

RiverLink is a transformative project for Lower Hutt

It aims to revitalise Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River for a more resilient, more connected, more vibrant city.

The main themes of the project are a healthier river and environment with better flood protection; better transport connections; recreation opportunities in an improved river park; and a vibrant, prosperous central city.

Feedback from our open days on 28 November 2020 and 13 February 2021 indicated the communities main priorities are:

- A healthy and resilient river
- Moving around with a greater range of transport choices
- Being a river city
- Positive effects the project will have on the city
- Using native plants

If you did not make it to our open days you can find out more about what's proposed at <https://nzta.mysocialpinpoint.com/riverlink-stages#/> and email any comments and questions through to RiverLink@gw.govt.nz



Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River looking south

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What are the next steps?

We will apply for designations and resource consents in mid 2021. The consenting process is likely to involve further opportunities for you to have your say, through submissions to the consenting authority. If we are successful in getting a resource consent, we estimate RiverLink construction work will begin in 2023.

Contact us

You can call RiverLink on 0800 496 734 or email riverlink@gw.govt.nz

Keep up to date at www.riverlink.co.nz and sign up to our community updates.



What it's about and what happens next



Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River looking north

Where?

The site extends from State Highway 2 in the northwest across the river to the connection with Lower Hutt city centre, and between Kennedy Good Bridge to the north east and Ewen Bridge to the south west. It takes in an area four kilometres in length, including existing residential and business land next to the existing stopbanks.

Who is leading this work?

RiverLink is a partnership between Greater Wellington, Hutt City Council and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency working together with Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika and Ngāti Toa Rangatira as mana whenua.

We are working closely with mana whenua to enhance the mana of Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River through this project. This means putting the river first and keeping a balance between the health of the river and its use by the community—minimising harmful impacts.

Mana whenua have a strong interest in making sure this project respects the river, strengthens our relationship with our environment and improves the ecology and water quality in the area.

Timeline

2009	Hutt City Council 'Making Places' concepts
2012	Greater Wellington flood protection option development
2015	Greater Wellington flood protection option selected
2017	RiverLink preliminary design Waka Kotahi Melling intersection indicative business case
2019	Waka Kotahi Melling transport improvements detailed business case
2019–2021	RiverLink Pre-implementation Planning and Design
Mid 2021	RiverLink resource consent lodged
2023	Construction begins
2027	Melling Interchange construction complete

Willow and native planted river edge

Realigned river channel

Gravel beach

NZ Upgrade Programme
Announced in January 2020, the New Zealand Upgrade Programme is investing \$6.8 billion nationwide to get our cities moving, save lives and boost productivity.

Rock-lined river channel

New stopbank

Pathway

New Melling Interchange

New Melling bridge

Park and Ride

Relocated Melling Station

New pedestrian and cycle bridge

Urban development

New stopbank

