



## Our Water Commitment

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Contact is committed to caring for Aotearoa New Zealand's waters and aquatic ecosystems, protecting this precious taonga for the health of the environment, and the use and enjoyment of future generations.

Continued access to water is vital for sustainable economic development and renewable electricity generation. It is a cornerstone for decarbonising our economy and providing for Aotearoa New Zealand's social, economic, and cultural wellbeing.

Environmental considerations are a core part of our business practices. We believe it is our responsibility to look after the freshwater that we consume or generate from, and the wastewater we discharge, for the wellbeing of Aotearoa New Zealand and the sustainability of our business. This means making a positive contribution while minimising any negative impacts on the rivers, lakes, and waters we all rely on.

We commit to:

- ensuring that the way we use, manage, and share water will sustain ecosystems for present and future generations;
- minimising the impacts of our activities, prioritising the health of Aotearoa New Zealand's waterways and their ecosystems, and always working to improve the quality and mauri of water we interact with;
- meeting our monitoring and public reporting obligations relating to our take, use and discharge of water;
- reporting water-related compliance issues and developing practices to minimise our impacts;
- maximising the efficiency of our water use and the quality of our discharges through regular operational reviews;
- maintaining biodiversity management plans at all our generation sites which include activities to improve the ecology and quality of the local waterways;
- funding and resourcing tangata whenua and local communities to help improve the health of local waterways and their ecosystems.

We share these responsibilities with all New Zealanders and engage in open, collaborative relationships with regulators, communities and tangata whenua, enabling everyone to play their part in caring for Aotearoa New Zealand's water.