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## Caring for Our Community

Places where the river meets the sea have inspired songs, poetry, paintings and many kiwi childhoods. But protecting these unique parts of New Zealand landscape is in grave need of inspiration.

### Where the River Meets the Sea

The Manawatu Estuary Trust was formed last year to protect the estuary in Foxton Beach, which is home to many native birds and unique eco systems. Although not as glamorous as golden beaches with aqua water, the Trust believes mud covered estuaries are an exceptional part of nature.

The Manawatu Estuary Trust is in need of funds to provide resource kits to schools. They also need more volunteers to support the soon to be built visitors centre, do clean ups, and monitor the area. Contact Joan Leckie, (06) 368 1277.



These Royal Spoonbills would become extinct if it wasn't for the estuary. Other threatened birds include fern birds, bitterns and crakes.



The Manawatu estuary covers 250 hectares and its recent protection has produced mixed reactions from locals. Some feel their recreational use will be dampened, but the Trust aims to keep recreational use hand in hand with protecting the area. Up river pollution, wildlife extinction and the spread of weeds are some of the dangers threatening the estuary.

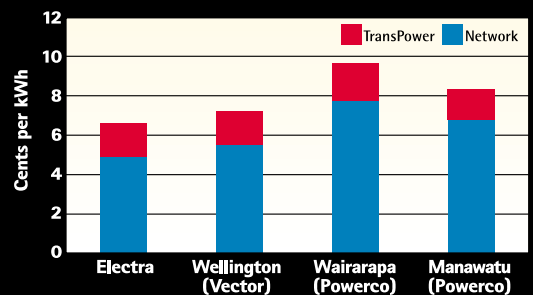
Manawatu Estuary Trust chairperson, Joan Leckie, loves looking out over the estuary. "It's a good feeling, being part of helping people respect this area." She feels locals are lucky to have it in their backyards. "We bring school kids down here. They love poking their fingers in the mud to find crabs."

### Comparison of Average Line Charges

We believe Electra gives consumers value for money when it comes to charges. We have studied the line prices\* of some of our near neighbours and the results are in the accompanying graph. You can see for yourself how we compare.

Electra's discount, which none of the others offer, is not shown.

\* Graph data from the Ministry of Economic Development Ranking of Lines Company Charges February 2006



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