

# Assessment Framework for projects in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor.

This Assessment Framework provides a template for members of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Co-governance Establishment Committee to evaluate projects and proposals in alignment with the Regeneration Plan's intent. Applicants are to consider the requirements below, and carry out a self-assessment as part of their project planning.

## Underpinning statement

The Committee recognise that the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor is a natural, dynamic river delta, which was traditionally used as a space for gathering and practicing mahinga kai. Its value as a resource gathering area is reflected in the name of the wider landscape Ka Whata Kai a Te Rakihouia (The Food Storehouse of Rakihouia). These underpinning aspects help us to understand the landscape, and give guidance for the future.

## Weighting and gateways

Due to the scope of each project, it may not be possible to meet all of the requirements in the Framework table overleaf, however each matter should be addressed, and an explanation be put forward for any that are not achievable.

The Framework has three 'gateways', however there is no ranking within these categories, beyond the categories themselves. Gateway one aspects are the most important, then gateway two and so on.

Most weight is put on 'biophysical' aspects, as these respond to environmental factors that are generally out of our control. Ecological restoration aspects are prioritised next, which relate to the ability for the area to function as a mahinga kai resource. Cultural and community factors follow, and these should be assessed with respect to their fit within the earlier biophysical and ecological parameters.

## Assessment Framework table

### The Rebuilding of Ka Whata Kai a Te Rakihouia (The Food Storehouse of Rakihouia)

Item	Gateway One: Biophysical factors
<b>a.</b>	How does the project take an intergenerational view into account, including the long-term impacts of climate change?
<b>b.</b>	How does the project avoid risk to life, property and the built environment?

Item	Gateway Two: Ecological factors
<b>c.</b>	How does the project enhance peoples' capacity to engage in mahinga kai practices?
<b>d.</b>	How does the project contribute to, or enhance, the regeneration and reconstruction of the ecosystems as an interconnected mosaic in a way that represents the former delta?

Item	Gateway Three: Cultural and Community factors
<b>e.</b>	How does the project enhance the connections that generations of communities hold to the area?
<b>f.</b>	How does the project test or provide innovative ideas or ways of living that may be transferred beyond the OARC, particularly relating to life on a floodplain?
<b>g.</b>	How do they support our local economy, either by attracting domestic and international visitors or by encouraging local manufacturing and innovation.
<b>h.</b>	How does the project support the growth of healthy communities, and encourage participation in recreation, leisure and learning?