

Summary of River Values Hui

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Healthy Rivers
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Goal of the Workshop

- Workshop Attendees: River Iwi, TLG, CSG Chair & Facilitator, WRA, MFE, WRC.
- Develop a shared understanding of how the regional planning process needs to give effect to the NPS in the context of the Vision and Strategy and to workshop the intersect between the Vision and Strategy with the NPS/NOF.
- River Iwi are currently exploring their Mātauranga to input in Healthy Rivers.



Secondary Goal

- Look at what are the values that are relevant to the Regional Plan and how they are given expression.
- How Mātauranga Māori values apply in this policy process.
- Opportunity for the collective group to review a set of values developed so far by the CSG and identify any gaps or issues that are providing challenges, including Mātauranga frameworks, timings, inconsistencies (e.g. between NPS and V&S).



Values Discussion

- Acknowledgement to the CSG for their work to date on their River values.
- There are values that relate to:
 - Outcomes
 - Activities
 - Process
 - Principles
- Values → Attributes → Targets/Limits → Policy/ Activity
- Some Mātauranga Māori frameworks apply across all.
- Need values to make sure the attributes we're monitoring achieve those values.



Values Discussion

- Vision & Strategy sets the direction for Healthy Rivers – What we want the river to be.
- Vision and Strategy prevails over NPS/NOF (MFE).
- NPS is the framework.
- NOF is the guidance.
- The Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Plan will be the rules and the tools for implementation.
- Note: NPS can also be a tool to give effect to the Vision & Strategy.



Workshop Feedback

- The visibility of the V&S appears to be missing.
- Some suggestions on how to connect more with the V&S:
 - Put the CSG's focus statement at the beginning.
 - Write a preamble explaining the importance of the V&S
 - Appendix how each CSG value aligns to which V&S and NPS values (table form).
 - Expand on the social/cultural identity theme. Social = mental, health, medicinal, lots of other things, not just swimming.
 - There appears to be a gap between the overarching value and list of values.
 - Expand on the community as a whole.



Workshop Feedback

- Suggest Te Mana O Te Wai as an overarching value eg if swimmable and fishable (attributes) that means the mana is there (core value).
- There is also the Mana Atua Mana Tangata Framework that shows the interconnected relationship between spiritual, intrinsic values and use values.
- Values are interconnected and the relationships between them are important. Many of the values will be about relationships.
- With regard to Mātauranga Māori and knowledge frameworks, TLG are working on identification of the five River iwi values and coherence between them.



Workshop Feedback

- Those at the workshop thought it was important as to how the CSG values list should read as a whole.
- It should be balanced and reflect key principles.
- The river should also be central.
- All the sections of the current working list are important to our region.
- Perhaps the wording could be tweaked to keep the river central to all the sections.



Workshop Feedback

- Much discussion regarding ‘values’ and ‘uses’ and making this distinction.
- Suggestion was to re-sort the CSG list into values and uses. Call the uses – ‘use values’.
- Noted inconsistencies in CSG values developed i.e. farming and electricity appear to have more descriptive information. Implies these values are more important than the other values.
- Re-word descriptions to focus on why river is important for that use, rather than just trying to justify that use.



Workshop Feedback

- There is commonality of values across all the iwi, but each area is unique. Between different iwi, values can be the same but how they are worked out, applied or managed are different (e.g. inland iwi vs coastal iwi).
- Values should be the same across the whole catchment but how they are given effect to can be different in different locations.
- Values are not individual – they are interconnected and relationships between them are just as important.



River Iwi Update

- TLG Mātauranga representative is currently meeting with individual River Iwi on Māori Indicators for the Project.
- Combined River Iwi Hui - Māori Indicators, 23rd March.
- River Iwi coming together on 9th April to discuss areas of common interest for the Project as a whole.
- River Iwi still reviewing Draft Policy Selection Criteria. Will provide feedback to CSG early April.

