

# Ripia River

## Summary of Values

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Resource Management Plan  
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## Purpose of Report

1. This report is a compilation of information previously documented on the values associated with the Ripia River during preparation of Proposed Plan Change 7 prior to its notification on 31 August 2019. It is one of a series of similar reports compiled for each of the respective proposed outstanding water bodies (OWB) identified in Plan Change 7.
2. The approach used by Hawke's Bay Regional Council to identify OWB in Hawke's Bay followed a process that began with a high level review documenting the values associated with 130 water bodies across the region. A short explanation is provided at the beginning of each section which discusses the relevant phase and whether the Ripia River was considered during that part of the process.
3. Not all OWB identified in Proposed Plan Change 7 were considered during each phase of the process. For clarity, an index table (Table 1) has been included in this report which sets out the relevant phases, report names, values and page numbers for the Ripia River.
4. No new research or further information was commissioned for the purposes of compiling this report.
5. For further information on the Outstanding Water Body Identification Methodology and each of these phases, see the Plan Change 7 Section 32 Evaluation Report<sup>1</sup>.
6. **Table 1: Ripia River index**

Phase	Included (yes/no)	Report name /date	Page numbers in associated report
High Level Review (Phase 1 & Phase 2)	Yes	Summary of Cultural Values Associated with Water Bodies in Hawke's Bay (March 2018)	32
		Summary of the Recreation, Landscape and Ecology Values Associated with Water Bodies in Hawke's Bay (March 2018)	20
Secondary Assessments (Phase 3)	No	N/A	N/A
Local Expert Panel (Phase 4)	No	Outstanding Water Bodies in Hawke's Bay - Report of the Expert Panel (April 2019)	N/A
Final Evaluation (Phase 5)	No	Outstanding Water Bodies Plan Change - selecting a list of outstanding water bodies in Hawke's Bay (May 2019)	N/A

Note 1: The Ripia River was not nominated as an outstanding water body until May 2019. As such, it was not included in Phases 3 - 5.

## Plan Change 7 Overview

7. Hawke's Bay Regional Council has prepared an amendment to the Hawke's Bay Regional Resource Management Plan (RRMP) to include a list of the region's outstanding water bodies, together with a framework which prescribes a high level of protection for these water bodies in future plan making. That change to the RRMP is referred to as 'Proposed Plan Change 7' or the 'Outstanding Water Bodies Plan Change.'
8. The water bodies identified in the Outstanding Water Bodies Plan Change have been proposed as the 'best of the best' within the region, featuring an exceptional cultural, spiritual, recreation, natural character, landscape, geology, or ecology value which is remarkable in Hawke's Bay.
9. Since commencing this OWB plan change project in early 2017, a significant amount of work has been undertaken to build a clearer picture of water bodies within the region and their potential for being classed as outstanding.
10. The Outstanding Water Bodies Plan Change amends the RPS to reflect NPSFM provisions which require the protection of the significant values of outstanding water bodies. This special protection does not lessen the importance of, or value associated with other water bodies, which are managed through other parts of the Regional Resource Management Plan or Council work programme.
11. Further information about the background and purpose of proposed Plan Change 7 is online at [www.hbrc.govt.nz](http://www.hbrc.govt.nz) (search #owb).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Outstanding-Water-Bodies/1.-Other-supporting-information/Section-32-Evaluation-Report.pdf>

## **Phase One & Phase Two: High Level Review & Summary of Values**

12. In June 2017, the Council embarked on a high level review documenting the cultural, spiritual, recreation, landscape, geological, natural character and ecology values associated with 130 water bodies across the region.
13. Phase 1 involved a thorough review of over ninety documents being completed. Those documents included Deeds of Treaty Settlements, statutory acknowledgements for Treaty settlements, customary uses reports, Waitangi Tribunal reports, and other documents produced in a national and regional context between 1979 and 2018.
14. This work built a clear picture of values associated with a wide range of water bodies across the region and their potential for being classified as outstanding, prior to short listing. This work culminated in a literature review with the following two tables summarising key values associated with 130 of the region's water bodies:
  - Table C1: Cultural Values Table – Summary of Cultural Values Associated with Water Bodies in Hawke's Bay.
  - Table R2: Recreation, landscape, Ecology Values Table – Summary of the Recreation, Landscape and Ecology Values Associated with Water Bodies in Hawke's Bay
15. Table C1 included all water bodies identified by name in reviewed documents, with a high level summary of the associated 'cultural and spiritual values'. This work was sent out to all Treaty settlement entities in Hawke's Bay in December 2017 for input prior to completion.
16. Table R2 included all water bodies identified by name in reviewed documents, with a high level summary of the associated recreation, landscape, geology and ecology values, and ratings assigned in this document.
17. Appendix 1 sets out the relevant extracts from Tables C1 and R2 for the Ripia River.

## **Phase Three: Refine List & Secondary Assessments**

18. In 2018, the high level review findings for 130 water bodies, and their associated values, were reported to the Council's Regional Planning Committee (RPC). The RPC selected a list of 22 candidate OWB to proceed forward a more detailed secondary assessment to see if any contained values that were clearly superior to other water bodies in Hawke's Bay.
19. The Ripia River was not selected as a candidate OWB as such, a secondary assessment was not carried out for this water body.

## **Phase Four: Engagement & Local Expert Panel Process**

20. Phase 4 involved wider input from the public, iwi authorities, key stakeholders and territorial local authorities. Feedback from this process featured requests for an additional 20 water bodies to be identified as OWB.
21. In December 2018, Council staff contracted a local expert panel to evaluate, categorise and identify outstanding characteristics, for all value sets, from the list of 22 candidate OWB and the additional 20 water bodies put forward during engagement.
22. The local expert panel was appointed via nominations by key stakeholders, iwi authorities and city and district councils, and comprised six members<sup>2</sup> with good knowledge of the Hawke's Bay region.
23. The recommendations made by the panel were based on existing information, their local knowledge, and a set of assessment criteria they developed at their first meeting. The assessment criteria used by the panel to identify outstanding features is set out at the beginning of each subsection for each value set.
24. The Ripia River was not nominated during Phase 4, as such the expert panel did not carry out an assessment of this water body.

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<sup>2</sup> Morry Black (Mauri Protection Agency), Matt Brady (DOC), John Cheyne (Te Taiao Environment), Andrew Curtis (Water Strategies Limited), Bernie Kelly (kayaking rep), Tom Winlove (Fish& Game Hawke's Bay)

## **Phase Five: Final Evaluation**

25. Phase Five saw a final evaluation carried out to assist the Council's Regional Planning Committee to select a list of outstanding water bodies in Hawke's Bay, for inclusion in Proposed Plan Change 7.
26. This work summarised the key values of 42 water bodies nominated during Phases 3 and 4, and informed by
  - The secondary assessments
  - local expert panel findings
  - the values summary reports, and
  - stakeholder engagement.
27. The summary was presented by value-type, based on the work to date and in a format consistent with the direction given by Council.
28. The Ripia River was not nominated as an outstanding water body until May 2019. As such, the final evaluation report did not include this water body.

# Appendix 1: Tables C1 and R2 - Ripia River

*Note: Appendix 1 contains extracts only - for further information please refer to the full reports.*



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### Referencing

When referencing in another report any of the values contained in this document, the author of that report must include the following text as a footnote to the referenced material:

"There are numerous water bodies in the Hawke's Bay region where two or more iwi groups have agreed, shared interests and/or contested overlapping claims. By referring to these values it is not intended to imply any exclusive rights over a particular water body for one or more iwi group, nor does it confirm the validity of the claims of any group(s) over that water body. This information is being referred to solely for the purpose of identifying the important cultural and spiritual values identified by iwi groups in the region".

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Waterbody / Region / Catchment	Treaty settlement entity	Commentary		Key values
<p><b>Key</b>            DOS = Deed of settlements, SA = statutory acknowledgements, TSL = Treaty settlement legislation, CUR = customary usage reports, WTR = Waitangi tribunal reports, OTHER = any other relevant documents</p> <p>No = waterbody not referred in document            N/A = No such document exists.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The 'Key Values' column sets out a pool of eight key values which broadly reflect the most significant cultural values associated with water bodies. The relevant key values for each water body is listed in this column.</p> <p>See commentary column for further explanation about the identified key value for each waterbody.</p>				
Ripia River  Hawke's Bay <span style="background-color: red; color: black;">Mohaka</span>	Ngāti Hineuru	DOS        SA TSL CUS WTR OTHER	<p>The Ripia River is a major tributary of the Mohaka River, and flows south-east from the Ahimanawa Range into the Mohaka River.</p> <p>The Ripia River is of great significance to Hineuru, who have a particular cultural, spiritual, historical, and traditional association with the River.</p> <p>The Ripia River was utilised as a mahinga kai, rather than being a focal point of settlement, and was abundant with fish species, including tuna, trout and the koura. Hanqi stones were gathered from the river.</p> <p>The forest around the Ripia River was very dense and provided many important resources including harakeke, toitoi, birdlife and a range of plants used for medicinal purposes.</p> <p>The Ripia River provided the people with drinking water, and was a source of spiritual cleansing, wairua, and was felt to have healing properties (e.g. aids with the healing of women after they had given birth, used for the washing of Tupapaku and an important part of the ta moko process).</p> <p>same as DOS</p> <p>Yes</p>	Wai Tapu Mahinga kai, Pa tuna



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		<p><b>Key</b></p> <p>64NZR = 64 New Zealand Rivers – A Scenic Evaluation</p> <p>RRS = New Zealand Recreational River Survey</p> <p>MAF &amp; F = Submission on the Draft Inventory of Wild and Scenic Rivers of National Importance by MAFF</p> <p>W&amp;SR = National Inventory of Wild and Scenic Rivers</p> <p>RIVAS = River Values Assessment System</p> <p>LOR &amp; L = A List of Rivers and Lakes Deserving Inclusion in a Schedule of Protected Waters</p> <p>HTF = Headwater Trout Fisheries in New Zealand</p> <p>WONI = Potential Waterbodies of National Importance</p> <p>RAMSAR = Wetlands in NZ which meet the Ramsar criteria</p> <p>W&amp;WH = Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat of Hawke's Bay Rivers</p>		
Ripia River  Hawke's Bay <b>Mohaka</b>	Ngāti Hineuru	64NZR RRS	No No	Recreation (angling)
		MAF&F W&SR LOR&L HTF RAMSAR WONI W&WH	No No The Ripia River is a very important trout spawning stream as it is not subject to floods like the Mohaka. No No No N/A	
		RIVAS	Nationally significant for Salmonid Angling.	