

Ngai Tahu Freshwater Policy Statement 1999

Objective – Mauri

6.2 *Restore, maintain and protect the mauri of freshwater resources.*

Policies

2. *Afford priority to ensuring the availability of sufficient quantities of water of appropriate water quality to restore, maintain and protect the mauri of a waterbody, in particular priority is to be accorded when developing water allocation regimes.*

Objective – Mahinga Kai

6.3 *To maintain vital, healthy mahinga kai populations and habitats capable of sustaining harvesting activity.*

Policies

2. *Restore and enhance the mahinga kai values of lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, estuaries and riparian margins.*
3. *Ensure that activities in the upper catchments have no adverse effect on mahinga kai resources in the lower catchments.*
4. *Restore access to freshwater resources for cultural activities, including the harvest of mahinga kai.*

Objective – Kaitiakitanga

6.4 *To promote collaborative management initiatives that enable the active participation of Ngai Tahu in freshwater management.*

Policies

1. *Ensure Ngai Tahu has access to information about the status of resources and the activities of resource users so that it is able to anticipate the effects of activities on customary values and uses.*

Te Whakatau Kaupapa – Resource Management Strategy for Canterbury 1990

The Te Whakatau Kaupapa – Resource Management Strategy for Canterbury has been prepared to assist planners, resource managers and politician's at both regional and district level. The document is a statement of Ngai Tahu beliefs and values to be taken into account through the resource management process.

General Water Policy Statement

Policies

1. *That no discharge into any water body should be permitted if it will result in contamination of the receiving water.*
3. *That the quality and quantity of water in all waterways be improved to the point where it supports those fish and plant populations that were sourced from them in the past and that these mahinga kai are fit for human consumption.*
7. *That in the case of abstraction, more efficient use of water be encouraged. Any water "saved" in this manner should be returned to the waterways to enhance river flows, and not reallocated to other users.*

Mahinga Kai

Policies

1. *That the quality and quantity of water in all waterways be improved to the point where it supports those fish and plant populations that were sourced from them in the past, and that these mahinga kai are not for human consumption.*