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a. The restoration and protection of the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River.	The PWDP has not proposed new zonings or allowed for intensive landuse activity in sensitive areas adjoining or adjacent to the Waikato River.
b. The restoration and protection of the relationship of Waikato-Tainui with the Waikato River, including their economic, social, cultural, and spiritual relationships.	Resource consents are required for such activity which will allow for a precautionary approach to be adopted to the assessment of the application and potential conditions.
c. The restoration and protection of the relationship of Waikato River iwi according to their tikanga and kawa, with the Waikato River, including their economic, social, cultural and spiritual relationships.	The PWDP acknowledges through objectives and policies in the tangata whenua section the relationship of Waikato-Tainui with the Waikato River.
d. The restoration and protection of the relationship of the Waikato region's communities with the Waikato River including their economic, social, cultural and spiritual relationships.	These provisions, in addition to direct consideration of the Vision and Strategy itself, will be relevant matters under s104 of the RMA for the assessment of resource consent applications that have the potential to affect the Waikato River.
e. The integrated, holistic and coordinated approach to management of the natural, physical, cultural and historic resources of the Waikato River.	
f. The adoption of a precautionary approach towards decisions that may result in significant adverse effects on the Waikato River, and in particular those effects that threaten serious or irreversible damage to the Waikato River.	
g. The recognition and avoidance of adverse cumulative effects, and potential cumulative effects, of activities undertaken both on the Waikato River and within its catchments on the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River.	
h. The recognition that the Waikato River is degraded and should not be	The PWDP recognises this through the requirement for low impact stormwater treatment measures in all engineering designs for new

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required to absorb further degradation as a result of human activities.	development, with a hierarchy of measures placing direct discharge to waterbodies including the Waikato River as the least preferred.
i. The protection and enhancement of significant sites, fisheries, flora and fauna.	The PWDP identifies Significant Natural Areas and Significant Natural Features and Sites, and provides objectives, policies and rules that protect such areas and features from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
j. The recognition that the strategic importance of the Waikato River to New Zealand's social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing is subject to the restoration and protection of the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River.	The PWDP acknowledges the importance of the Waikato River through objectives and policies in the tangata whenua section.
k. The restoration of water quality within the Waikato River so that it is safe for people to swim in and take food from over its entire length.	See comment for objective h. above. It should also be noted that the primary resource management plan in the Waikato Region that addresses achievement of this objective is Plan Change 1 to the Waikato Regional Plan.
l. The promotion of improved access to the Waikato River to better enable sporting, recreational, and cultural opportunities.	The PWDP requires esplanade reserves and strips to be vested in Council whenever subdivision or other development occurs adjoining the Waikato River.
m. The application to the above of both maatauranga Maaori and latest available scientific methods.	It is difficult to codify maatauranga Maaori into a statutory planning document such as the PWDP. The PWDP allows for the use of maatauranga Maaori in the resource consent assessment process where such traditional maori environmental methods and practices can be incorporated into mitigations and conditions if appropriate following consultation with taangata whenua.