



# WAIKATO BIODIVERSITY ACCORD

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## Takatū Waikato Making a Stand for the Waikato

Strategic Direction  
2023-2025



## Ngā aronga nui Our strategic priorities

- Wai  
Water
- Rerenga rauropi, tiakitanga taiao  
**Biodiversity and biosecurity**
- Takutai moana  
Coastal and marine
- Hanganga tauwhiro  
Sustainable development and infrastructure
- Hononga hapori  
Community connections
- Whakaheke tukunga  
Transition to a low emissions economy

Strategic priority

## Rerenga rauropi, tiakitanga taiao **Biodiversity and biosecurity**

### What we want to achieve

People working together to protect and restore our unique local native plants and animals, and the indigenous ecosystems they live in.

## Goals for success

By 2025

- ▲ Work with partner agencies to have an agreed region wide biodiversity accord in place.
- ▲ Progress a prioritised strategic pathway for our region that restores and protects biodiversity out to 2050 and beyond.
- ▲ Support and empower people to protect and restore the natural environment and taonga species by integrating their efforts with councils and other agencies.
- ▲ Work with others to protect ecosystems, human health and economic activities through effective pest management.

# Overview – Waikato Biodiversity Accord

- Identified as a goal in Takatū Waikato: Strategic Direction 2023-2025
- First step in developing a regional biodiversity strategy (RBS's are a compulsory requirement of regional councils in the NPSIB)
- Short, simple, high level
- Non-statutory agreement / statement of good intent
- How will we work together - purpose, principles, objectives, statement of commitment
- Holistic view of the environment (maunga to moana)
- No end date, endures beyond strategy
- Allows early engagement with key agencies

# Waikato Biodiversity Accord – Process

Actions	Timing
Project planning & preparation	July to Aug 2023
Reporting to iwi partners governance/inform partner agency staff about the proposed Accord	Sept to Oct 2023
Partner agency Workshop 1 to discuss accord structure/what is in and out	Dec 2023
Develop first draft of the Accord	Jan 2024
Partner agency Workshop 2 – review draft and make changes / confirm process & next steps	Feb 2024
Brief partners on workshop process and outcomes and seek further feedback on draft Accord	March to April 2024
Develop final draft Accord & circulate for feedback	April to May 2024
To Council for sign off	June 2024

# Some examples of other Accords

## Taranaki Biodiversity Forum Accord

*A community response to protecting native plants, animals and habitats*

The Accord sets out an agreed vision, desired outcomes, priorities and actions for Accord partners to work together to:

- Raise the profile of biodiversity generally among signatories and increase awareness and understanding of the issues
- Provide a vehicle for dialogue, including information sharing, between like-minded but diverse interests
- Identify common ground and establish a publicly agreed policy position and partnerships
- Make a commitment to positive action
- Establish a collaborative framework to work together better and find ways to obtain the best results from finite resources.

Signed on 27 July 2013  
in the presence of

*Kate Wilkinson*  
Hon. Kate Wilkinson  
Minister of Conservation



## Waipā Peat Lakes and Wetlands Accord

*Whakaetanga ā-roto rei, ā-repo o te rohe o Waipā*

### Purpose

To align the activities of management agencies when working with landowners, tangata whenua and interested parties towards the restoration and enhancement of lakes and wetlands in the Waipā district.



### Objectives

- Promote** the sustainable use and conservation of lake and wetland resources by developing and implementing relevant local management projects, regional and national policies and action plans, and international conventions.
- Encourage** restoration of degraded lakes and wetlands and associated species that are in an unfavourable conservation status, through the application of sound environmental management and research.
- Maintain** an overview of the status of lake and wetland resources by developing, promoting and co-ordinating assessment and monitoring programmes and disseminating the results.
- Develop** a regional network of experts for the transfer of know-how, research and information through effective partnerships with like-minded organisations.
- Raise awareness** of the functions and values of lakes and wetlands through education, information and awareness programmes.

### Commitment

We the undersigned agree to work together to promote the objectives and will work collaboratively with landowners, tangata whenua and interested parties to achieve this.

*[Signatures]*  
Arian Livingstone  
Chairperson  
Waikato Regional Council

*[Signatures]*  
Garyne Roberts  
Chairperson  
Ngā Iwi Tapu o Waipā

*[Signatures]*  
Murray Young  
Chairperson  
Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council

*[Signatures]*  
David Speirs  
Operations Director Waikato, Hauraki, Taranaki  
Department of Conservation

Dated: 11 February 2017



Taio Ora, Tāngata Ora  
Working Together for Better Biodiversity

## Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Accord

The Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy seeks to unite organisations to work together to ensure Hawke's Bay's biodiversity is enhanced, healthy and functioning now and for future generations.

It is the first opportunity in our region's history that all of the people involved in biodiversity have come together, agreeing that something better needs to be done. After the Strategy, the next step beyond the Accord is putting this work into action. Partners and Friends to this Accord have signalled their commitment to the Vision of the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy.

### Vision of the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy

*Working together, Hawke's Bay's biodiversity is enhanced, healthy and functioning*

### Objectives of the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy

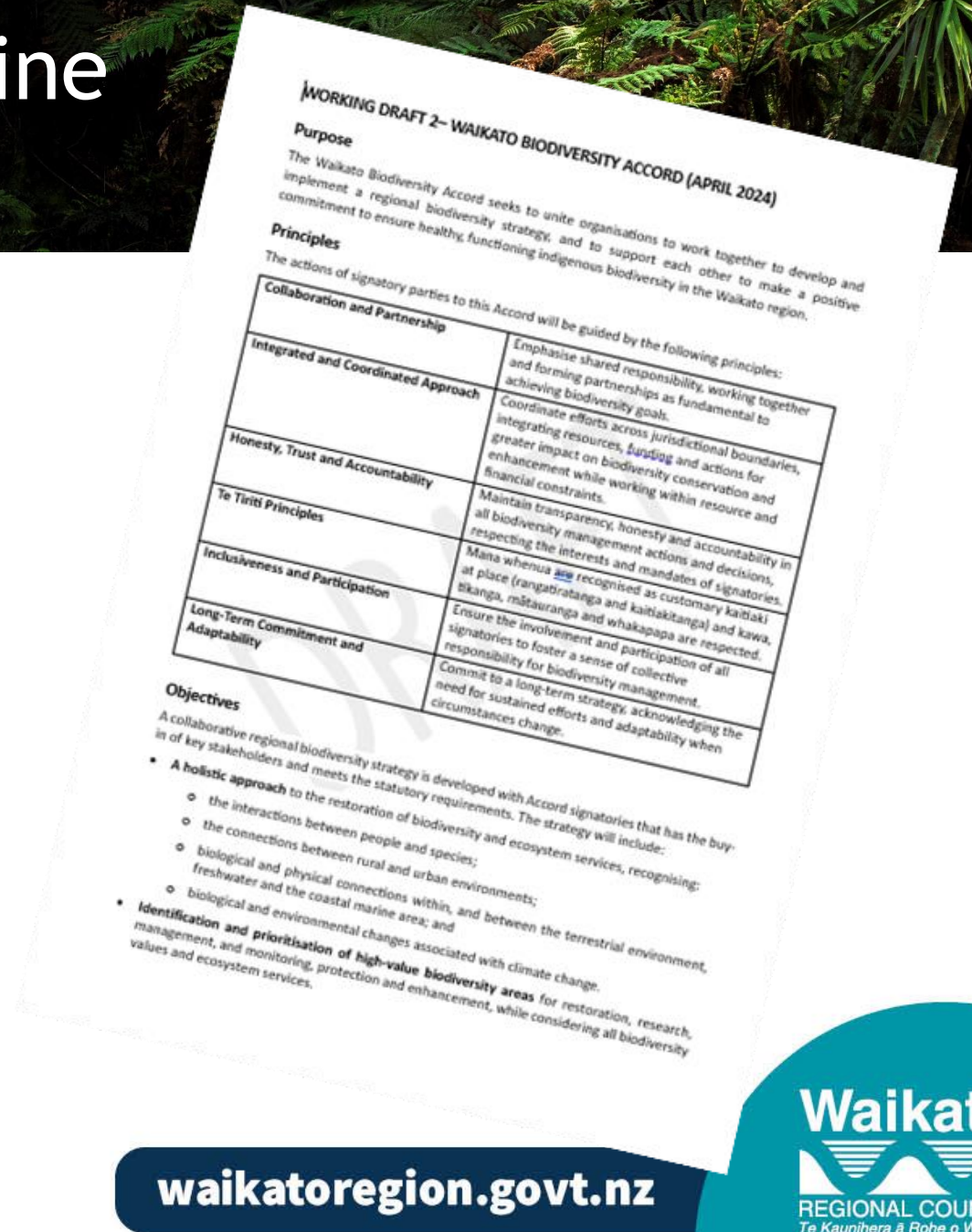
- Native habitats** We will sustain, protect and improve native habitats and the ecosystem services they provide.
- Native species** We will sustain, protect, and improve populations of native species.
- Maori values** We will recognise indigenous biodiversity as a taonga to be protected for future generations.
- Partnerships** We will collaborate effectively, align programmes and share responsibilities to achieve biodiversity outcomes.
- Community** We will support education, engagement, care for the environment 'kaitiakitanga', and actively connect our community through biodiversity programmes.

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# Draft Biodiversity Accord outline

commitment connectivity trust  
 kawa willingness  
 climate kaitiakitanga cultural  
 tiriti connectedness recognise  
 collective transparency livelihoods  
 hapū participation voluntary  
 landowners lands rangatiratanga change  
 collaboration inclusiveness respect tikanga  
 whakapapa māori together  
 working partnerships purpose  
 rights responsibility optimistic  
 honesty importance stakeholders  
 kaitiaki mātauranga capacity  
 capability compromise resilience  
 customary



# Proposed Accord Signatories





# What would becoming a signatory involve?

- **Voluntary, non-statutory agreement to work together**
- **Accord principle and objective recognises capacity and resource constraints**
  - **“Coordinate efforts across jurisdictional boundaries....while working within resource and financial constraints.”**
  - **“An efficient and effective strategy process and implementation that recognises the varying capacity and resource constraints of Accord partners and stakeholders to participate.”**
- **Modest request for staff time to provide input to strategy - can be tailored to capacity to engage over next 2-3 years**



Questions?