

LGNZ Water Summit

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Owhiro Stream



Nationwide direction - freshwater



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Stop further degradation

Actions to stop adding contaminants to our freshwater as soon as possible

Restore our rivers and lakes

Actions to bring our freshwater systems back to a healthy state

Fix the system

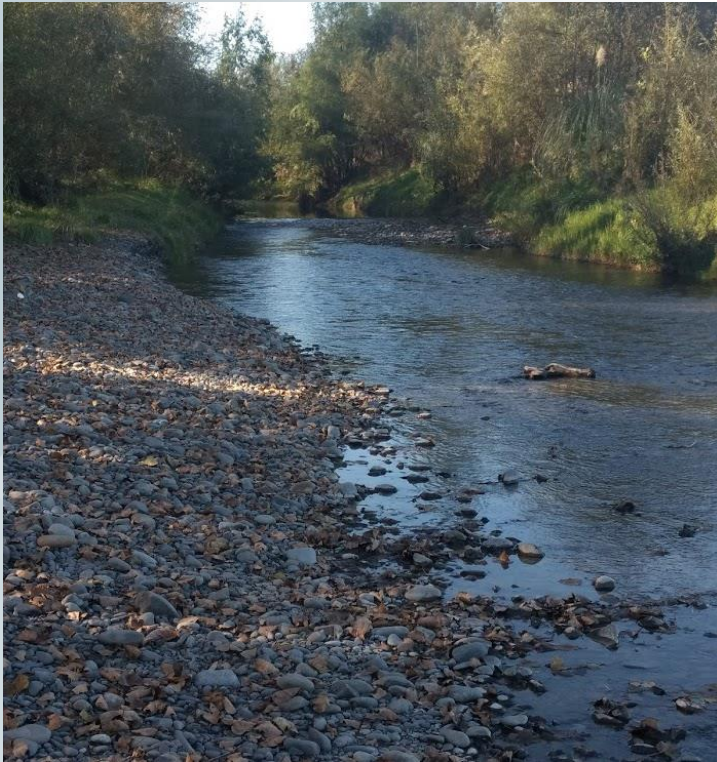
Actions to manage water quality and use for the long term

Stopping further degradation

Areas that may be part of amendments to the NPS-FM and/or other regulation

- Nutrient discharge allocation
- Limits on intensification of land use
- Sediment/hill country cropping
- Estuaries
- Wetlands

Next steps



Water regulation

- June - Land and Water Forum report
- 3-6 months – advice and options developed

Resource Management Act

- This year – review of 2017 reforms
- 2019 – comprehensive look at RM system

Ongoing action

Regional targets for swimmable rivers and lakes

- Final regional targets due by December 2018
- Ongoing work on how to take seasonal differences into account

NPS-FM implementation

- Progressive implementation plans

Encouraging voluntary action

- Good practice principles – rural and urban

Questions?

