We've identified three options for the management of groundwater in the Manuherikia Catchment. We'd like to know which you prefer

## **Groundwater management options**

Minimum Flow Monitoring Site	Option A manage as surface water	Option B 50% of mean annual recharge (MAR)	Option C current allocation of groundwater	Status Quo - 50% MAR
Manuherikia Basin	Partially manage as surface water min flow and primary allocation limit	NOT APPLICABLE this overestimates the availability of water in aquifer	0.08 Mm <sup>3</sup> /y	20Mm³/y
Ida Valley Basin	Partially manage as surface water min flow and primary allocation limit	NOT APPLICABLE this overestimates the availability of water in aquifer	0 Mm³/y	9Mm³/y
Manuherikia River Alluvium Ribbon Aquifer	Manage as surface water min flow and primary allocation limit	NOT APPLICABLE Most water is within 100m of the Manuherikia River and must be treated as surface water	NOT APPLICABLE most water is within 100m of the Manuherikia River and must be treated as surface water	Managed as surface water
Manuherikia Claybound Aquifer	NOT APPLICABLE – Aquifer is not connected directly to Manuherikia surface water	0.16Mm <sup>3</sup> /y	0 .413 Mm³/y	0.16Mm³/y

## **Pros and cons**

Valley Basin Aquifer  Ida Valley Basin Aquifer – NA  Groundwater takes within 100 metres of a surface water body:  Manuherikia Alluvium Aquifer – NA  Manuherikia Alluvium Aquifer – NA	Option C  Manuherikia Basin Aquifer AND Ida Valley Basin Aquifer  • Allocation will reflect current use; protects all present groundwater takes  • No further groundwater can be allocated  • Reflects reality as irrigation water not readily
<ul> <li>request an exemption)</li> <li>Groundwater takes located 100 metres or more from a surface water bodie will be considered on a case by case basis</li> <li>This aquifer will be over-allocated</li> <li>No further groundwater can be allocated</li> <li>Ma</li> </ul>	available in this aquifer, generally only useful for permitted take use  Manuherikia Alluvium aquifer – NA  Manuherikia Claybound Aquifer  • Allocation will reflect current use; protects all present groundwater takes  • No further groundwater can be allocated  • Will reduce outflows to the Dunstan Flats Aquifer and Manuherikia River which could affect water takers





