



SUBMISSION
To the Ministry For the Environment,
National Policy Statement For Freshwater Management

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We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

The Orari River Protection Group (Inc) was established as a fully incorporated society in February 2004 and has a present financial membership of over 100 individuals and organisations.

The aim and objectives of the Orari River Protection Group (Inc) are:

To protect the environmental and cultural integrity of the Orari River in its free-flowing state.

- 1. To retain the Orari gorge in its free-flowing state;*
- 2. To retain the integrity of the river hydrology;*
- 3. To maintain public access to the Orari River as an educational and recreational resource;*
- 4. To advocate for greater protection of the upper Orari River and catchment;*
- 5. To recognise the potential for over-allocation and advocate for the development of an Integrated Catchment Management plan.*

Our submission is that:

We support the proposed National Policy Statement For Freshwater Management, as we believe there is an urgent need for clear guidance to Regional and District Councils as well as developers and the wider community.

This should avoid the unrealistic expectations and mismanagement of existing and precious remaining fresh water systems.

Our experience with the Orari River is that inappropriate development plans lead to ongoing deviation, significant costs and hostility in the community.