

Attachment B

Other Government Reform Initiatives that will have impact on 3 Waters

1. In addition to the three waters reforms discussed above, the Government has also announced further wide ranging reforms of freshwater, resource management, climate change and zero carbon, all of which have potential to have significant impacts on the delivery of 3 Waters services. These will have regulatory rule, operations and cost impacts:
 - a. RMA reform
 - i. National Built Environments Act.
 - ii. Strategic Planning Act (30yr spatial plans a required output – big picture, long term planning view).
 - iii. Managed Retreat and Climate Change Adaptation Act.
 - b. NPS Fresh Water (including Te Mana o te Wai)
 - c. NPS Urban development
 - d. NPS Coastal
 - e. NES Sources of Human Drinking Water
 - f. Review of the Future of Local Government 2021 <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Future-for-Local-Government-Review>
 - g. Zero Carbon Act and Climate Change Commission initiatives
 - h. Climate Change adaptation initiatives
 - i. Water Economic Regulator is being discussed and planned
 - j. National Environmental Regulator is being discussed (see Infrastructure Commission 'Water Reform in NZ' report)
 - k. Possible nationally mandated consumer protection oversight provisions in relation to the provision of three waters services

Summary of Government Reform Initiatives

2. The Government has announced and is working through wide ranging reform processes across areas of New Zealand society:
 - a. The government has initiated sustained and wide ranging reform which is currently in process in 2021
 - b. These reforms (like current reforms of other sectors – Health, Education) have common features:
 - i. Centralising of services and decision making
 - ii. Maori governance and decision making roles, inclusion and involvement
 - iii. Broad inclusion of Te Tiriti o te Waitangi requirements
3. Three Waters Reform is well advanced
4. Other water resources reforms – RMA, NPS, Zero Carbon etc. have been commenced

5. The impacts of these reforms on New Zealand, Council and three waters service provision will be profound. There is one opportunity to make the right choice for the district and it must be evidence based.