

THREE WATERS REFORM - COUNCIL ASKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

In July 2020, the Government launched the Three Waters Reform programme.

Currently 67 different councils own and operate the majority of the drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services across New Zealand. The intention is that four entities will manage the drinking water, wastewater and stormwater in New Zealand and benefit from scale and operational efficiencies.

We encourage you to become well informed about the Three Waters Reform proposal from all parties.

USEFUL THREE WATERS REFORM WEBSITES:

- ▶ dia.govt.nz/Three-Waters-Reform-Programme
- ▶ lgnz.co.nz/reforms/three-waters
- ▶ kaweraudc.govt.nz/three-waters-reform-updates

Printed Information Packs are available at the Council Offices



Under the reform model, Kawerau's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater assets would be part of Entity B with 22 other Councils from the wider Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Taupō and Taranaki regions.

Kawerau District Council has now received the independent review of the Three Waters Reform proposal from international consultants Castalia (available on Council's website).

Q. Will the Kawerau Council District and Residents be better off under Three Waters Reform?

A. The DIA funded Tūhura Partners "Balanced Scorecard" suggests no. Castalia's review suggests that the (WICS) modeling is so flawed that it is not possible to answer this question.

Q. Are there significant risks to Council should Council decide to opt out of the Three Waters Reform programme?

A. Castalia's evaluations indicate risks should Council join the reform and recommends Kawerau puts a constructive counter-proposal to government.

Kawerau has been asked to submit a report to the government's Department Internal Affairs (DIA) with any amalgamation issues and concerns by the end of September.

We want to gather feedback from the community and add it into our report back to the government.

Council is not expected to make any decisions now whether to opt in or opt out of the reform.

SOME OF THE CONCERNS ALREADY RAISED INCLUDE:

- The modelling being taken from the Water Commission for Scotland and comparing that to New Zealand, and specifically to Kawerau.
- The data and assumptions used in the analysis by the Government's Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) funded Tūhura Partners.
- Having influence over local decisions.
- Effective representation on Entity B with the proposed six Council representatives and six Iwi leaders.
- Ensuring the forecast savings for ratepayers are realistic and can be delivered.
- Ensuring the water assets are protected against privatisation.
- Ensuring that Council's strategic planning is taken into consideration.
- That our Three Waters Council staff and Three Waters local contracting businesses have ongoing involvement in the delivery of Three Waters services.

YOU CAN GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

- **Website** kaweraudc.govt.nz/three-waters-reform-updates
- **Facebook.com/KawerauDistrictCouncil**
- **By posting your written feedback:**
Kawerau, District Council,
Private Bag 1004, Kawerau 3169
- **Drop in** at Council Offices, 2 Ranfurly Court, Kawerau.

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Feedback about the Three Waters Reform proposal: _____

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