

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.*
4. *Protect the opportunities for Ngai Tahu's uses of freshwater resources in the future.*

Objective – Mahinga Kai

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

Policies

1. *Protect critical mahinga kai habitats and identified representative areas.*
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

2. *Assist with the development of Ngai Tahu's capacity to conduct formal cultural impact assessments and require such assessments as part of an assessment of environmental effects.*