

The Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee was the first of 10 zone committees established throughout Canterbury in 2010 under the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

The zone committee operates as a joint committee of Environment Canterbury and the Hurunui District Council.

The committee works collaboratively to develop an effective water management implementation programme in consultation with the local community. The programme includes strategies, tactics, and activities to give effect to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy's principles and targets.

The Hurunui-Waiiau Zone extends from north of the Ashley River to north of the Conway River and takes in Hanmer Springs, Waiiau, Cheviot, Culverden, Hawarden, Waikari Waipara and Amberley.



Ian Fox (WhiteWater NZ) briefs Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee members.

## Activities and actions

The Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee was the first of 10 zone committees to be formed.

The focus of the committee is on facilitating widely acceptable options for delivering more water to improve environmental infrastructure and flows, improving drinking water supplies, maintaining or improving water quality through management of land use as well as increasing irrigated and hydro-electric generation areas.

The Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee was the first to finalise its Zone Implementation Programme (ZIP).

The ZIP recommends actions, responsibilities and time-frames for activities to help achieve the principles, targets and goals set out in the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

The ZIP has been developed following numerous committee meeting and extensive stakeholders and community engagement to gather information about the region's water resource.

The Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee facilitated a number of well-attended public meetings to gauge community feedback on the priorities and outcomes that guide the ZIP.

The ZIP is expected to be given effect in the Hurunui-Waiiau Regional Plan, which was notified at the end of September.

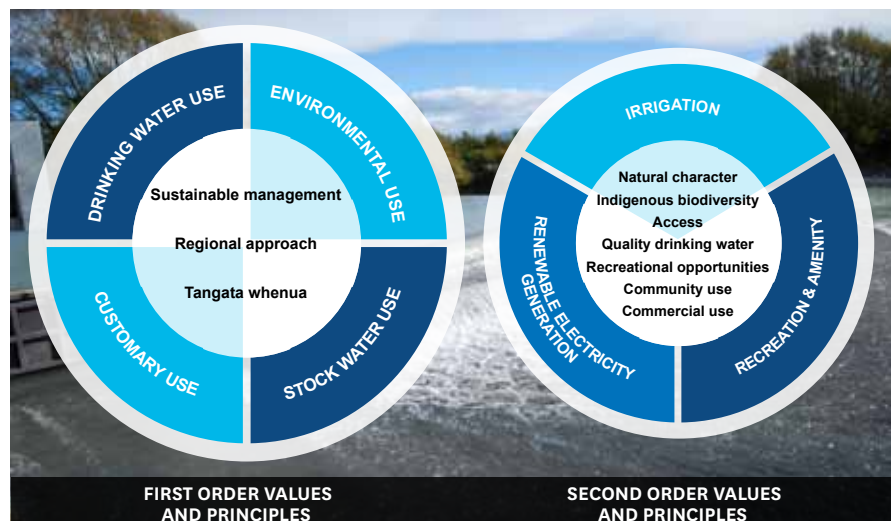
## Targets

The committees are working to achieve the wide-ranging set of targets agreed as part of the development of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

The targets have ten broad areas and set goals for the coming five years, as well as setting milestones in 10 years and 30 years. The targets cover:

- Ecosystem health and biodiversity
- Braided rivers and natural character
- Kaitiakitanga
- Drinking water
- Recreational use and amenity opportunities
- Water-use efficiency
- Irrigated land area
- Energy security and efficiency
- Regional and national economies
- Environmental limits

## The value the community places on water



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# Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee



## The Hurunui-Waiiau Zone Committee comprises:

### Community members:

**Chair:** David Eder, member of Horticulture NZ taskforce, blackcurrant grower

**Deputy Chair:** John Faulkner, dairy farmer  
Andrew Harris, farmer, Hurunui District Council Cheviot Ward Committee, consultant Enterprise North Canterbury  
Tony Hawker, Environmental Officer for Fish and Game  
Ken Hughey, Professor of Environmental Management at Lincoln University  
Mike Hodgen, farmer and Chair of Hurunui Water Project  
Michele Hawke, a businesswoman from Hawarden

**Rūnanga representatives:** Raewyn Solomon (Kaikōura)  
Makarini Rupene (Tūāhuiriri)

**Environment Canterbury appointment:** Commissioner David Bedford

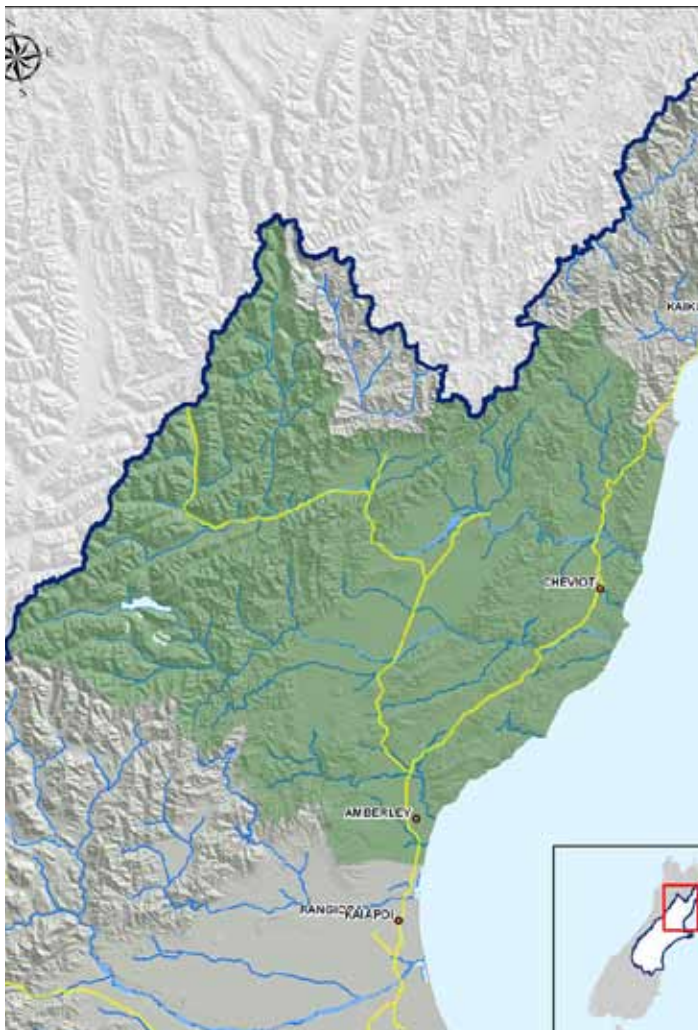
**Hurunui District Council appointment:** Winton Dalley

## Immediate Steps to protect biodiversity

The zone committee is also responsible for local implementation of the Immediate Steps Biodiversity programme.

Immediate Steps is a new \$10 million programme for biodiversity which is being introduced as part of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy.

The programme has an initial five year focus and will cover the protection of endangered species and waahi taonga (sacred sites). Immediate Steps also covers maintenance of Canterbury's braided rivers, providing habitat for native flora and fauna, as well as protecting wetlands and other ecosystems.



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## Committee meetings

A schedule of meetings is available at [www.ecan.govt.nz/canterburywater](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/canterburywater)

Zone Committee meetings are open to the public.