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# Restoring Waikato's Indigenous Biodiversity: Ecological Priorities and Opportunities





# Waikato Biodiversity Forum A Vision for the Waikato

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**Our Vision for the year 2025 is-**

*Waikato - a place for our living taonga - where the community values and works collaboratively to protect, enhance and restore indigenous biodiversity.*

*Share the Vision and help bring back clean streams, bush, birds and fish to the Waikato.*

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# The Waikato Biodiversity Forum

## **Concern for the Region's biodiversity loss lead to the establishment of the Waikato Biodiversity Forum in May 2002.**

The Forum is made up of representatives from research and management agencies, iwi groups, private landowners and community groups who are interested in enhancing native biodiversity in the Waikato Region. It provides a link for biodiversity work across the Waikato region and is an independent, non-statutory body that shares a common philosophy of working together to improve biodiversity.

A part-time co-ordinator manages the Forum in liaison with a focus group and project teams. The focus group has a broad membership, with representatives drawn from the research and management agencies and community groups who belong to the Forum.

Some of the actions the Forum takes to reach its vision include:

- Encouraging agencies to network, share ideas and enter into partnerships for research, education, monitoring and reporting, policy development and management actions to protect and enhance biodiversity.
- Liaising with iwi, hapu and whanau to achieve shared outcomes and support the kaitiaki role of tangata whenua.
- Advocating the development of sound policy and objectives to enhance biodiversity protection at the national, regional and local levels.
- Pursuing opportunities to obtain funds to run Forum projects, which contribute to the protection, maintenance and restoration of biodiversity in the region.

**To join the Waikato Biodiversity Forum, visit [www.waikatobiodiversity.org.nz](http://www.waikatobiodiversity.org.nz)**

# Whakatauki

Poipoia te mauri  
poipoia te wairua  
poipoia te tapu  
poipoia te ha  
o te Wao tapu nui o Io

Nurture the life-force  
nurture the spirit  
nurture the sacredness  
nurture the heartbeat  
of the gifts of the creator

*Joe Harawira*

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