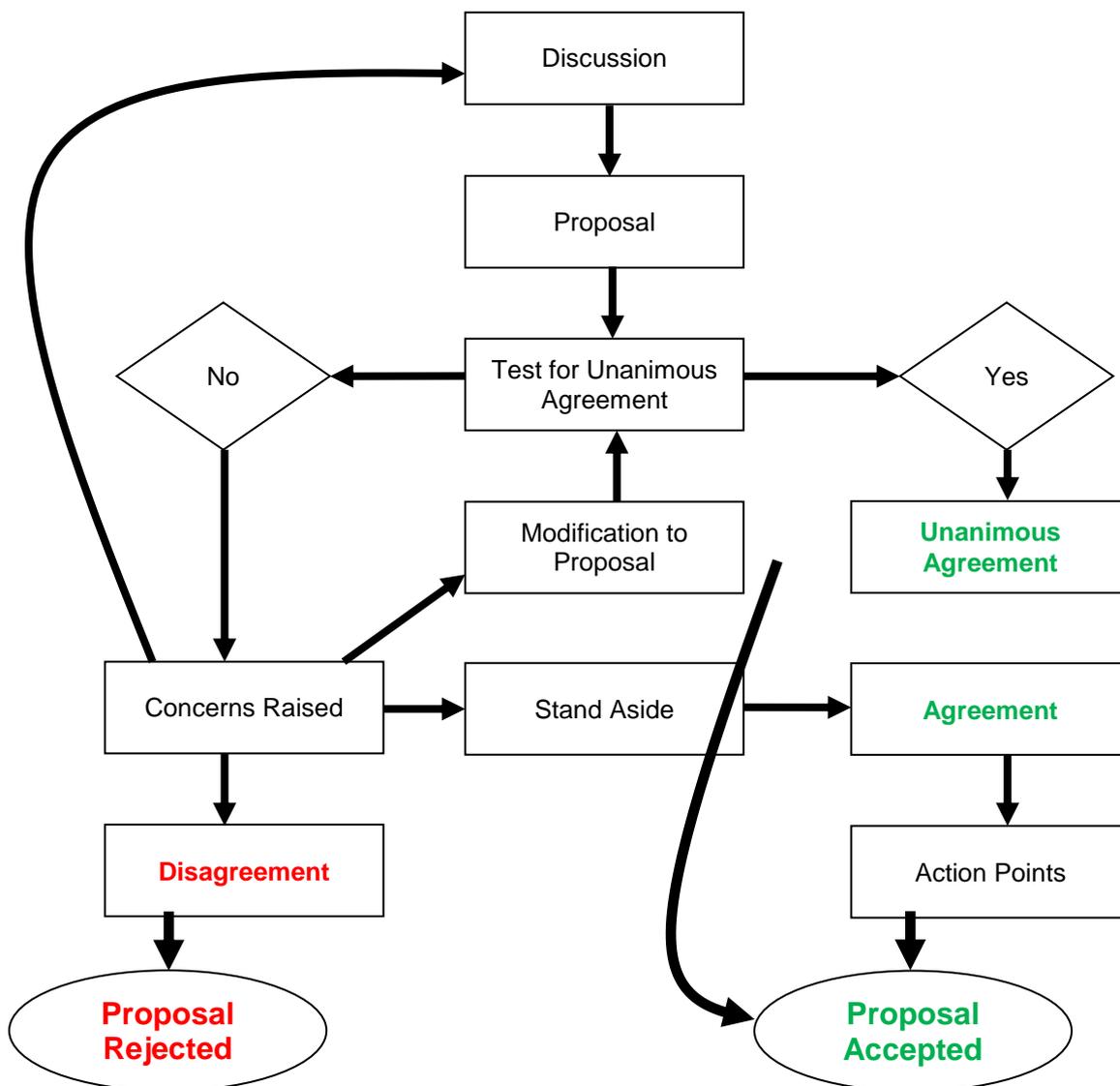
CSG members will base their decision making process on the following framework. They have defined consensus in the context of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora project as “unanimous agreement”.

The process

When the group has discussed the issue fully and a clear proposal is put forward for resolution, the proposal is tested with the whole group to see the level of agreement. The three possible responses to the question about agreement with the proposal are:

- I agree
- I stand aside (don't agree but understand and can live with the proposal)
- I disagree with the proposal.

The group will strive for unanimous agreement. The Chairperson will have an active role in assisting the group to decide upon when a sufficient level of agreement has been met, and in ensuring all voices are heard throughout the decision making process.



If, when tested, all members agree with the proposal, then a unanimous agreement is said to be achieved and the proposal is accepted.

If unanimous agreement is not achieved:

1. Those who have concerns must articulate them.
2. If the concerns are shared, then the proposal may be modified to alleviate them or the concerns explained away to the concerned member's satisfaction.
3. The proposal (either original or modified) is again tested for unanimous agreement. If all members agree with the proposal then a unanimous agreement is said to be achieved and the proposal is accepted.
4. If the proposal is not agreed unanimously but there are no members who disagree, i.e. some members choose to stand aside, then an agreement is said to be achieved and the proposal is accepted.
5. If the proposal is not agreed unanimously and there is a least one member who disagrees with the proposal then the group has to decide whether the level of disagreement is sufficient to warrant:
 - a. further modifications to the current proposal

- b. disagreement and thus rejection of the proposal. This will result in further discussion, another potential solution and new proposal
- c. Agreement and thus acceptance of the proposal.
Those who disagree must articulate their concerns and genuinely work with other group members to see whether these concerns can be alleviated through modifications to the proposal, or through increased understanding as a result of more information.

Those who stand aside accept the proposal despite having reservations or concerns and share the responsibility for the decision-making. The number of members who stood aside will be noted.

The group sometimes may decide to proceed with the proposal even though there are disagreements. In this case there would need to be a clear record of the identity of those disagreeing, their concerns and the reasons for these concerns. The Chairperson will have a key role in judging when to proceed.

Adapted by Twyfords and the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Collaborative Stakeholder Group from Consensus Decision Making <http://www.seedsforchange.org.uk/consensus>.

Scope: (Terms of Reference pg 11)

The scope of the project is:

- to develop draft recommended water quality limits and targets, issues, objectives and policy methods (including timeframes) for the Waikato and Waipa River Catchments, and to work out how to manage within those limits given the values that are present. A key part of this will be determining how to address the adverse effects of discharges to land and water in the Waipa and Waikato River Catchments.
- Once developed, the plan change will have addressed the requirement to identify values, and to set freshwater quality objectives and limits (recognising and considering interactions with the quantity limits set) in a way that gives effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and the National Objectives Framework within it. It will help, over time, to reduce sediment, bacteria and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) entering water bodies (including groundwater) in the Waikato and Waipa catchments.
- the development and recommendation of a plan change to the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee in a collaborative manner involving key stakeholders
- to address the adverse effects of point and non-point discharges to land and waterbodies in the Waipa and Waikato River catchments
- the focus is on improving water quality, taking into account all of the influences on water quality
- understanding the wide range of values associated with these waterbodies, including how values vary in different parts of the river catchments
- understanding the national frameworks and how they potentially impact on the project scope
- looking at subsets of catchments, where appropriate – ‘horses for courses’.
- understand and consider the benefits and costs of the environmental, economic, social and cultural effects that are anticipated from the solutions developed by the CSG.

An integral purpose of the plan change is to:

- contribute to giving effect to the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato and Waipa Rivers
- meet the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and the provisions of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement
- to understand the range of information and technical advice related to these matters – rural and urban.

The role of the CSG: (ToR Page 6)

The role of the CSG is to intensively review and synthesise technical and community material, to form recommendations to inform and guide policy development.

Focus Statement:

‘To come up with limits, timelines and practical options for managing contaminants and discharges into the Waikato and Waipa catchments to ensure our rivers and lakes are safe to swim in and take food from, support healthy biodiversity and provide for social, economic and cultural wellbeing.’

CSG Members:

			Representative	Delegate
Sector representatives	Previously allocated (13 seats)	Dairy	George Moss Rick Pridmore	Charlotte Rutherford
		Horticulture	Chris Keenan	Garth Wilcox
		Rural advocacy	James Houghton	Sally Millar
		Energy	Stephen Colson	Rosemary Dixon
		Industry	Ruth Bartlett	Mike Carroll
		Sheep and beef	James Bailey	Graeme Gleeson
		Environment/NGOs	Al Fleming	Jim Crawford
		Local government	Sally Davis	Tim Harty
		Tourism and recreation	Alastair Calder	Don Scarlet
		Forestry	Patricia Fordyce	Sally Strang/ Kelvin Meredith
		Māori interests	Alamoti Te Pou	
	Water supply takes	Garry Maskill	Ilze Gotelli	
	Allocated by selection panel (3 seats)	Māori interests	Weo Maag	Clinton Hemana
		Māori interests	Gina Rangī	
Environment/NGOs		Michelle Archer	David Campbell	
New seat	Rural professionals	Phil Journeaux		
Community representatives	Existing seats(4) New seats (3)	Jason Sebastian		No delegates
		Brian Hanna		
		Gayle Leaf		
		Evelyn Forrest		
		Gwyneth Verkerk		
		Liz Stolwyk		
		Matt Makgill		

The role of the Technical Leaders Group:

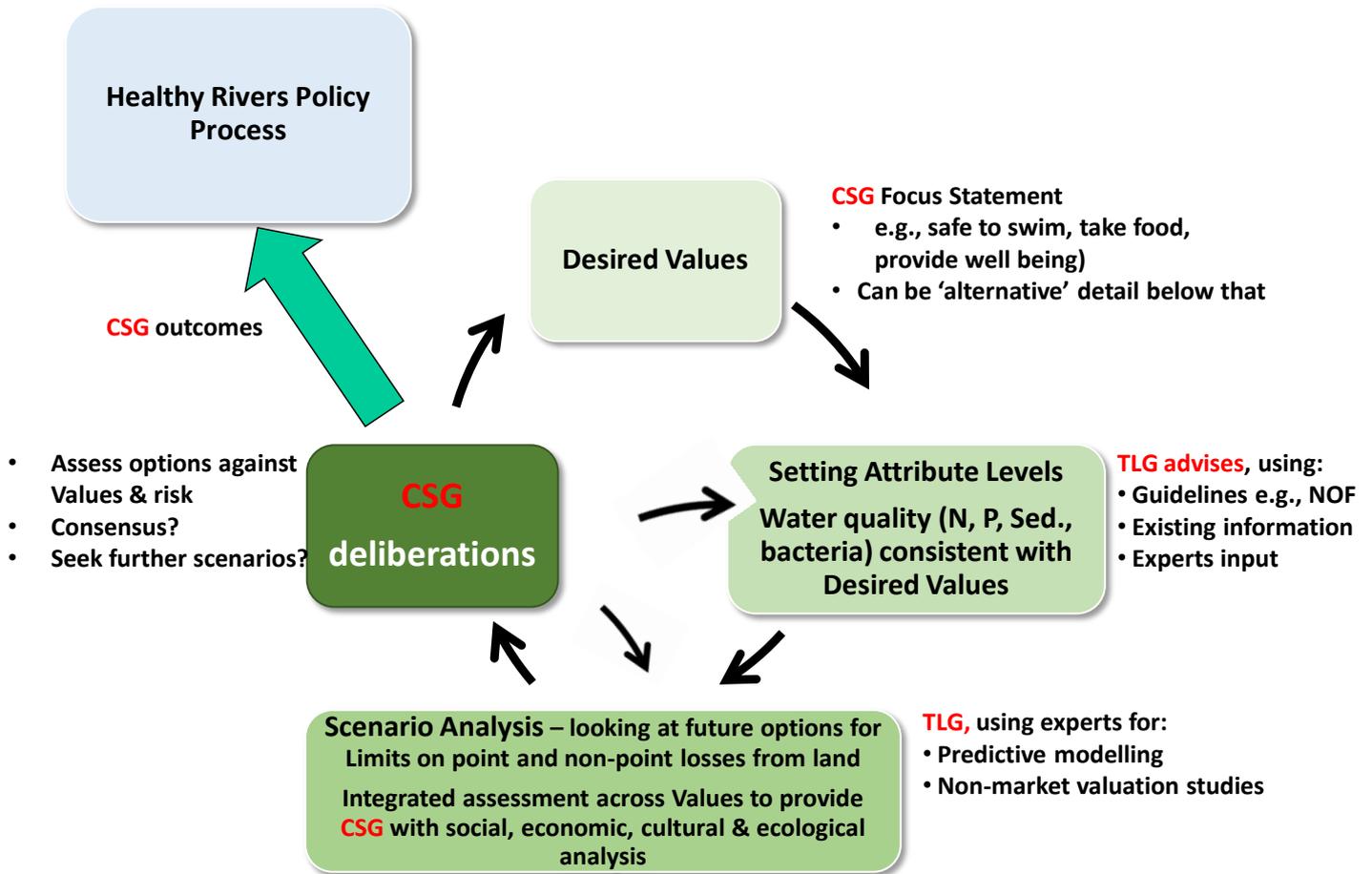
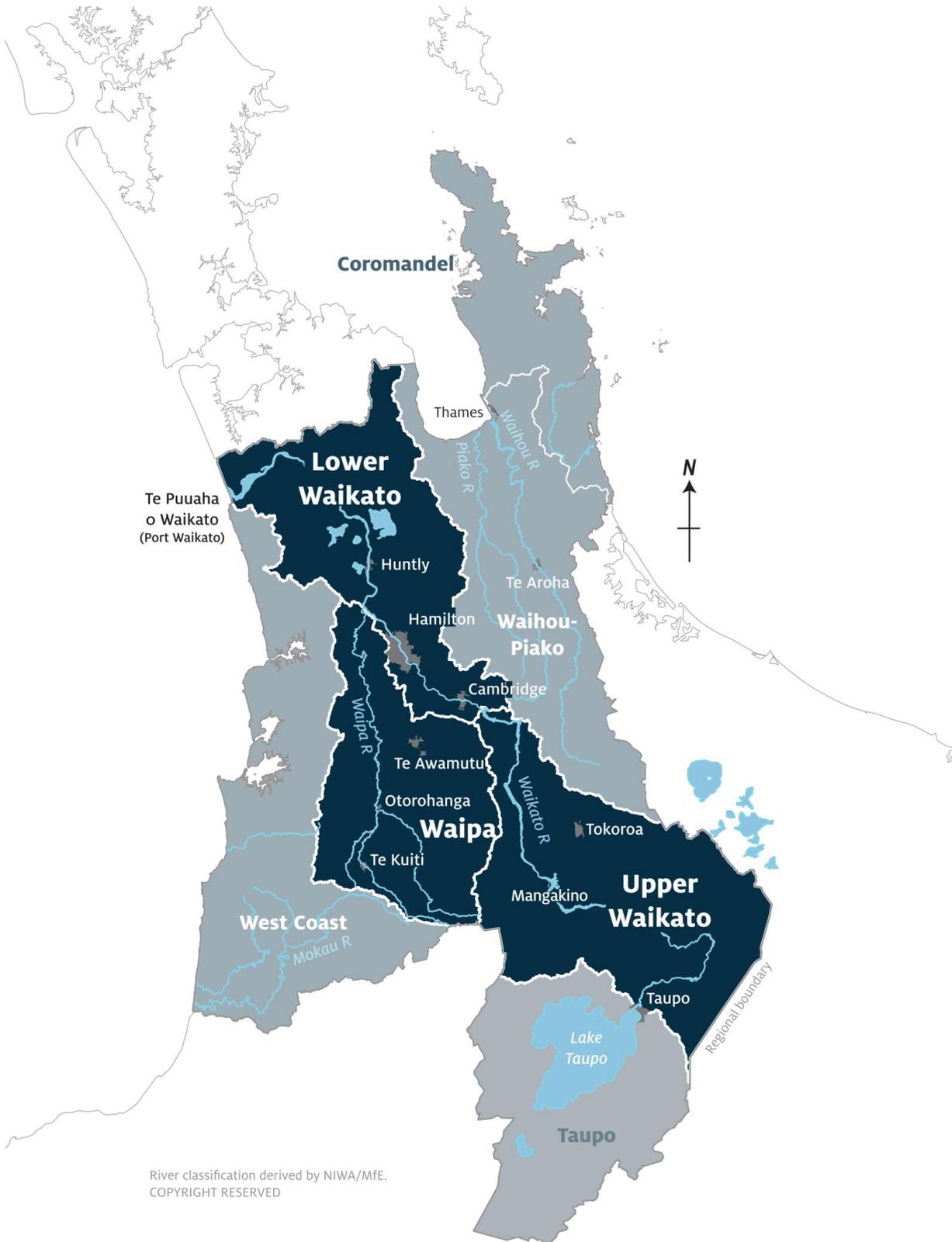


Figure 1: Waikato and Waipa River Catchments (excluding Lake Taupō, Waihou/Piako, Coromandel and West Coast catchments)



The Collaborative Stakeholder Group's Draft Policy Selection Criteria

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Gives effect to the Vision and Strategy

Does the policy give effect to the Vision and Strategy for the health and wellbeing of the Waikato and Waipa rivers?

RMA (including the NPS Freshwater Management)

Does the policy:

- comply with the RMA (including the purpose of the Act)?
- take account of existing policy frameworks?

Provides for Māori aspirations

Does the policy:

- provide for Māori to retain and use their taonga in accordance with their tikanga and kawa?
- give effect to Māori environmental, economic, cultural and social relationships with land and water?

Gives positive social and community benefits

Does the policy:

- minimise social disruption and provide social benefit?
- enhance people's use of the river?
- take account of unique features and benefits?
- result in outcomes people can identify with, own and feel proud of?
- achieve the range of values identified?

Acceptable to the wider community

Does the policy:

- achieve sound principles for allocation?
- recognise efforts already made?
- exhibit proportionality (those contributing to the problem to contribute to the solution)?

Optimises environmental, social and economic outcomes

Does the policy:

- aim for cost-effective solutions?
- provide confidence and clarity for current and future investment?
- provide realistic timeframes for change?

Achieves the restoration and protection of native habitats and biodiversity

Does the policy:

- support resilient freshwater ecosystems?
- support interconnectedness and connectivity between land and water?
- support healthy populations of indigenous plants and animals?

Realistic to implement, monitor and enforce

Is the policy:

- able to be measured, monitored and reported?
- implementable and technically feasible?
- administratively efficient?

Allows for flexibility and intergenerational land use

Does the policy:

- foster innovation?
- encourage positive actions being taken?
- allow for change and review as new information and issues arise?
- provide flexibility of future land use (including Treaty settlements land and multiple Māori owned land)?
- take account of complexity and difference between farming systems and farm enterprises?

Supported by clear evidence

Does the policy:

- take an evidence-based and knowledge-based approach (including Mātauranga Māori)?
- transparently show the costs for meeting the outcomes?
- prioritise efforts to achieve catchment solutions?
- set transparent limits and definitions?

CSG Workshop 12

Workshop purposes:

Progressing the core tasks of the CSG in relation to water quality in the rivers

- Sediment issues and best ways to address them.
- Policy options for sediment compared against the PSC
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- Industry views on how their systems could be part of a plan
- Consider feedback from community engagement
- Receive feedback from TLG on attributes
- Decide what to do about attributes and FMUs in light of all input

Learning about social, economic and cultural aspects

- Tūwharetoa perspectives

Our process

- Receive feedback from evaluators on the views of others in the project structure
- Receive timeline document including policy template sections

Practical results

- FMUs confirmed
 - Attributes confirmed
 - Scenarios confirmed
 - Sediment policy options refined
 - Timeline and milestones confirmed
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Day One

Item	Time	Details
1.	9:30am	<u>Powhiri at Taupo Yacht Club, 9 Ferry Road, Taupo</u> Morning tea to follow
2.	10:45am Dylan Tahau	<u>Tuwharetoa perspectives and field trip</u> What to expect: Presentations and a field trip to Miraka. Pre reading: None Action: None required
	12.45pm	Lunch
3.	1:30pm Chair/ Facilitator	<u>Intro to CSG12 process</u> What to expect: Chairperson's opening comments, overview of two day workshop and what we will be covering Pre reading: None Action: None required
4.	1:35pm Chair	<u>Sign off on Policy Selection Criteria</u> What to expect: PSC as edited at last CSG workshop with new point added on complexity of farming systems Pre reading: New point on complexity of farming systems Action: Confirm final version of PSC
5.	2pm Chair	<u>Sediment sources and activities to reduce</u> What to expect: Technical input on where sediment comes from, and activities to address sediment loss. Pre reading: None Action: Consider implications for later workshopping session
6.	2:30pm Policy	<u>Policy options for sediment</u> What to expect: Key points and questions arising from review of sediment policy options against the PSC plus technical input on what are practical and feasible options Pre reading: Review of sediment policy options from CSG9 compared against the PSC. Action: Consider implications for later workshopping session. See recommendations in cover report.
	3.30pm	Afternoon Tea – Dairy Audited Industry Self-Management systems – short presentation on this system, since dairy has

		not presented their industry system during hosting/ field trips as other sectors have.
7.	4pm CSG members	<u>Sector perspectives</u> What to expect: How industry systems could be part of a plan – 4 X 10 min perspectives from dairy, drystock, forestry and horticulture sectors Pre reading: None required Action: Consider implications for later workshopping session
8.	4:45pm Facilitator	<u>Refining policy options for sediment</u> What to expect: Workshopping key questions to refine a set of practical and feasible policy options for sediment. Pre reading: None (covered in sessions above) Action: CSG to refine set of policy options for sediment.
	6.45pm	Dinner

Day Two

Item	Time	Details
	8.30am	Waiata
9.	8:35am Chair	<u>CSG-only session</u> What to expect: Opportunity for CSG to reflect on progress and receive an update from evaluators Pre reading: None Action: None required
10.	9:30am Facilitator	<u>Community Engagement feedback</u> What to expect: Presentation of key themes from engagement events Pre reading: Community Engagement report Action: CSG to consider implications for next sessions (FMUs, attributes)
	10.30am	Morning Tea (HRWO Co-Chair update)
11.	11:00am Chair	<u>FMU's</u> What to expect: Receive any further technical input from

		TLG regarding FMUs and make a decision. Pre reading: None Action: Confirm final FMU's for rivers.
12.	11:30am Facilitator	<u>Scenarios</u> What to expect: New set of scenarios based on CSG workshopping at Te Kauwhata plus further feedback from TLG, river iwi and WRA. Pre reading: Cover report and new draft of scenarios Action: Confirm scenarios
13.	12:30pm Chair	<u>Approvals and updates session</u> What to expect: Confirm CSG11 workshop notes, confirm Plan template sections and receive TLG research update. Pre reading: Agenda Pack CSG12 Action: Confirm documents
	1.15pm	Lunch
14.	2:00pm Chair	<u>Attributes</u> What to expect: Feedback from TLG regarding attributes. Pre reading: Water Quality Attributes for Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Plan Change Report from Mike Scarsbrook Action: Consider for next section.
15.	2:30pm Facilitator	<u>Confirming attribute set</u> What to expect: Reflect and discuss on what the panel has recommended and input from community Pre reading: None required Action: Confirm attribute set
16.	3:30pm Chair	<u>Wrap up session</u> What to expect: Summarise two day workshop and actions. Receive timeline with milestones for populating policy templates, looking ahead to CSG13. Feedback from TRH from Tracey May. Pre reading: None required Action: Confirm timeline.
17.	3.55pm	Chairperson's closing reflections. Karakia.
	4pm	Afternoon tea available/ Depart