Indigenous laws and values for resilient rivers

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Drawing on legal jurisprudence and philosophy from indigenous and western traditions ...this boundary breaking book asks the difficult question of how to engender responsibility in society and in law to live sustainably and well on our shared planet.

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Te Awa Tupua - Whanganui River
Indigenous traditions and legal personhood
The Great River flows from the Mountains to the Sea.
I am the River, and the River is me
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Indigenous peoples and environmental justice

• United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
• Rio+20 Declaration
• The provisions for Rights of Nature in the Ecuadorian and Bolivian Constitutions
• Living well with the Earth
• The Earth Charter
• Ecological Integrity
Tooku awa koiroa, me oona pikonga, he kura tangihia moo te maataamuri
The Waikato River
Transforming Local Government
Te Mana o te Awa

• Treaty settlement with the Government embedded in legislation
• Recognition of the River as an ancestor
• Restoring and protecting the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River for future generations
• Creating a paradigm of inclusion
  – Compulsory joint management agreements
  – Hearings commissioners
• Transformation
  – Reserved seats on the Regional Council
  – Healthy Rivers Plan Change