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Memorandum of Understanding

between

the Friends of the Otaki River and the Flood Protection Group of the Wellington Regional Council

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- The Operations and Maintenance annual works programme which is the basis for management of the river and flood protection scheme.
- The Capital works programme, which is the basis for achieving the level of service adopted by the community through the Floodplain Management Plan.
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4.2 Provide a conduit for involving the Otaki community in the activities of the Wellington Regional Council.

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7.1 Either party may request a review of this Memorandum of Understanding at any time.

7.2 On receipt of this request the parties will consider it and in good faith resolve the points at issue.

Signed by the Parties to the Agreement on the day of 2000.

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