

Local Water Done Well

Management & Delivery of a new Water
Services Framework in Aotearoa New Zealand
April 2025 Update

A Pacifecon Research Team Presentation



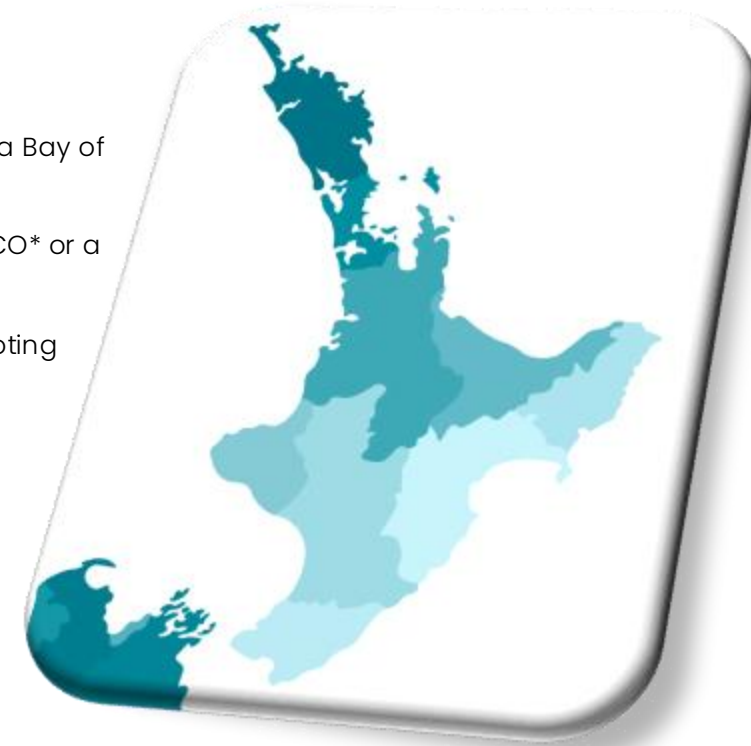
Local Water Done Well – Update

This document is an update from the previous ["Local Water Done Well"](#) publication, With a focus on potential collaborations between councils.

Pacifecon's water-related project information can be viewed in the link above.

North Island Who's potentially looking at working together?

- Kaipara, Whangārei & Far North (noting that Far North & Whangārei prefer keeping services in-house)
- Auckland to retain ownership of Watercare (& Watercare will have access to increased borrowing for investment in water services)
- Hamilton & Waikato District
- Tauranga, Western Bays & maybe others
- Thames-Coromandel looking to join up with other councils – could be Waikato Water Done Well (see below), Hamilton/Waikato or a Bay of Plenty sub regional grouping
- Rotorua Lakes preference is for delivering water services in-house until 2028, then having services delivered via a Rotorua Lakes CCO* or a multi-council owned CCO
- Waipā, Waitomo, Ōtorohanga, South Waikato, Taupō, Matamata-Piako, & Hauraki under the banner of Waikato Water Done Well (noting that Taupō would prefer keeping services in-house for now)
- Whakatāne looking to join a multi council CCO with its neighbours to its east or its west
- Kawerau (preference for keeping services in-house)
- Ōpōtiki (preference for keeping services in-house)
- Gisborne (preference for keeping services in-house)
- New Plymouth, Stratford & South Taranaki
- Whanganui, Rangitīkei & Ruapehu
- Manawatū, Palmerston North, Horowhenua & Kāpiti Coast (noting that Manawatū & Kāpiti Coast would prefer keeping services in-house)
- Central Hawke's Bay, Hastings, Napier & Wairoa
- Carterton, Masterton, South Wairarapa & Tararua
- Wellington City, Upper Hutt City, Hutt City, Porirua City, and Greater Wellington Regional (GWRC) councils



South Island

Who's potentially looking at working together?

- Tasman (preference for keeping services in-house)
- Marlborough (preference for establishing a new Council-owned Water Services Organisation under the yet to be enacted Local Government Water Services Bill)
- Buller?
- Waimakariri (preference for keeping services in-house)
- Hurunui & Kaikōura
- Christchurch City (preference for keeping services in-house)
- Ashburton (preference for keeping services in-house)
- Central Otago, Clutha, Gore & Waitaki
- Timaru?
- Mackenzie?
- Waimate?
- Dunedin City (preference for keeping services in-house)
- Invercargill City (preference for keeping services in-house)
- Grey District?
- Westland District?
- Queenstown Lakes?
- Selwyn District has completed its consultation & has confirmed the inclusion of a Selwyn water services CCO in its water service delivery plan
- Southland District (preference for keeping services in-house)





About the data

Notes about the data

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