

## Waikato River Discussion



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Good morning Jane,

Thank you for your efforts to recognise the Waikato River appropriately. The work and discussions that Waikato-Tainui enters into, simply seek what is best for the awa. We think some progress has been made.

Ultimately the preference of Waikato-Tainui is for the recognition of the Waikato River in its entirety as an outstanding natural landscape, in our opinion would better recognise the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River. However, in regards to the technical landscape matters at hand, we recognise that the ONF will recognise the River water body and islands as outstanding. Furthermore, an ONF status will recognise the River as a single feature within the district rather than seeing it divided across two separate classifications.

We wish to remind the panel that in no way does this preclude Waikato-Tainui from pursuing further recognition of the River in the future. Waikato-Tainui will continue to seek the utmost recognition and protection of the river.

We will provide a further response to the hearing panel next week.

Regards

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