

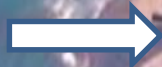
Community Engagement in EBM: The Ōngātoro/Maketū Estuary Restoration Initiative

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Natural river mouth



Te Tumu Cut



“The Maketu Estuary is in as much danger of being silted up with paper as it is with sand according to conservationists commenting on a press release from the Minister of Conservation.”

Bay of Plenty Times Feb 11, 1988.



Kaituna River and Ōngātoro/ Maketu Estuary Strategy

From Okere Falls to Ōngātoro/Maketu Estuary



Developing a shared vision

Agreed on a unifying vision to:

*“Celebrate and honour Kaituna
River and Ōngātoro/
Maketu Estuary life as taonga”*

- Improve water quality
- Restore healthy ecosystems
- Ensure sustainable land use
- Support kaitiakitanga and community stewardship

Success factors:

SUSTAINABLE
SEAS

Ko ngā moana
whakauka

- The legal requirement to consult
- Knowing the community well and developing responsive engagement strategies
- Recognising the benefits of including diverse (possibly non-science based) ways of knowing
- Working as informed facilitators rather than as subject experts