

Collaboration and its outcomes

With some thoughts on storage in land and water management

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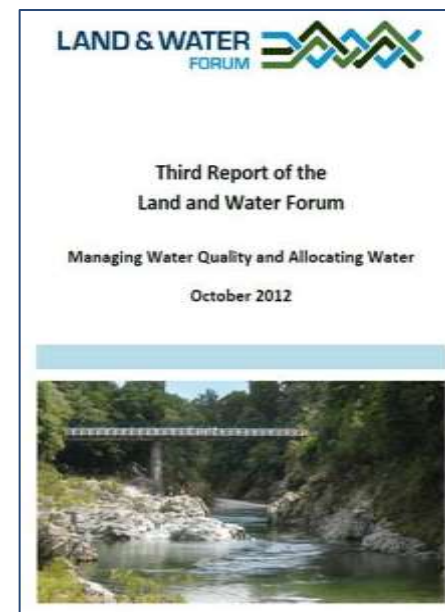
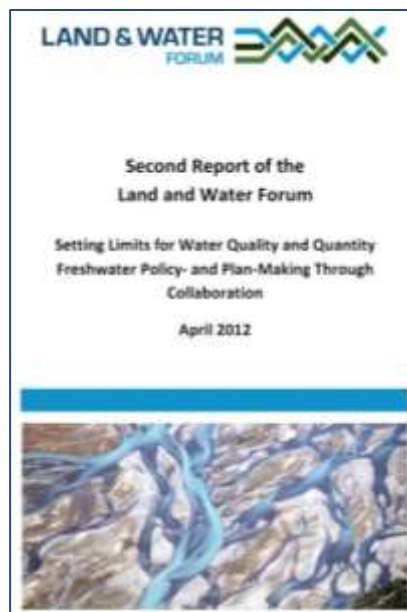
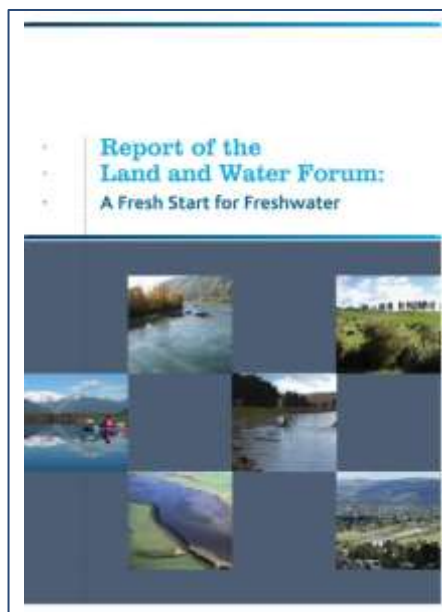
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Why use collaborative processes?

- ▶ Collaborative processes engage stakeholders directly
- ▶ Make them responsible for designing solutions to complex problems where their interests are at stake



“Talk with the people that you disagree with!”

- ▶ Repeatedly
- ▶ In a systematic and structured way



Seek consensus!

- ▶ **Can't ignore half the interests in the room**
- ▶ **Maximise the advantages of water for all – not for some at the expense of others**



We had...

- ▶ **Mandate**
 - Clear and important task
- ▶ **Mandator**
 - Made the collaborators responsible
- ▶ **Representative Group**
 - Representing all those with an effective veto
 - Made up of people who represent their organisations
- ▶ **Resources**
 - \$\$\$\$
 - Secretariat
 - Knowledge – the great mover and shaker!

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Storage: Who gives a damn?

- ▶ **Power generators**
- ▶ **Primary producers**
- ▶ **Miners**
- ▶ **Green NGOs**
- ▶ **Recreationists**
- ▶ **Iwi**
- ▶ **Government**



What the Forum recommended

- ▶ Local decisions on land and water management made within national frameworks
- ▶ Objectives for the state of waterways, which would determine limits on takes and discharges
- ▶ Collaborative processes to recommend rules in plans by consensus, as the key to buy-in and innovation
- ▶ Integrated deployment of management practices by all parties – with accountability for the achievement of limits



What the Forum recommended

- ▶ Improved clarity and certainty about rights, including iwi rights and interests
- ▶ Improved clarity and certainty about obligations
- ▶ Dynamic management systems, so that resources can flow to the highest valued use over time



Outcomes so far

- ▶ National Policy Statement; Clean-up Fund; Irrigation Acceleration Fund
- ▶ *Freshwater reform 2013 and beyond*
- ▶ Speech by Hon Amy Adams – freshwater data
- ▶ *Proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*

