

# Water Stewardship in the Waitaki

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# About the Waitaki





**The North Island**

*Te Ika a Maui*

**The South Island**

*Te Wai Pounamu*

**Stewart Island**

*Rakiura*

Source: USGS  
Source: NASA, NOAA, USGS



Lake Tekapo

Lake Pukaki

Lake Benmore

Lake Ohau

Lake Waitaki

Lower Waitaki River

Lake Aviemore

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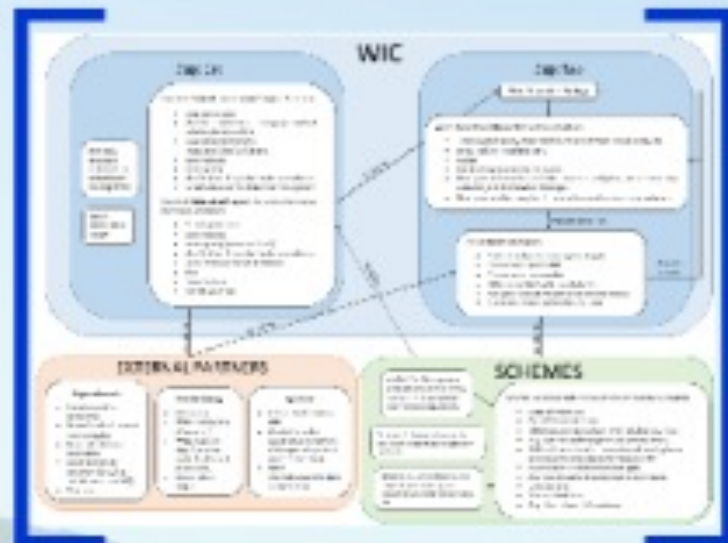
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A scenic landscape featuring a wide river with a central island of vegetation. The sun is low on the left, creating a bright glow and lens flare. The sky is clear blue. A large blue circle is overlaid on the image, framing the central text.

**Questions and comments**