



SmartGrowth Environment & Sustainability Forum

School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue, Tauranga

Agenda

Tuesday 21 November 2017 1.30 – 3.30pm

1. Apologies	Chair
2. Minutes and Actions from the previous 19 September 2017 meeting (<i>Paper A</i>)	Chair
3. Te Tumu and Tauriko West structure planning process and update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tauriko West Visioning Document (<i>Paper B</i>) - Te Tumu & Tauriko West presentation to SmartGrowth Leadership Group (<i>Hardcopy will be available</i>) 	Chair
4. Transport update (Cycle Action Plan, Tauranga LTP Transport Programme, Tauranga Transport Programme, Public Transport Blueprint, B2B)	Jo Wills/ Glen Crowther
5. Forums response to 'Health Check' and process update	Chair
6. General Business	All
7. Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Chair

1. Membership Criteria

The Environment and Sustainability Sector Forum is intended to be a voice for the non-government and not for profit sector. Other organisations and government agencies are welcome to attend as participating observers.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Environment and Sustainability (E&S) Sector Forum ('the forum') is to draw on existing experience and to positively contribute to the on-going evolution and success of the SmartGrowth Strategy ('the Strategy')

The forum will provide a view that reflects the interests of E&S groups across the wider western Bay of Plenty.

The forum will enable E&S groups/organisations and the sector industry direct participation in the strategy implementation and monitoring in order to provide vital sector input, in collaboration with the strategy partners and lead agencies into the wide range of challenges faced in the sub-region, including specific input into:

- Sustaining and improving the environment.
- Building the Community
- Urban form and design
- Housing affordability
- The contribution of the E&S sector to economic growth and wellbeing of the people.

3. Role

The Forum will have on-going input into the Strategy development and implementation including the following specific aspects:

- Providing input and feedback in respect of partner projects relating to strategy actions where such input is sought by the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) particularly with regard to sustainable development/management considerations
- Monitoring of relevant strategy actions.
- The development of statutory and non-statutory policies by the SmartGrowth Partners that either arise from the strategy or have the potential to impact on the strategy.
- SmartGrowth representations to regional and national forums and central government.



- Using the grassroots knowledge of the forum to alert SmartGrowth to emerging environmental matters and sustainability developments that may impact on SmartGrowth policy and direction.

4. Membership

The forum membership is representative of the wider community within the western Bay of Plenty and currently has representation from the following organisations:

- Papamoa Progressive Association
- Master Painters BOP
- Sustainability Options
- Sustainable Business Network
- Envirohub
- Waiairiki BOP Polytechnic
- Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
- Surf Break Protection Society
- Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
- Uretara Estuary Managers
- The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
- Friends of Puketoki and Friends of the Blade
- Welcome Bay Community Centre
- Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust
- Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
- Federated Farmers
- Fruit Growers Association
- New Zealand Planning Institute
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ
- Te Puke Environment Forum
- The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
- The Sustainability Society



5. Other SmartGrowth Forums and the SmartGrowth Strategic (Managers) Group (SSG) – Linkages and Reporting

In order to provide transparency, a member (an alternate can be appointed) of the other SmartGrowth Forums and the SSG (as selected by those groups) will be invited to attend and participate in the E&S Sector Forum meetings. The E&S Sector Forum may also appoint a member to attend and contribute to the wider Strategic Partner Forum. Meeting minutes and reports from each of the SmartGrowth Partner Forums will be made available to the other forums, to SSG and to SLG.

6. SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) – Linkages and Reporting

The forum members are able to present to the SLG at any of the formal meetings with agreement of SLG Chair and at any agreed workshops, held between SLG and the forum. Annually SLG hosts a workshop with the forum (or combined with other forums) to discuss a range of matters and issues. The minutes of the forum meetings are provided to SLG as part of the regular reporting process and any particular issues are drawn out and highlighted in the bi-monthly report presented to SLG by the Independent Chair, Implementation Manager and Strategic Advisor.

7. Information Provision and Feedback

Relevant draft reports, ideas, submissions, and proposed initiatives are provided to the Forum for discussion and input prior to matters going to SLG for decision-making. These may be part of a meeting agenda item, or if between meetings, circulated by email to the Forum Chair, for feedback. This feedback will be presented to SLG.

8. Meetings Attendance and Presentations

The Independent Chair, Implementation Manager, Strategic Adviser and Well-Beings Implementation Officer may attend meetings from time to time, provide written reports, advice and seek input on various matters. SLG members may also be invited to attend the Forum from time to time.

Frequency - The Forum will meet bi-monthly, prior to the SLG meeting to provide information and feedback on specific issues directly relating to Strategy implementation.

Servicing - The Forum will be serviced by SmartGrowth through the Implementation Manager, for matters including venues, agenda circulation, minute-taking and report materials.

Chair - A chair will be appointed by the Forum

Environment and Sustainability Forum (E&S Forum) – Membership

Current Members	Representation
Jo Wills (Chair)	Sustainability Options
Buddy Mikaere	Combined Tangata Whenua Forum
Eddie Orsulich	Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust
Ian McLean	Toi Omohai
Mary Dillon	Envirohub BOP
Barry Roberts	Federated Farmers of New Zealand
John Garwood	Fruit Growers Association
Julie Midson	Kaimai Settlers Association
Julian Fitter	Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society
Riki Nelson	Master Painters BOP
Cole Burmester	Triathlon Tauranga
Hans Pendergrast	Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust
Paul Hickson	Surf Break Protection Society
Glen Crowther	Sustainable Business Network
Gray Southon	Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group
David Hursthouse/Callum Barnett	The Rock – Papamoa Community Garden
James Hughes	The Sustainability Society
Lawrie Donald	Uretara Estuary Managers
Dean Tully	Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology



Mel Arnold	Toi Te Ora – Public Health Service BOPDHB
Michelle Elborn	Bay Conservation Alliance
Leo Murray	Permaculture NZ
SmartGrowth Partner Staff	
Glenn Ayo	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Janie Stevenson	Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Stephanie Macdonald	Bay of Plenty Regional Council

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Forum Members Present	Jo Wills (Chair/Sustainability Options), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), Mel Arnold (Toi Te Ora Public Health), Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Glen Crowther (Sustainable Business Network), Dean Tully (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology) Doug Barnes (Carbon Reduction Group), Leo Murray (Permaculture NZ), Michelle Elborn (Bay Conservation Alliance), James Hughes (The Sustainability Society)		
SmartGrowth	Bernie Walsh (SmartGrowth Manager), Megan Rumble (Minutes)		
Other	Mark Haseley (NZ Transport Agency)		
Partner Staff	Damon Mathfield (TCC)		
Apologies (forum members)	Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Buddy Mikaere (Combined Tangata Whenua Forum), Gray Southern (Carbon Reduction Group)		
Previous minutes and matters arising	The minutes of the 18 July 2017 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record		
	Previous Actions:		
	1.	January	All Forum Members send Cycleways information to Glen Crowther - Action complete TCC released formal Cycle Action Plan consultation process begun 18th Sept
	2.	March	Add TOR discussion to the next agenda - Postponed until later date at the request of the chair
	3.	May	Tauriko subcommittee to be formed, Glen, Mary, James, Jo - Action removed, no longer applicable
	4.	July	Glen to keep the forum up to date around public consultation dates - Action removed
	5.	July	Forum members to note the Tauranga Transport Programme public consultation date in late august – Complete officially launching 25th September
	6.	July	Jo to present to the group at the August SLG meeting - Complete - Jo also presented at City Transformation Committee meeting on 5 September around who E&S are, who are represented on the forum and forum outcomes for structure planning and LTP
	7.	July	Forum members encouraged to complete the TCC environment survey by 1 September https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/planning/strategic-focus/environment-strategy - Complete

		8.	July	Michelle Elborn to provide a regular update at future forum meetings – Michelle has left TCC but Jo will invite Celia Walker to update at forum meetings
		9.	July	Jo to take these questions back to SmartGrowth and provide the forum with the response - Complete POST NOTE: Jo has received a response to the above questions, the suggestion was that we are free to use the checklist in its current form and nothing would be operationalised until it has been reviewed, tested and put in front of the SLG for approval. Jo's response was that we really need to gain strong buy in from elected members now and would not be using it in its current form given the huge amounts of work it requires. It was agreed that SmartGrowth would canvas this with elected members.
		10.	July	Jo to feed forum questions back to SmartGrowth/TCC around the structure planning design workshops – Complete POST NOTE: Done, urgent forum meeting taking place Thurs 27 July to begin preparations for design workshops.
		11.	July	All forum members to review indicator list before the next meeting – Action ongoing, really important members review
		12.	July	Jo to email The Lakes Review project update to the forum – Complete Bernie provided an update. This was a case study Karen Summerhays was leading along with the forum chairs before she left. Cheryl Steiner has since been working on a project outcomes checklist, she has been working with Jodie Rickard from WBOPDC and Simone Cuers from TCC and will pilot this checklist on the Lakes project as a post project review. The checklist will also be used on Omokora as it comes up. Cheryl will have one on one meetings with Jo and others in the development process and then will be reporting back to the forums.
		13.	July	Jo to circulate her ECOCITY Summit key learnings and take out document to the forum – attached with minutes – Complete – Jo also presented on this to Rotorua Lakes Council and will be organising a session with Glen in Tauranga, Eastern Bay and with the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.
System Design Team from NZTA – Te Tumu and Tauriko West update	UPDATE	Mark Haseley from NZ Transport Agency provided an update around Tauriko West and Te Tumu. Both projects are collaborative projects with TCC, BOPRC, WBOPDC and SmartGrowth to plan for future development. Tauriko West – Mark covered the benefits the project is seeking including an efficient truck freight route to the Port of Tauranga, enhancing the liveability and connectivity of Tauriko and improving road safety in the area. Te Tumu – it is early days for Te Tumu at this stage but the Papamoa East Interchange onto the Eastern Link has been agreed. Questions and discussion around funding and decision making followed. In depth discussion was had around light rail and KiwiRail. It was clarified that NZTA do not fund KiwiRail and this is government responsibly.		

		Concerns around the decisions and public transport options on offer in consultation processes. Jo to get in contact with Ian Herbert to discuss these queries.
	ACTION	-Jo to speak to Ian Herbert around inclusion of a third option prioritising PT and come back to the forum. Jo and Glen to arrange to meet with Ian. -James to send rail report links through to Jo for circulation.
Further Transport updates	UPDATE	The update was covered by Glen in the previous minutes and actions discussion.
	ACTION	Megan to circulate the Smart Transport Forum invitation to the forum Post note: Actioned 20 September
Te Tumu and Tauriko West Structure Planning Meetings	UPDATE	<p>Jo attended the Te Tumu workshop. James Hughes attended the Tauriko West workshop.</p> <p><u>Te Tumu:</u> It was confirmed that the dunes are under complete protection. The dunes are owned by the landowners and they will be putting specific beach accesses in place. The only way to change ownership is through the Maori Land Court. The development is also quite setback from the dunes and the dunes will be treated as the Tsunami barrier. Te Tumu is in private ownership, and with the exception of a plan change to allow development there, the council has limited input to how it's developed (i.e. density). It is recommended the forum meets with the landowners directly.</p> <p>The forum discussed the water table being high and ground water modelling.</p> <p>Jo noted that all of the forum chairs were saying (at the structure planning meeting) the same thing and are on the same page. The next meeting for Te Tumu is in October.</p> <p><u>Tauriko West:</u> There was discussion around the forum been unhappy with the Lakes development and council wanted the forum to explain. Jo noted an informal presentation that was given to TCC some time back by herself and Glen. Jo to pull this out and resend.</p> <p>There was discussion around the forum/SmartGrowth's role and ability to influence the structure plan. Bernie confirmed TCC are in charge of the structure planning and SmartGrowth's opportunity to influence was in August 2016. Bernie will check with Bill and Ken around what role SmartGrowth may have around structure planning going forward.</p> <p>The forum discussed concerns in depth around the development been left up to the market.</p>
	ACTION	<p>-Jo to contact Campbell Larking and clarify around water table and ground water modelling for Te Tumu.</p> <p>-Jo to pull out the feedback Jo and Glen put together around the Lakes project and resend this.</p> <p>-Bernie to check with Ken Tremaine and Bill Wasley what influence/role does SmartGrowth have around structure planning going forward.</p> <p>-Jo to make contact with Peter Cooney for Tauriko West and with the Fords for Te Tumu - Discussions.</p> <p>-James to provide examples of changes made to past structure plans.</p>

SmartGrowth Forums Independent Health Check Research Report Suggestion for another structure	DISCUSSION	<p>Jo noted that the forum have been given the opportunity to input their feedback on the recommendation the consultant has put forward. Feedback needs to be put forward by October 27.</p> <p>Jo presented her potential alternative forum structure as a starting point, and not to be considered a solution, and welcomed thoughts and feedback.</p> <p>Jo noted that she has realised many of the forums are giving the same messages so there is some logic in having fewer forums, there is so much overlap of the issues and the goals we are all trying to achieve.</p> <p>It is essential E&S issues are discussed at every discussion and there is representation at every table.</p> <p>Ultimately, we want to strengthen the influence and the impact we have.</p> <p>It was agreed that a working group would meet to discuss the E&S forum response – Jo Wills, Mary Dillon, John Garwood and Michelle Elborn will make up this group. Jo will also welcome and invite other forum chairs and members.</p>
	ACTION	Jo, Mary, John, Michelle to meet and discuss forum response. Forum members to contact Jo will any feedback to add.
Watching Brief Update	UPDATE	Due to time restraints, this item was not covered.
	ACTION	
General Business	DISCUSSION	Nothing to note.
	ACTION	
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		<p>The forum is deeply engaged with the structure planning process for both Te Tumu and Tauriko West. We value the chance to sit at the table and contribute our knowledge, although continually ask the question how much influence we can have on the process. We will be taking the advice provided to start engagement directly with the landowners to share our vision and understand theirs.</p> <p>Alongside the structure planning engagement, the forum has a significant focus on transport for the sub region and many forum members are involved in external groups advocating for more comprehensive and visionary approaches to Public Transport and Active Transport as alternatives to car dependency. We strongly support the Cycle Action Plan process and principles approach.</p>

Meeting closed 3.58pm. Next meeting Tuesday 21 November 2017 1.30-3.30pm, School House, Historic Village, 17th Avenue.

Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions

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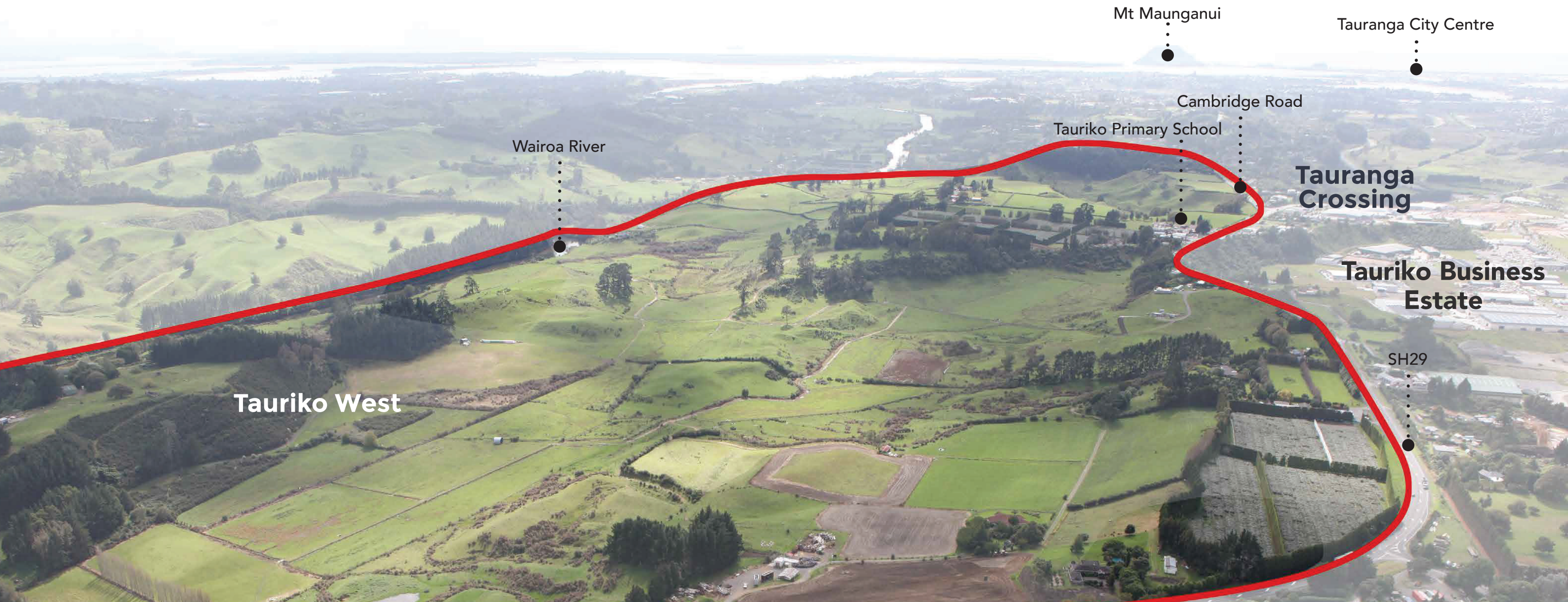


TAURIKO FOR TOMORROW

Tauriko West is on the edge of Tauranga City, located within the Western Corridor. It is a new urban development area to support our region's growth.

This is part of a 30 year vision for the western Bay of Plenty and is one of the major projects aimed at balancing supply of land with greater housing choices.

Tauriko is also the western gateway for the region and therefore plays a role to the function of State Highway 29.



PARTNERS PLANNING AHEAD

Building a community at Tauriko West will require changes to the Regional Policy Statement, State Highway Realignment and designation, and City Plan. Discussions between Western Bay and Tauranga City councils about the proposed boundary alteration are also underway.

Tauranga City Council's main role in this project is to deliver a structure plan for the new urban growth area and associated City Plan changes. Tauranga City Council would then deliver infrastructure to the boundary of the development, where houses could start being built in 2021.



Vision, direction and long-term planning for population and business growth in Tauranga City and the western Bay of Plenty region.



Protection of environment and public transport links.



Boundary change, as the majority of the land for Tauriko West is currently within the western Bay of Plenty region.



New community planning and housing choices, river access, and delivery of community facilities and infrastructure.



Delivery of a safe and efficient transport network with a range of transport choices.



TAURIKO WEST
A new quality residential community
connected to the Wairoa River

THE VISION

Tauriko is an area with a proud history. For over 800 years, the Wairoa River has been a source of food, water, and enterprise. On the footsteps of the Kaimai Range, and providing an access way for travel between Hamilton and Tauranga, Tauriko has long played an important role supporting the economic success of the region. We are committed to embracing the area's history, and are working together with Iwi and the community to protect the environment while creating Tauriko for Tomorrow.

A thriving community for locals to live, work, learn and play within; aiming to include the following features:

- » Local amenities including schooling, neighbourhood shopping, parks, reserves and connections to the Wairoa River
- » A healthy community - walkable neighbourhoods with green links, cycleways and walkways
- » A connected community with transport choice - cycling, walking and public transport links to neighbouring employment and retail areas and the Tauranga CBD
- » Integrated transport solutions, reducing the effect on the strategic transport network
- » Located in a growing employment area, catering to local job opportunities, i.e. the Tauriko Business Estate and Tauranga Crossing
- » A variety of housing densities and typologies to provide for all ages facilities within the wider Western Corridor
- » A community which recognises the cultural importance of the Wairoa River.



Efficient and safer state highway, supporting a key freight route for our region



Reserves, schools and community facilities to support a live, learn, work, play community



Safe communities for everyone to enjoy and resilience to natural hazards such as flooding



Connected communities supported by public transport, cycle and walkways, and local road networks



Vibrant communities, connected to strong employment and shopping centres



New housing with a variety of housing types and choices



Connection to the environment and tangata whenua, embracing Tauriko's history and enhancing the Wairoa River Valley

Here's what we are aiming to deliver for Tauriko West

THE WAIROA RIVER

The Wairoa River is a special physical and cultural feature of the area. Currently access to the river is limited by private land ownership. Through the development of Tauriko West, we aim to embrace the significance of the river corridor and enhance its setting. This will be done by:

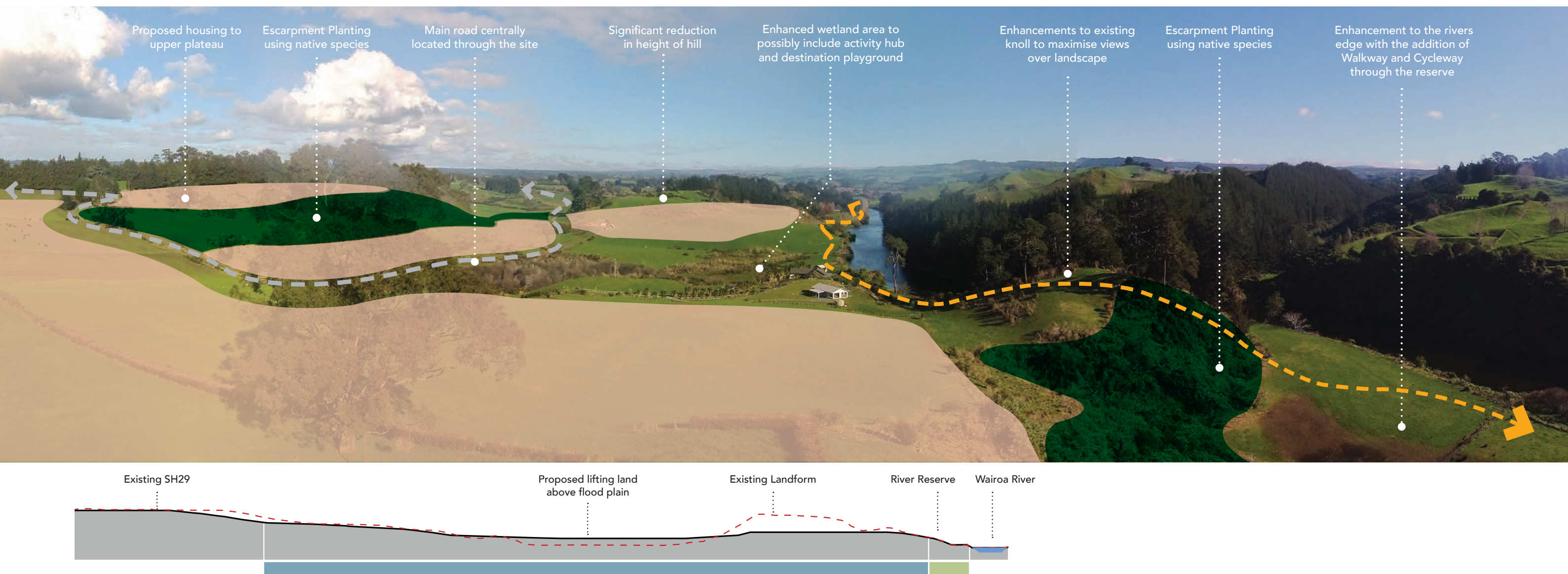
- » Maintaining and enhancing the landscape character values of the river margin
- » Celebrating the historic and cultural importance of the awa
- » Providing for cultural recognition of the Wairoa River and associated cultural and historic sites
- » Providing for public access to and along the River frontage to enable public access to the Wairoa Active Reserve
- » Enhancing connectivity to the river by providing east-west active street links to the river throughout the development
- » Enable the integration of new urban development set back from the river margin
- » Recognising the Wairoa River Valley Strategy.



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED FOR

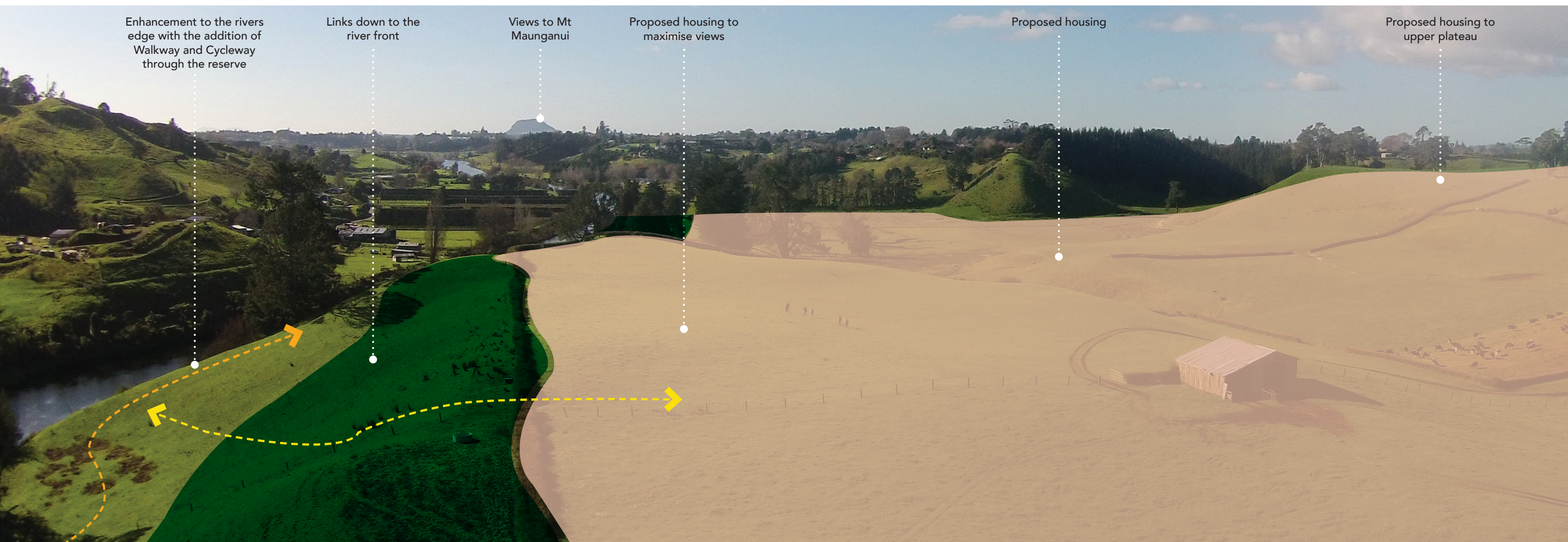
A new community delivered through:

- » Amenity and residential development.
- » Enhanced public access to the Wairoa River along the length of the development.
- » Provide for a primary school and early childhood learning facilities.
- » Provision for a small-scale neighbourhood shops/city centre



HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS






- » A significantly changed landform (through large scale earthquakes to create development areas), balanced against the existing river margin, to provide for the new community by:
 - » Reducing the risk of flooding
 - » Reducing risks associated with existing potentially unstable slopes
 - » Responding to potential climate change effects
- » Increasing the opportunities for higher density housing, better public transport and delivery of a more compact city.

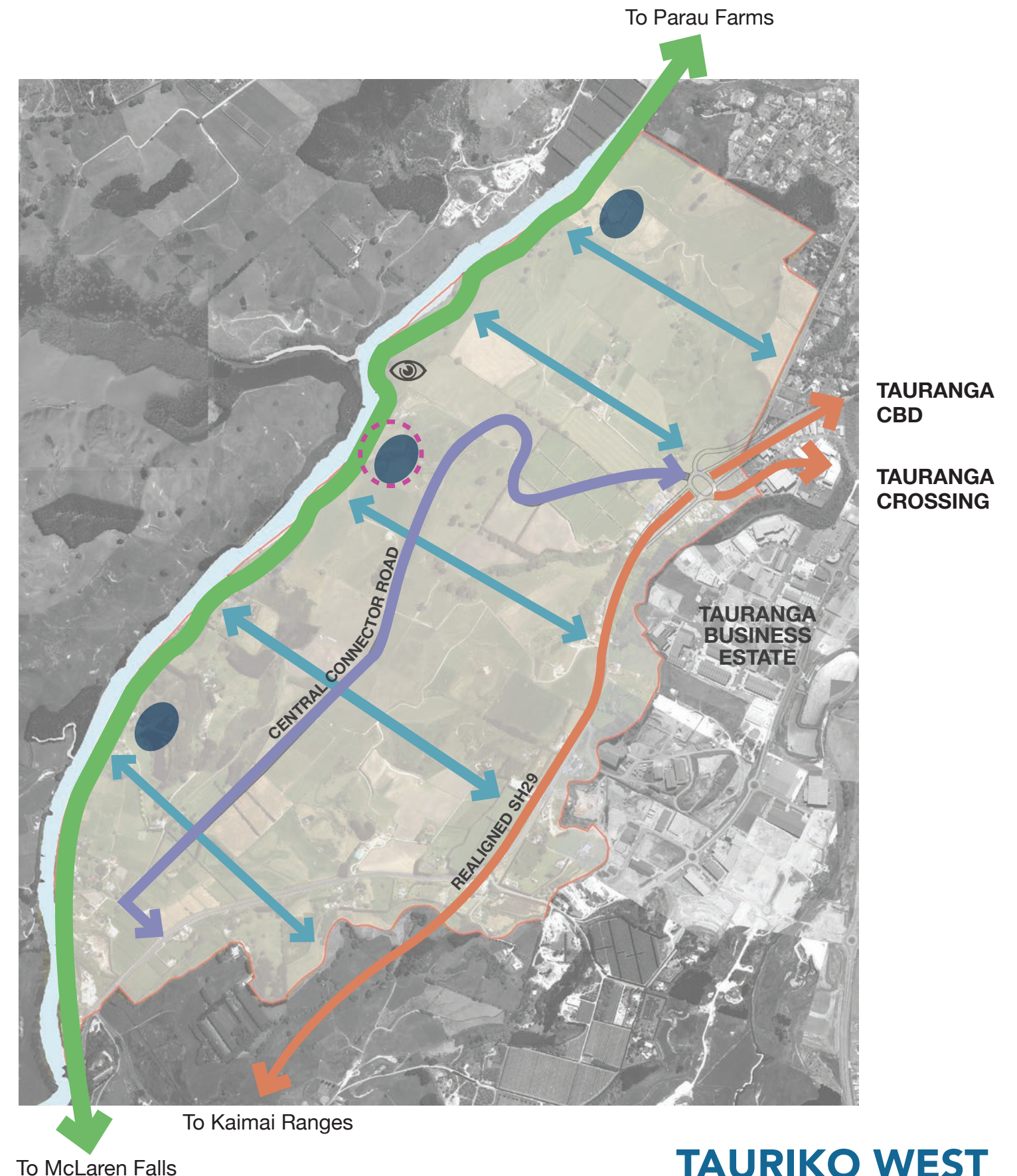


KEY FEATURES ALONG RIVER FRONTAGE

The Tauriko West development will provide enhancements to the Wairoa River margin, including:

- » A recreational facility running along the river's-edge boundary of the development
- » River-edge restoration and riparian planting
- » Stormwater treatment areas with recreational and ecological value
- » Public access along the river, with connections north and south
- » A tranquil river-side setting with significant tree and shrub planting
- » Vistas and panoramic views of the water, surrounding landscape and features beyond
- » Places for relaxation and social gatherings, including BBQ and seating areas.

-  River's edge enhancements
-  East-west connections to the river
-  Potential activity hub
-  Heritage lookout
-  Wetland areas



A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

A healthy, vibrant and safe community providing for all ages and including:

- » Cycleways and walkways
- » Green links and reserves
- » Destination playground
- » High quality public realm and green spaces



Precedent images

WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE?



Figure 1. Conceptual Riverside Sketch (artist's impression)



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Precedent image



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Figure 2. View looking north toward knoll (artist's impression)

RIVERSIDE AMENITY AND ACTIVITY

- » Public access to the Wairoa River
- » Walkways and cycleways extending along the rivers edge
- » Destination playground
- » Seating and picnic areas with views of the river
- » Wayfinding and Interpretive signage
- » Wetland habitat/stormwater treatment ponds
- » Activity hub with food and beverage facilities



Precedent images



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Figure 3. A winter's day (artist's impression)



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Figure 4. View looking north from knoll. Mt Maunganui in the distance (artist's impression)

TYPICAL RIVER EDGE SECTION

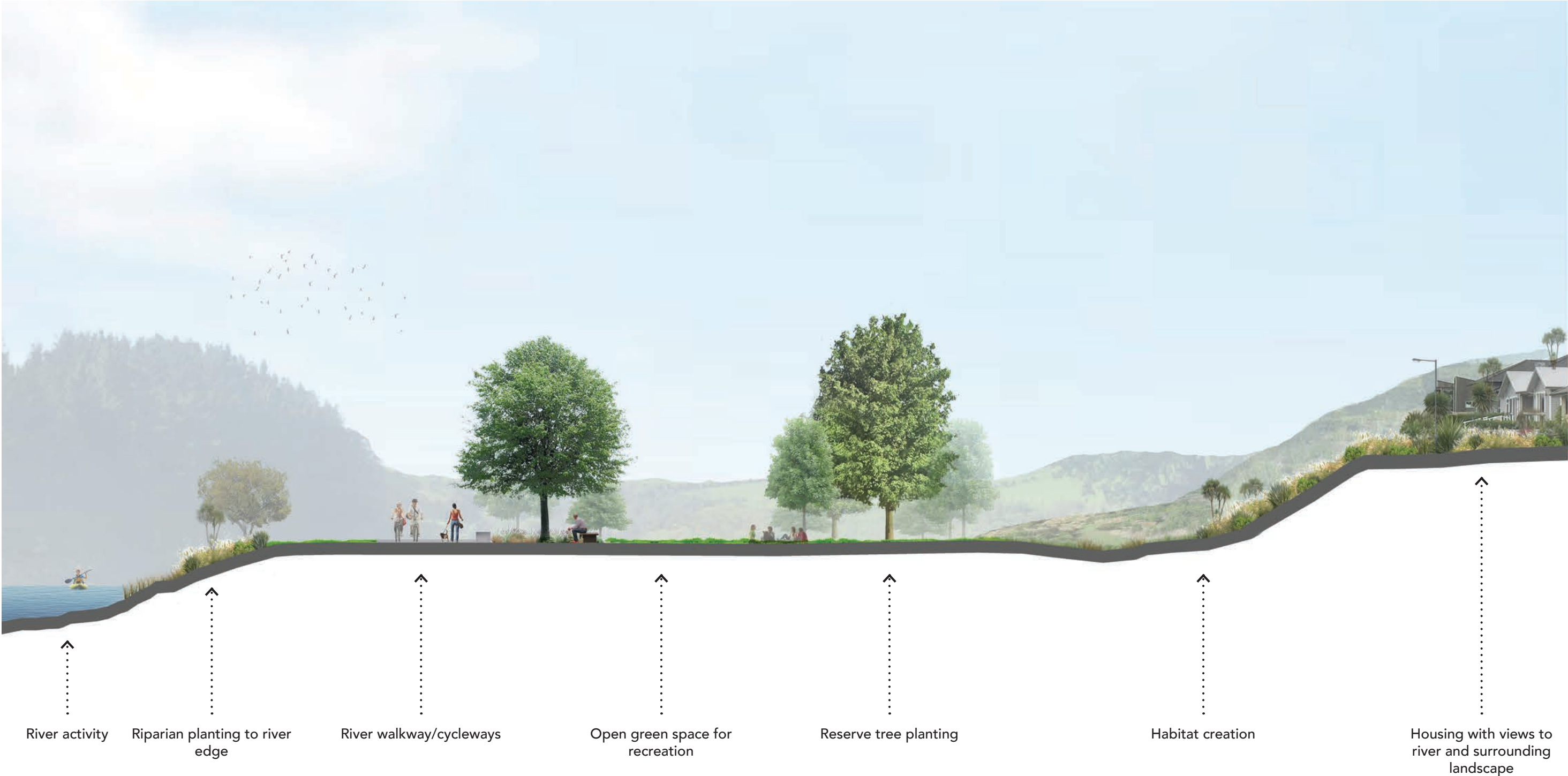


Figure 5. Illustrative section.