

UPPER TUKITUKI CORRIDOR AT A GLANCE

The Upper Tukituki Corridor catchment spans 3,259ha, with Waipukurau at its centre. This diverse subcatchment includes farmland, lifestyle properties, urban infrastructure, and Māori land trusts, each with unique interests and challenges.

At the TLC workshop in December 2024, attendees explored key issues facing the catchment, highlighting both challenges and opportunities for future management. A major concern identified was the absence of a formal catchment group, making it difficult to coordinate efforts across a landscape where land use and priorities vary widely.

Additionally, the following issues emerged:

- Gravel accumulation in the river While some see this as a risk to infrastructure, others may not view it as a top priority, reflecting the diverse perspectives within the catchment.
- Water quality The catchment receives inflows from multiple upstream areas within the Tukituki system but is not meeting HBRC water quality targets. This raised important questions about accountability, influencing factors, and practical steps landowners can take to improve conditions.

The discussion also considered whether a sub-catchment approach is the right fit for this area and how greater community engagement could be fostered to support collective action.



UPPER TUKITUKI CORRIDOR: SUMMARY AND ACTIONS



Primary Objective:
Improve river management

The community feels that river management in the catchment is out of their sphere of their influence and happening without their input.

Poor communication and unknown strategic objectives for the river leads to mistrust between the community, HBRC and river management contractors.

Work with TLC staff to represent the interests of Makaretu residents with HBRC. Include immediate actions to improve communication, particularly around contractors and the community.

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UPPER TUKITUKI CORRIDOR: NEXT STEPS

- Form an Upper Tukituki Corridor catchment group, with support from TLC, to review The TLC Catchment Plan, share knowledge and coordinate actions.
- Work with TLC, CHBDC and other Impacted sub-catchments groups within the Tukituki to resolve issues with the administration and implementation of future management.
- Address any on-farm impacts of water quality. Use TLC's On-Farm Action Planning Tool*
- Develop erosion management strategy. Consider poplar planting, oversowing with legumes, strategic fencing to retire or manage grazing, and native or exotic afforestation. Use <u>TLC's</u> <u>Surface Erosion Tool</u>*, <u>TLC's On-Farm Action Planning Tool</u>* and <u>TLC's Plant Selection Tool</u>*.
- For planting advice use <u>TLC's Plant Selection Tool</u>* combined with local knowledge.
- Connect with <u>local advisors</u>* for tailored advice and potential funding opportunities.
- Commit to TLC's THR3E: three practical steps you can implement on your farm over the next three years.
 - * The TLC Toolbox and the full catchment report are now available on the TLC website www.tukitukilandcare.org