



Moakurua River Restoration Project



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The Moakurua River has been identified as a Priority 1 catchment within the recently released Waipa Catchment Plan.

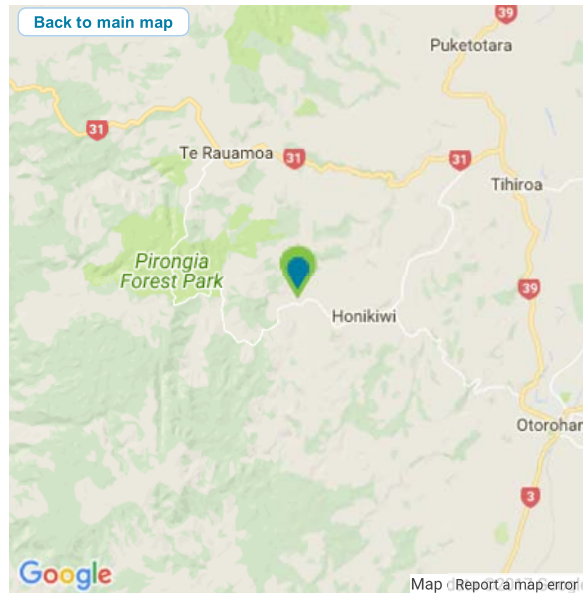
The Waikato Regional Council has been working with a number of landowners within the mid reaches of the catchment in recent years to address severe bank erosion and sediment deposition within the river channel. The value of these works have been in excess of \$140,000, although it is acknowledged they have occurred prior to this application and so are illegible for consideration.

In areas where the works have been completed, those works have been successful and largely stabilised the banks and the river margins. The existing relationships between Waikato Regional Council and local landowners will see an increase of the retired margins with an upgrade the fencing to 5wire electric, and this application seeks to plant natives into the retired margins.

The addition of native plants will further assist with long term bank stabilisation, plus increase biodiversity values throughout this reach of the river. The provision of wider retired margins will see a decrease in sediment and nutrient run-off from the surrounding pasture, whilst native planting over the river will see an increase in stream shading.

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