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**On farm storage discounted as an unaffordable option.**

**Community engagement begins with iwi, leaders and stakeholders.**

**A full feasibility study of the Scheme begins.**

**Investigations narrow the focus to one dam site on the Makaroro River.**

**Full feasibility completed. HBRIC Ltd takes over the next phase.**

**Design and construction contractor confirmed as OHL Hawkins.**

**HBRC consults with the public and agrees to invest up to $80 million in the Scheme, subject to conditions.**

**Consents confirmed after extensive Board of Inquiry process.**

**Sufficient demand for water confirmed.**

**Hawke’s Bay leaders pledge support to the Ruataniwha Scheme.**

**Investor Group being finalised.**

**18 April 2016**

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