

## ACTION PLAN

In August 2010 the members of the Manawatū River Leaders' Forum signed an Accord to take action to improve the state of the Manawatū River. The Accord set out a focus, vision, and goals for the River.

Our goal is to improve the Manawatū River, the mauri (lifeforce) of the Manawatū River Catchment, such that it sustains fish species, and is suitable for contact recreation, in balance with the social, cultural and economic activities of the catchment community.

This goal represents a community opportunity to develop leadership in catchment improvement and capture the social and economic benefits of such leadership.

1. The Manawatū River becomes a source of regional pride and mana.
2. Waterways in the Manawatū Catchment are safe, accessible, swimmable, and provide good recreation and food resources.
3. The Manawatū Catchment and waterways are returned to a healthy condition.
4. Sustainable use of the land and water resources of the Manawatū Catchment continues to underpin the economic prosperity of the Region.

Here's a summary of what's planned...

**Kei te ora te wai,  
kei te ora te whenua,  
kei te ora te tangata.**

**If the water is healthy,  
the land and the people  
are nourished.**

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**THE MANAWATŪ RIVER FLOWS THROUGH ALL OF US. IT SHAPES OUR REGION AND REFLECTS OUR PEOPLE. IT IS PRECIOUS BECAUSE IT IS OURS. NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND UP AND TAKE OWNERSHIP. WE NEED TO IMPROVE AND PROTECT THE MAURI (LIFEFORCE) AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE MANAWATŪ RIVER CATCHMENT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.**

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## SIGNATORIES

Department of Conservation

Fish & Game NZ - Wellington Region

Fonterra

Horizons Regional Council

Horowhenua District Council

Landcorp Farming Limited

Manawatu District Council

Manawatu Estuary Trust

Massey University

Muaupoko Tribal Authority

Nga Hapu O Himatangi

Nga Kaitiaki O Ngati Kauwhata Inc.

NZ Pharmaceuticals Limited

Palmerston North City Council

Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc.

Silver Fern Farms

Taiao Raukawa Environmental Trust

Tanenuiārangi Manawatu Incorporated

Tararua District Council

Te Kaunihera Kaumatua O Rangitane Ki Manawatu

Te Kauru

Te Rangimarie Marae

Te Runanga O Raukawa Inc.

Water & Environmental Care Association Inc.

**E kore a Parawhenua e haere ki te kore a Rakahore**

**Water wouldn't move if it wasn't for rock - Partnership in ventures is essential for success**

**OURS.**  
THE MANAWATŪ RIVER  
LEADERS' ACCORD

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