

12 January 2010

Tēnā koutou

The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited (NIWA) are holding three consultation meetings with stakeholders as part of the Waikato River Independent Scoping Study.

A first round of meetings was held with Waikato River Iwi in July-August 2009, and NIWA has spent the past three months collating and analysing the information shared during these meetings. NIWA has also collated and analysed existing western and scientific documents that capture wider community views. From the analysis of the mātauranga Māori gathered from Waikato River Iwi and its integration with western science, a framework to help guide future restoration of the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River has been developed. This includes an interim list of remedial actions and a draft Report Card to monitor progress. A copy of the Baseline Report will be available to read prior to the meetings via www.river.org.nz

A second round of meetings in February 2010 aims to confirm that the information collected accurately reflect the views of the community. Participants who attend will also be asked to provide comment and feedback on the values and issues, the framework and the draft Report Card, and to discuss actions likely to restore the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River.

The dates and times for the meetings are as follows. Agenda is on page 2.

	Date / Time	Venue
1.	Tuesday 16 February 2010 9:30am-1:00pm	Waikato Rugby Stadium, Genesis Energy Room, Gate 5, Seddon Road, Hamilton
2.	Thursday 18 February 2010 9:30am-1:00pm	Waikato Rugby Stadium, Genesis Energy Room, Gate 5, Seddon Road, Hamilton
3.	Thursday 18 February 2010 5:00pm-9:00pm	Waikato Rugby Stadium, Genesis Energy Room, Gate 5, Seddon Road, Hamilton

For catering purposes please RSVP to:

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What is the Waikato River Independent Scoping Study?

The Waikato River Independent Scoping Study (WRISS) is a study to determine priority actions and costs to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River for future generations. The year-long study reports to the Guardians Establishment Committee (GEC), is funded by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and is led by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Ltd (NIWA). The study covers the Waikato River catchment from Huka Falls to Port Waikato, including the Waipa River and the streams, lakes and wetlands in their catchments. Clearly activities on the land within these catchments affect the waterways and so they are considered.

What is the purpose of these meetings?

The purpose of these meetings is to:

- 1) Confirm that the information collected on values and issues reflects the views of the community;
- 2) Draw upon community knowledge in relation to the Report Card;
- 3) Contribute to the identification of actions and priorities for the restoration of the Waikato River.

Attendees will be asked to participate in group discussions to consider and prioritise actions that could be taken to restore the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River.

Agenda

16 and 18 February		18 February
Tuesday & Thursday morning		Thursday evening
		5:00pm – 5:30pm Tea and Coffee
9:30am - 9:45am	Welcome and WRISS Update (GEC, NIWA)	5:30pm - 5:45pm
9:45am - 10:15am	Agenda and Presentation (NIWA)	5:45pm - 6:15pm
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summary of analysis 2. Report Card framework 3. Issues and Values 	
10:15am - 11:00am	Open forum (facilitated by NIWA)	6:15pm - 7:00pm
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Issues and Values 5. Framework 	
11:00am - 11:30am	Presentation (NIWA)	7:00pm - 7:30pm
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Possible remedial actions 7. Report Card 	
11:30am – 12:15pm	Open forum (facilitated by NIWA)	7:30pm – 8:15pm
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Possible remedial actions 9. Report Card 	
12:15pm – 12:30pm	Where to from here?	8:15pm – 8:30pm
12:30 – 1:00 pm Tea and Coffee		

What are you asked to do?

Participation in the study is encouraged. No material that could personally identify a participant will be used in any reports or publications arising from the study. The information and views contributed will be used by NIWA for the purposes of meeting the objectives of this study only.

How will your information be used?

The knowledge contributed will help: (1) the development of innovative report card(s) for monitoring the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River; and (2) identifying priorities for restoration. The report cards will include western science and mātauranga Māori.

Please accept this invitation to attend, we want to hear what your views are and look forward to discussion about this important study.

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