

Wai Tāmaki ki Te Hiku Initial Funding, Pricing, and Asset Management Plans to be noted

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 28 February 2024
Reporting officer: Anin Nama, General Manager Infrastructure Services

Purpose | Ngā whāinga

That the 'Wai Tāmaki ki Te Hiku Initial Funding, Pricing, and Asset Management Plans' report presented to Elected Members 1 November 2023 be noted, along with the feedback submission to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Under the previous Central Government Three Waters Reform, Entity A, named 'Wai Tāmaki ki Te Hiku', was to commence services of the water, wastewater, and stormwater services from 1 July 2024. The 'Wai Tāmaki ki Te Hiku Initial Funding, Pricing, and Asset Management Plans' report was presented to Elected Members 1 November 2023. At time of writing, the Three Waters Reform is in the process of being repealed, anticipated quarter one 2024. This report is being provided for noting only.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the 'Wai Tāmaki ki Te Hiku Initial Funding, Pricing, and Asset Management Plans' reported to Council 1 November 2023, and the submission by Kaipara District Council on the draft initial Funding and Pricing Plan (FPP) and Asset Management Plan (AMP) to the Chief Executive, Department of Internal Affairs.

Context | Horopaki

At the 1 November 2023 publicly excluded Council Workshop, Council officers provided Elected Members with an update on the draft initial Funding and Pricing Plan (FPP), as well as the draft initial Asset Management Plan (AMP), provided by the DIA staff.

Council officers received permission from Elected Members to submit a feedback submission to the DIA on the FPP and AMP (refer Attachment J).

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

Following Council's feedback submission, the Minister for Local Government announced in December that they will repeal the Three Waters legislation in total. This means Wai Tamaki ki Te Hiku (Entity A) will no longer exist and the organisation has mostly been disbanded.

Staff are currently integrating three waters back into the Councils LTP 2024-2027. However, the investment profile has been heavily reduced to minimise the significant rates increase, now that the FPP and AMP provisions in the Water Services Bills being repealed.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report are considered to have a low degree of significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. No feedback is required, and the

public will be informed of Council's decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

Staff will finalise a FFP and AMP specifically for the Kaipara District to be presented to Council for approval.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Letter from the Chief Executive of DIA
B	Draft Wai Tāmaki ki Te Hiku Draft Initial Asset Management Plan
C	Draft Wai Tāmaki ki Te Hiku Draft initial AMP
D	Detailed Financial Information - Expenditure
E	Draft Initial Funding and Pricing Plan
F	Water Infrastructure Contributions policy
G	FFP Feedback Form
H	AMP Feedback Form
I	Draft Wai Tāmaki ki Te Hiku Draft Initial AMP (Level of Service and Performance measure)
J	Kaipara District Council submission feedback to DIA November 2023