

# Report to the Collaborative Stakeholder Group – for agreement

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**To:** Collaborative Stakeholder Group  
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**Subject:** **Proposed plan change communication**  
**Section** **For Agreement**

## **Disclaimer**

This report has been prepared by Waikato Regional Council staff for the use of Collaborative Stakeholder Group Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Project as a reference document and as such does not constitute Council's policy.

## **1 Purpose**

After the Collaborative Stakeholder Group (CSG) confirm the plan change package at their workshop #30 (6-7 July 2016) there is a period of 8 weeks before the proposed plan change package (the plan change) is formally received by the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee (HRWO) on 5 September. CSG members may choose to discuss the plan change with their sectors during this time. This report outlines a proposed approach to share the plan change with sectors and some considerations the CSG may wish to discuss and agree on.

## **Recommendation:**

1. THAT the report 'Proposed plan change communication' (Doc #8398953 dated 6 July 2016) be received
2. THAT the proposed plan change:
  - a. is embargoed until after the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee has met informally on 20 July with the CSG and;
  - b. if CSG members share the plan change with their sectors it is accompanied by an agreed set of communications.

## **2 Approach and considerations**

After CSG workshop #30 staff will make agreed changes to the plan change. The plan change will be provided to Te Roopuu Hautuu for their meeting on 12 July and informally to the HRWO (and Waikato Regional Councillors) on 20 July. The HRWO will meet formally on 5 September to consider the CSG recommendation and to decide on whether to refer the plan change back to the CSG or recommend to Council that it is publicly notified. Between 20 July – 5 September River iwi trust boards will meet to make a decision on content of plan change as per individual Joint Management Agreements and Councillors will discuss the plan change in workshops. It is anticipated that some CSG members would be available to discuss the plan change in all of these workshops/meetings.

To assist CSG members with these conversations staff will prepare relevant communication tools as agreed with the CSG such as presentations, key messages, summary of the plan change – particularly focusing on the rules and anything else that is identified and agreed to.

With respect to the plan change itself, it is noted that after the CSG have agreed on their recommendation to HRWO at CSG workshop #30 it is not able to be changed further by the CSG, their sectors or the community. The next opportunity to do so would be during the public submission process after it is publicly notified.

Should CSG members wish to provide the plan change to their sectors it is recommended it is done so after HRWO have informally received and discussed the plan change with CSG members on 20 July and that the plan change is accompanied with the identified communication tools and with the explicit understanding that it would be to inform their sectors and in preparation for formal submission. It is not provided for within the project to provide a draft plan change to the broader community.

The plan change will not constitute council policy until the date of notification and until then it should not be relied upon in anyway.

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