



# ORUARANGI CATCHMENT

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*PREVENTING BUSINESS POLLUTION***

The Oruarangi Creek is a tidal waterway with a catchment that includes farmland and the Airport Oaks business area. The creek flows past the Puketapapa papakāinga (settlement) into the Manukau Harbour adjacent to the Otataua Stonefields.

The creek, or Awa, is of deep significance to the local Maori people. Historically, it was an important source of food, but this food source was taken away with the development of the Mangere sewage treatment ponds. In the decade since the treatment ponds were removed, the creek has been steadily recovering to the point that fish and shellfish could once again be harvested around the mouth of the creek.

One of the biggest potential sources of pollution entering the Manukau Harbour is from pollution

incidents like spills on yards that get washed into stormwater drains, into streams and eventually into the harbour.

In 2013 there was an accidental spill of toxic dye into the Oruarangi Creek from a business in the Airport Oaks area. The spill killed much of the aquatic life in the creek, including fish and shellfish, and will cost the responsible party a large amount to clean up and remediate. This programme aims to help businesses to prevent incidents like this from happening.



To help improve water quality in the Oruarangi Creek, the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board is working with community groups and businesses to reduce water pollution.



## What you can do to help

As a local business in the catchment of the Oruarangi Creek you have an opportunity to help protect and improve the quality of the Manukau Harbour.

Rainwater from your site enters stormwater drains and flows to the Oruarangi Creek and then the Manukau Harbour. Any pollution on your site flows with this rainwater and pollutes the stream and sea.

Please play your part by putting in place recommended ways to stop pollution. Ensure areas of your site that flow to stormwater drains are kept free of pollution. Your efforts, together with the rest of our local community, will help to improve the Oruarangi Creek and protect our beaches and our fishing resources.

Call the Pollution Hotline on

**(09) 377 3107**

to report pollution incidents 24 hours a day  
7 days a week.

*The Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board have funded this project as part of their commitment to improving the water quality in the Manukau Harbour. The Board has contracted Wilkinson Environmental Ltd and is working closely with Makaurau Marae to deliver this programme.*