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Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON 6160

Tēnā koe e te Minita - Dear Minister

Te Whakahōutanga o Nga Wai e Toru- Three Waters Reform

We hereby formally respond to your request to comment as a Council on the proposed Three Waters Reform. Kawerau District Council (Council) at this point in time do not wish to “Opt in” or “Opt out” of the reform process, but rather present our and our community’s concerns regarding the proposal. We hope that our feedback will assist the Ministry of Local Government and the Department of Internal Affairs to work with Council and our community to develop a proposal that works for everyone.

The purpose of Council is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

Council sees the value and greatly supports reform, not just in Three Waters, but also in Transportation, Education, Health, Housing and many other functions that local and central government perform. However, all meaningful reform requires careful consideration to ensure it does indeed improve life for Kawerau ratepayers in particular and New Zealand residents in general.

Kawerau is a unique community in NZ, consisting of approximately 62% Maori residents and falling in the lowest socio-economic decile. The cost of supplying Three Waters services to our community forms a significant part of their rates, which in turn forms a significant part of their annual expenses. The Kawerau community is therefore more vulnerable to cost increases than the average New Zealand resident. Equally, for all our residents and ratepayers water is of particular significance.

Council supplies all drinking water in the District. There are no private drinking water suppliers in the District. Likewise, Council provides all domestic, commercial and light industrial sewerage services, as well as manages all the stormwater systems in the Kawerau District. The heavy industries located in Kawerau District manage their own industrial effluent under individual resource consents.

Council is the lowest cost provider in the Entity B region and one of the lowest cost providers of quality Three Water services in New Zealand. Kawerau District Council is the only Council with no debt and one of only five Councils who have no Three Waters related debt. Council currently has \$7.0m of Three Waters depreciation reserves.

Analyses of the WICS evaluation

Council provided the key information describing Kawerau Three Waters infrastructure, operations and services to the Department of Internal Affairs during the 2020 Request for Information exercise. This information, together with assumptions based on Scottish Water was modelled by the Water Industry Commission of Scotland (WICS) to derive estimated "Average Cost per Household" values for providing Three Water Services to the community as a standalone entity (WICS - the status quo) and as an amalgamated Entity B comprising of 22 Councils. The calculated values are presented in Table 1.

The assumptions used along with the calculations were made available to Council and two immediate discrepancies were apparent:

1. Kawerau currently has significant excess capacity in both water supply and sewerage treatment. Due to the geographical nature of the District, further development options are limited with anticipated expansion over the next 30 years accommodated in the available infrastructure for very little additional investment. Similarly, Council will upgrade the bulk of its existing infrastructure when it replaces it in the next 30 years. Therefore, the required enhancement and growth funding WICS assumption of 126.3 million significantly overestimate the actual required investment of 33.8 million.
2. The WICS modelling assumes a debt to revenue ratio for Council of 2.5, however it allows a debt to revenue ratio for the Entity B of 6.0. However, since Council has no other significant debt, this ratio will be applied to its total revenue and hence this constrained does not apply to Council Three Water borrowing.

The WICS model provided to Council was used with all assumptions as derived and proposed by WICS with the exception of the two points discussed above. The total investment was corrected as actually required and the same debt to revenue ratio of 6.0 was used. The salient results are also presented in Table 1 below. The WICS calculation models are available for your review. The final average cost per household assumes a 70% contribution of households to the full costs in all three calculation scenarios as per the WICS assumptions.

Table 1: Average cost per Household – WICS modelling

Year	Total Investment		Capital/maintain		Enhance/growth		Average cost / household		
	WICS	Corrected	WICS	Corrected	WICS	Corrected	WICS	Corrected	Entity B
2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	718	718	1,321
2031	44.2m	26.6m	14.4m	21.4m	29.8m	5.2m	1,672	895	1,370
2051	187.6m	95.1m	61.3m	61.3m	126.3m	33.8m	2,439	895	1,218

By making only the two simple corrections to the WICS model, the estimated annual costs for Kawerau residents decrease from \$1,672 and \$2,439 for 2031 and 2051 respectively to \$895 (in 2021 dollar values) for remaining a separate Three Waters entity. In comparison, Council's own LTP estimates are \$1,130 and \$1,127 for 2031 and 2051 respectively using best engineering assumptions. This suggest that the WICS model underestimate the Entity B costs significantly (as was found by the BECA analyses). There are many more assumptions that are obviously incorrect which in turn will significantly increase the Entity B average cost per household, however the above example is sufficient for the purposes of this response.

However, if we assume that all the WICS modelling assumptions and calculations are indeed correct, we can then calculate that over the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2051, Kawerau ratepayers will have to pay an additional \$66.7m for their Three Waters services. Furthermore, the Council will have stranded overhead costs (\$520,000 in 2022). Over the same period, this will result in a further \$20.7m that ratepayers will need to fund to retain the current Council services. The ratepayers of Kawerau are simply not in a position to have such a significant increase in the rates and Council is very concerned with this significant increase.

In order to be 'Not Worse' off, Council will therefore need to receive funding over \$87.4m over this period. Under the proposed "Better off" funding proposal, Kawerau District Council is set to receive \$17.3m. This funding will primarily be funded by the new Entities, which will in turn be funded by the ratepayers under each entity, and therefore the offered \$17.3m will eventually be added on to the water bills of our ratepayers.

Community Wellbeing assessment of the Three Waters Reform

Council concedes that there are more incentives for the proposed Three Waters Reform than just financial ones. Council therefore participated in the "Balanced Scorecard" impact assessment with the DIA appointed Tūhura Partners. This assessment attempted to look holistically at the reform, encompassing all factors and parameters that affect Council and its ratepayers. The results of this assessment are presented in Table 2. The assessment was performed independently by Council staff (by strictly following the provided criteria) and then with Tūhura Partners. The scores, out of a possible 100, are similar, with changes made to the original criteria by Tūhura Partners during their evaluation to enhance the "With Reform" scenario. The Tūhura Partners "Balanced Scorecard" sheets are available for your review.

Table 2: Tūhura Partners Balanced Scorecard assessment

Scenario	Without Reform		With Reform
	2021	2031	2031
Council Staff	73	82	63
Tūhura Partners	67	76	70

The assessment scores from both teams indicate that considering all criteria: financial, service delivery, local economic, social and cultural, it is not in Kawerau ratepayers' best interest to join Entity B under the current reform conditions.

While evaluating the available WICS model and through discussions with Tūhura Partners and DIA officials, Council staff noted several concerns regarding the applicability of some of the underlying assumptions and calculations employed. Council contracted Castalia Advisors to review the WICS models for both Kawerau and Entity B in order to answer the two key questions Elected Members identified as fundamental to understand the reform:

1. Will the Kawerau Council District and Residents be better off under Reform?
2. Are there significant risks to Council should Council decide to "Opt out"?

In order to answer the first question, Castalia Advisors assessed the WICS modelling assumptions and methods from first principles and found some assumptions to be implausible, not applicable to NZ, or not reasonable. Castalia also found that notable exceptions had been applied without sufficient justification when calculating the "Opt In" scenarios versus the "Opt Out". The full Castalia report is attached.

Another review by Ian Dickson of Cubus was commissioned by the Whakatane District Council that independently from Castalia, raised the same concerns and pointed to the same inconsistencies in the WICS modelling. DIA response to these reports was that later evaluations by FarrierSwier and Beca supported the WICS modelling and that the Castalia and Cubus analyse was incorrect. Furthermore, LGNZ stated that the Castalia reports are "out of date". However, after a careful reading of both the FarrierSwier and Beca reports, it shows that they do not support the WICS modelling assumptions in detail as DIA claim.

In fact, the FarrierSwier clearly state that it cannot say if the methodology or assumptions are reasonable and Beca states that the WICS modelling is "overly optimistic". It is of great concern to Council to be advised by the DIA and its consultants of the approval of the WICS modelling by external consultants only to find that this is not the case.

Other reviews reported by the DIA performed by Deloitte and Standard & Poor and also listed by LGNZ do not address WICS modelling nor the concerns raised by Castalia but rather the economic impacts after Reform under the assumption that WICS modelling is correct and the Entities will perform as promised. From the work done by Council staff and specialist contractors it is then clear that the Kawerau District Council and its Residents will not be better off under the current Reform proposal.

To answer the second question, all the risks identified by DIA and others were evaluated. The evaluation provided by Castalia indicated that there are minimal risks for Council to "Opt Out" of reform. There were however, significant risks identified should Council decide to "Opt In".

First and foremost, local accountability will be lost. Under the proposed governance system, Council and other small councils will have negligible say in the makeup of the Entity board and therefore local elected members cannot be held accountable for the performance of water. Our ratepayers will have no direct recourse if Three Water service is poor as they do now.

Similarly, local mana whenua are very likely to have negligible say in the makeup of the Entity board, whereas now they have a direct relationship with Council.

Secondly, in order to achieve the claimed OPEX (56%) and CAPEX (50%) savings, local contractors and businesses will be overlooked and slightly cheaper large national contractors will be preferred. Even if local contractors are occasionally subcontracted, the bulk of profits will flow to the large centres further impoverishing rural areas and restricting their development.

Thirdly, our Three Water staff have a very real connection to Council as their employer and any workplace or performance issues are dealt with inside Council. The new entities will not have this close connection and this could well lead to staff attrition and/or dissatisfaction. This is of course quite a different issue from any assurances that jobs will not be lost in the Reforms

Community feedback on the Three Waters Reform

Due to the significant impacts the Three Waters Reform will have on our constituents, Council sought feedback from the community during the first three weeks of September. During this feedback seeking process, Council has been mindful to advise residents and ratepayers to consider all the information from the Government, Local Government New Zealand and the Council. The responses are summarised in an attachment to this letter. In total 231 submissions were received: three in favour of reform, 228 against and 12 responses with questions. The key comments and questions are listed as an appendix to this report along with the feedback.

Dear minister, I hope my letter conveys the concerns of Council and our community regarding the Three Waters Reform process and that it will assist you to work with us to develop a solution that works for all New Zealanders.

Nga mihi,



Malcom Campbell
Koromatua, Te Kaunihera o Kawerau
Mayor of Kawerau



Kawerau District Council
Three Waters Reform
Community Feedback received as at the
closing date 5:00pm Monday, 20
September 2021

Supports Reform	Supports Council managing and delivering Three Waters services
Total: 3	Total: 228
Total Submissions: 231	

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Allan Clarke	<p>The CEO KDC Russell George, This submission is based on the independent review of the Castalia report and the peer reviews of Beca and Farrier Swear all the evaluations to date do not approve of the WICS modelling as set out by the minister of local government Nanaia Mahuta and therefore does not meet the rate payer criteria for reform.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Louise Hiwarau	<p>To the elected members of the Kawerau District Council,</p> <p>This is my whakaaro on matters concerning the Water Asset Management.</p> <p>I understand that the reform programme has been informed by the most comprehensive three waters data collection from councils ever undertaken. I commend the work of the current Labour led coalition government on progressing the work initiated by the previous national government.</p> <p>The Three Waters are a huge responsibility for council to take care of and as it is, in its current form I believe council does not have the capacity to deliver the services required to meet the needs of our community in a timely and cost-effective manner. From what I have read the current system and practise settings are not fit for purpose.</p> <p>In my opinion the idea of distributing the replacement of 48 kilometres worth of drinking water pipes over a period of 6 years at the cost of 12 million dollars is too conservative. I do not fancy the idea of having to wait 6 plus years for quality drinking water to come from my household tap. Every time I turn it on, I'm thinking about what dangers the water might pose to me. This worry should not even exist. In the past progress on fixing the water works systems has been like a game of monopoly, buy one thing to help fix another all the while trying to pay back any debt you may have come into due to the everchanging circumstances. The issues continue to be a problem and nothing gets solved.</p> <p>Based on what I have read I do not see a problem with handing over the water asset to the proposed Taumata Arowai. I am actually excited to see what this semi-new piece of legislation has installed for our Nation. I believe in its kaupapa maori approach. In my experience maori have always pulled through for all communities in desperate times of need regardless of race, religion and culture. Even though our people have suffered immensely due to colonisation we are still here willing to open our doors to anyone who maybe experiencing hardship.</p> <p>I strongly encourage council to continue working towards exploring the idea of the proposed reforms.</p> <p>I would also like to recommend council do a better job of communicating change with the community. Be more direct and simplify the information so it is easier for members of our community to navigate. I would like to see council host information sessions in an attempt to build an understanding for members in our community who are unsure of how to navigate situations such as this reform.</p>

	<p>For me, so long as efforts in maintenance remain collaborative with iwi maori and information is consistently being shared with the general public and of course the crown continue to uphold the values and principles of Te Tiriti O Waitangi- I am in favour of this proposed reform.</p> <p>Nga mihi</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Murray Fookes	<p>I wish register my objection to the Three Waters proposal being promoted by the government.</p> <p>I believe we have a good water system in Kawerau that does not require any change. The way it is managed by the community via the elected council members works really well. I do understand that like any asset it does require maintenance and upgrading from time to time but our council have been very mindful of these needs and budgeted accordingly. I cannot see how a body that does not have a vested interest in Kawerau, i.e. has family and friends reliant on it, can do better.</p> <p>Other districts and cities may not be in such a good position as we are with their water supply etc. Maybe this is because of their poor planning and/or management. This is not a reason for the government to take control of our system. The government could assist those bodies as required without taking control of ours. I assume we would have to pay for this service which would of course subsidise the poorly managed systems.</p> <p>Our system is not broken so there is no need to fix it!</p> <p>Some questions that I do have:</p> <p>How much is this going to cost us if it gets going? We hear about the government buying back the asset at 8% of the value. Is this fair?</p> <p>What would happen to that money?</p> <p>Would our water be metered, and if so would we be charged accordingly?</p> <p>I see that the entity would be represent by 6 council members from 22 councils. So, it is quite likely that there would be no one from this district representing Kawerau. This is very bad, moving from full control and responsibility to potentially none.</p> <p>If things do go belly up who would be responsible and indeed liable? We would be paying for the service so we of course should be compensated if they were unable to supply, or would we be?</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion against this proposal.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Sheryl Hiha	Submitted on Tuesday, 7 September 2021 - 9:52am No, too expensive, you guys are doing fine with our water.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jenny Laing	As a Kawerau resident and ratepayer I am very concerned that my Council would hand over the control of our water to the government. Having read the governments under cover policy document, He Puapua it is clear that this government intends to separate the residents of New Zealand, into separate racial groups and treat Māori as the main decision-maker. We have already seen that Māori have been given ownership of water, eg Lake Taupo. We all know that in the near future we will not only be paying Council rates but also paying the local Iwi for the right to access their Water. When are we going to have consultation on this matter?
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Julie Groube	Why sell out to the Government for so little, when they are going to make bigger millions out of it. George Orwell wrote two books Animal Farm and 1984. Please read these as this is where we are going.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Melodie Emery	Submitted on Saturday, 11 September 2021 - 6:41pm I don't think it's the best idea.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Krystel Coppin	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 8 September 2021 - 2:05pm</p> <p>I would prefer for our 3 Waters to stay with the Kawerau District Council.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Allan Clarke	<p>The CEO KDC Russell George, The background to this 3 waters submission reform is: Central government have decided to reform whose responsibility is to control the 3 waters delivery by setting up a proposed team of 12 commissioners, 6 government appointed commissioners and 6 IWI appointed commissioners. These appointed commissioners will take over the responsibility and role of our democratically elected council members.</p> <p>Q1 What role does our democratically elected councillors have in allowing the control/costings taken over by an unelected central government organisation without a mandated public referendum.</p> <p>Q2. DIA were tasked by central government to seek a plausible reform from WICS. Is this an attempt to blindside the NZ rate payer in relinquishing the water infrastructure asset to the yet to be set up water control board.</p> <p>Q3. Is Central government offer of compensation for ratepayer owned infrastructure a fair value for the asset or is it a bribe for the indebted councils to balance the books.</p> <p>Q4 In the case of KDC who have invested \$20k of ratepayer monies to go through due diligence process on the WICS report in which Castalia Consultants recommends KDC to opt out. is this refundable by central government or is this part of the \$17m bribe on offer to KDC from central government.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Veronica Rolinson	<p>To Kawerau District Council re Three Waters Reforms</p> <p>8 September 2021</p> <p>Acknowledgement I would like to acknowledge the amazing work that council has done by immediately moving to upgrade our aged reticulation systems. I also acknowledge your hard work to produce a workable long-term budget for Kawerau ratepayers which has placed us in a much better position than most. I appreciate the hard work it must have taken to reconcile data to plan a financially viable way for us through targeted rates while having to represent us before local and central governments to address the matter of the three waters reforms. Thank you Kawerau District Council.</p>

Three Waters Reforms Overview

1. Hand over management to Taumata Arowai - appointed water regulator.
2. Move to take three waters assets and services from 67 councils and place them under the control of four new water entities who will be answerable to the Taumata Arowai water regulator.
3. Give council and iwi 50/50 membership of Regional Representation to select from a panel who will appoint a board for the entity. Activate Te Mana o Te Wai.
4. Base the modelling on the Scottish Water Regulator Water Industry Commission for Scotland (WICS).
5. Address funding under one model.
6. Incentivise an exchange by giving council \$17 million dollars for our water assets.
7. Give councils the opportunity to opt in or out.

Position Statement of Overview

- 1a. Government has legislated to position Taumata Arowai as the new water regulator. It is an indication that Minister Nanaia Mahuta is pushing the cart before the horse.
- 2b. Under the four new entities model, councils such as Kawerau who have had the foresight to gain funding for upgrades are likely to lose the benefits gained to cross subsidise other councils of the entity B boundary. This could lead to our Kawerau district being deprioritised. The boundaries of the four proposed entities are unsatisfactory as the boundary of entity B is expansive. The reforms are aiming for outcomes that Kawerau District Council has already moved towards and continue to achieve.
- 3c. The set-up of the 50/50 council /iwi representation will allow council/iwi to choose from a board hand-picked by government yet with no real power to make direct decisions and could lead to local council and iwi being sidelined. Because iwi have been invited to the table, there will be obligations for Tangata Whenua under the guiding principles of Te Mana o Te Wai to comply with NZ water standards. It is government/iwi overreach.
- 4d. The government have released reports indicating they will use the Scottish Water modelling to set up four new entities. It is worth noting that Scottish Water is controlled by only one public entity (WICS). The data given in the WICS report has no consideration for councils like KDC who are managing their water assets well. Our council commissioned review shows the projected benefits are unrealistic and not based on credible evidence. The review also shows the reform scenarios are implausible and household bills to be exaggerated. I have no confidence in central government data projections that are have shown to be based on flawed analysis.
- 5e. Addressing funding under one model would enable the entities to borrow significantly more money to upgrade infrastructure, but the trade-off is individual councils would have less direct control.

	<p>6f. A \$17 million dollar incentive as an exchange for our water assets that are worth easily 50 times that, is paltry compensation for Kawerau ratepayers.</p> <p>7g. Although councils have been told that they have the choice to opt in or out, there has been indication that minister Nanaia Mahuta will take the option to opt out away. The minister should have presented completed analysis and detailed reports of all aspects of the reforms before presenting her model to councils. Drip feeding information and waving her big taiaha has caused an atmosphere of apprehension.</p> <p>In Closing After having mulled over available reports regarding the future beneficial projections that are being touted by central government, I have many concerns that they do not align with data that the independent consultant – Castalia has presented or material I have read, I believe what is being recommended by central government is fundamentally flawed, unconvincing and incomplete.</p> <p>I see no benefits for Kawerau ratepayers or Kawerau District Council who have done a stand up job keeping the water wheels of our local district running smoothly. I have based my submission solely on what I have perceived to be a weak argument to opt in to the Three Waters Reforms. I am no financial or data analyst and my knowledge of the Acts, legislations and local government policies is limited. I understand that Kawerau District Council has way more to consider than I could even possibly imagine and regardless of the position I have taken, will endeavour to make the best decision they see fit to enhance the lives of our Kawerau community.</p> <p>Once again, thank you for your awesome management KDC. Kia kaha Kawerau District Council and management teams in your endeavour to choose the best way forward for our Kawerau community.</p> <p>Nga Mihi Nui Veronica Rolinson</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Thomas Mckeown	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 8 September 2021 - 6:25pm</p> <p>I feel we will be neglected because of our size. The bigger towns and cities will control most of resources and our concerns will be regarded as not of importance in the scheme of things. Why can't we just stick to us being kings of our own domain.</p> <p>I see the council are going through the process of replacing the water pipes. After that we should come up with a plan to get our water back to how it was.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Anne Kubler	<p>I strongly object to Three Waters Reform taking over from our local Kawerau Council.</p> <p>I have lived in this town for over 30 years, our council has always done their very best for our town and us ratepayers.</p> <p>We are an ageing town, many are pensioners with limited finances, many will find it increasingly difficult if our water rates increased, which I am sure will happen quite rapidly if we agree to the take-over by Three Waters Reform.</p> <p>Therefore, I reiterate my strong objection to the take-over.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Athaliah Emery	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 9 September 2021 - 12:27pm</p> <p>I am against the Three Waters proposal by the Government because the report received by that Castalia group who completed an investigation for the KDC, explains to us in the summary that it is unnecessary for our town to 'Opt in' to that proposal, when the promised actions and results do not apply to this town that has been budgeting and planning towards the maintenance of the town's infrastructure.</p> <p>Our waters are an asset. I am totally against it being sold to us. I am against having to pay for my water, when I have been paying these rates to go towards the water quality for all these years.</p> <p>Kawerau has a good system, which can always be better, but because of the past mahi done by the KDC and the townspeople we are not in the same circumstances as others towns, councils or Districts.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Lawrence Ryder	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 9 September 2021 - 3:40pm</p> <p>Dont do it.</p> <p>The reasons are. All ratepayers past and present have already paid for the assets and infrastructure. \$17million is an insult. Iwi do not own 50% of Kawerau's water which is provided by the rains. I am quite happy with the status quo.</p> <p>As we have some of the cleanest water in NZ.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Gloria White	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 9 September 2021 - 10:12pm</p> <p>I do not want control of our water to be relinquished by the Kawerau District Council.</p> <p>I believe the Council has been doing an excellent job of providing the services and should continue to have that control.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Edna Peehikuru	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 9 September 2021 - 10:12pm</p> <p>I want to vote a definite NO to the 3 waters scheme. there are a number of reasons the main ones being. we will loose our ease of access to a quick fix if there is a problem with one of the waters and there is the potential for it to be sold off and privatised in the future. The council will loose some of its revenue and our rates will go up.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Alan Cook	<p>Submitted on Friday, 10 September 2021 - 9:40am</p> <p>We are blessed with one of the best water sources in the country. The Govt already interfered insisting on the chlorination of the water. Can the council guarantee that the cost of our water in Kawerau will not increase substantially in the next 10 years. My concern is we will see a massive increase in Rates + Water charges as we effectively fund other city's water infrastructure.</p> <p>We absolutely oppose the Three Waters Reform in any form.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Tersia Cook	<p>Submitted on Friday, 10 September 2021 - 9:55am</p> <p>In my opinion, and from their track record so far, this government either does not finish what they start, or do not even get out of the starting blocks. They are good at deflecting and spinning one tale upon another, but this Three Waters proposal is way too serious an issue, and not to be taken lightly. They are not capable of, or too lightweight, to tackle something like this successfully and from where I stand I seriously doubt that it is a good proposal! We are the ones who are going to be left standing with the hot potato in our hands. I have done a lot of reading up on this, yes including most parts of the Castalia report. But most of all everything within me screamed NO!!! from the first time I heard of this proposal. And I have always trusted my instinct and have never been let down by it.</p> <p>Facts however: It will cost us (the people - he tangata) financially in the long run. It will bring services to a grinding halt as our trusted Council is not on speed dial anymore galloping to the rescue. Our lovely water in Kawerau may be no more.</p>

	<p>The whole thing will slowly but surely come to a grinding halt in the not too distant future, which will mean another plan will have to be made, like privatisation? Who can foresee where that can lead us then. Nothing good I guess. So a NO from me.... please make it a NO from our Council as well.</p> <p>Ps: I have no idea which Ethnicity I should choose. I am a South African born New Zealander.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Katishe McCauley	<p>Submitted on Friday, 10 September 2021 - 6:41pm</p> <p>I believe if we opt into this reform we will lose our ability to be fairly heard in regards to any local issues we may have with our water supply as well as running the risk of our water supply being privatised in the future, therefore the brunt of the cost being incurred by the ratepayers and township. I do not believe that we would benefit from being a part of this reform in any way, shape or form and I as a ratepayer in Kawerau do not support our council opting into this.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Barry White	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 11 September 2021 - 8:13am</p> <p>I want the Kawerau District Council to retain control of the water services.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Phil Hickson	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 11 September 2021 - 8:37am</p> <p>I don't believe our current government has done there costings and becoming a dictator as to what they want. I say stay with our current situation no change needed.</p>
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Jacqui Mike	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 11 September 2021 - 11:24am</p> <p>This sounds a bit scary to me. There is nothing wrong with our water. Council looks after the community by supplying fresh clean filtered water which is the best water around. Our waste water services are looked after by the best and would hate to see that changed. Up north they are wanting to go independent so I can't see why we can't do the same. I would hate to see our beautiful water changed.</p> <p>We also have the best council in the country so don't change what's not broke is what I say first.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Catharine and Rick (Roderick) Roozendaal	<p>Submitted 11/09/21</p> <p>We would like to see the Kawerau District Council being in Total Control of our 3 Waters.</p> <p>We believe Kawerau District Council is very capable in looking after our 3 Waters.</p> <p>My fear is, that if we give away part of our control of our assets, we may eventually be forced to amalgamate with our neighbouring Councils thereby causing our rates to rise.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jocelyn Coburn	<p>I strongly disapprove of the Government taking over control of the country's water. I feel that councils should retain ownership and control of their facilities especially when they are well run as in Kawerau and the government should make funds available to those councils that need to bring their 3 Waters up to the required standard.</p> <p>Local bodies are far more efficient at controlling their facilities than central government.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Melodie Emery	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 11 September 2021 - 6:41pm</p> <p>I don't think it's the best idea.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Dennise Porter	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 12 September 2021 - 8:12am</p> <p>I think this will be a bad idea for our community, and because the government is being a greedy bunch, not only that but also then our rates will go up as the old saying goes don't fix something that ain't broke.</p> <p><i>[Note: Submission Abridged]</i></p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Brett Tahu George Pacey	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 12 September 2021 - 9:26am</p> <p>My belief is that the Kawerau District Council is doing a darn gone well job of PROTECTING the residents of Kawerau, that I believe we SHOULDN'T accept the Three Waters Reform from Central Government, but instead, implement some of the areas that central Government are concerned about and adopt them into the regular workings within what our Council is already doing.</p> <p>Meaning if there are areas where we can improve our 3 Waters plan, add them in.</p> <p>For what Government is trying to do, is to run the country from a central area, making it BIG Brothers watching over us all.</p> <p>Maybe council can look at ways where the District Plan can be better upgraded for the influx of people coming to live in Kawerau in the Future, like the Water pipes that are already there to the Sewage pipes that take away our left overs, and how in the future, we the district of Kawerau can better upgrade what we have towards what we could supply to all the residents of the KAWERAU DISTRICT.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
David Peehikuru	<p>Submitted on Monday, 13 September 2021 - 8:59am</p> <p>I am against the Three Waters Scheme as I feel that Kawerau will miss out on all the services that we enjoy now such as being able to contact our Council if we have a problem, Quick service when we do have a problem.</p> <p>I also feel that it would be so easy for the government of the day to sell it off if they had a need for more money.</p> <p>We have no problems at the moment, so why fix it?</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Gerald Butcher	<p>Submitted on Monday, 13 September 2021 - 4:51pm</p> <p>I have read nothing in the published reports, or elsewhere, that suggests the 3 Waters scheme will be good for Kawerau.</p>

	<p>It seems based on a Scottish model that is reportedly not working in Scotland. With our example of Auckland Super City to refer to, it seems amalgamation does not cause higher efficiencies. It is totally repugnant to me the control of our assets will be taken over by a board that will include unelected representatives, and some that have been chosen by race alone. Whatever our thoughts I suspect this "reform" has very little to do with water and more about politics and will proceed regardless. If we could understand exactly what government is trying to achieve we may be in a position to offer an alternative.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ripeka Lessels	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 9:11am</p> <p>We have the best water in Wairiki. So far, the information doesn't tell us what happens to costs to the rate payers once the transfer of assets is done. What it does guarantee is that 'no council will be negatively affected at the transfer of assets.' We currently do not have to pay a separate water rate - will this continue after the transfer?</p> <p>It would be far more beneficial to have the Government spend some of that money assisting councils to upgrade their current water systems but leave the way it is managed to locals.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
M Beard	<p>No date provided.</p> <p>Not interested in change. I've been in this town from 1953, we have had no problems, so you don't fix things that are not broken. Leave our water alone. This is NZ not Scotland.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Vic Jones	<p>Submitted on 11 Saturday September 2021</p> <p>Dear Malcolm, I would like to express my appreciation on what you and your councillors have done as far as our water supplies go. We are second to none when it comes to our drinking water, sewage and wastewater. If the responsibility for our water was taken off the council, it would be safe to say that we would be at the bottom of the heap when maintenance or routine work was needing to be done.</p>

	<p>I would go so far as to say that the control of the three waters would be taken over by those who have no interest in Kawerau hence our water system would deteriorate where they would want to put in water meters to help pay for maintenance work. Control is behind the three waters not in the welfare of the people.</p> <p>Yours Faithfully, Vic Jones.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Douglas Kennedy	<p>Submitted on Thursday 9 September 2021</p> <p>There is no logic in accepting this 3 waters proposal. Kawerau has good water and good infrastructure maintenance. The Castalia Report said that the efficiency savings were implausible and economies of scale with Scotland where not based on credible evidence. That's good enough for our household. KDC is a relative high performer. We have excellent water with planned improvement. Kawerau residents will have a diluted influence if 3 waters took over. 8 cents in every dollar for infrastructure offered by the Govt is not good business.</p> <p>This will be an election make or break. Issue for the Govt, the mayor the west land district. Estimated rates would go from \$527 per annum to \$1640 per annum. No doubt Kawerau's will increase but no because we have to subsidise bigger cities so dump the 3 waters.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Brian Manning	<p>Submitted on Monday 13 September 2021</p> <p>No Thanks.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
M.R. Linton	<p>Submitted on Monday 13 September 2021</p> <p>Leave under local body control.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
John Bruce Bremner	<p>Submitted on Monday 13 September 2021</p> <p>No to reform – still want my job! No to sell out! No to iwi leaders!</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Glen Penny	<p>Submitted on Monday 13 September 2021</p> <p>Q. Are we allowed to label our 3 waters vehicles with “say no to water reform?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed model the government is promoting is not suitable for our community and our council. - We have a proposed long-term plan in place that is more suitable to stick with than what is on offer. <p>T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joining with 22 other councils will only dilute response times to client-based issues and cost more. - We are better off without the government’s proposal. <p>I am concerned the public may get the wrong perception on this reform and blame council for wanting to take the government's proposal.</p> <p>I think the council should voice their opinion to the public as well as making the available information public.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Barbara Anderson	<p>Submitted on Tuesday 14 September 2021</p> <p>I am dead against government taking over control of our waters. Our council done a great job for us in this regard and with the limited representation we would have over this reform I feel it can only be to our disadvantage. Why should Government benefit when Councils are knowledgeable about their communities. In the end it would cost us all a great deal.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Tegan Savage	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 9:16am</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Chevaane Kohu	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 9:26am</p> <p>I don't agree with this proposal. I disagree that some1 else represents me concerning water issues for Kawerau. Someone from Taranaki doesn't even know Kawerau, so why speak on my behalf. We have councillors that are from here, locally. So, my answer is NO, I don't agree.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Garry Woodroffe	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 10:10am</p> <p>I am quite happy for our own council to retain control of our services; I see the new 3 waters system just another way to increase our costs and put money into someone else's pocket. keep it local.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Toni Lumsden	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 11:32am</p> <p>Keep it local! I have absolutely no faith that the Government can do their proposed scheme properly or within budget. The Government has proven time and time again that they are completely unable to run anything without screwing it up monumentally. The Government is also paying significantly less than what the infrastructure is worth They will do 3 Waters and then charge us through the nose in the future. Locals will lose their say in what is done to their own water. Kawerau District Council has done a fantastic job so far and I am more than confident they will continue to do so. I think it would be a colossal mistake we would all live to regret if we handed over our infrastructure to the Government.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Stephanie Tuhoro	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 3:19pm</p> <p>Still not enough information regarding this reform.</p>

	<p>As quoted from our Mayor (The Beacon September 3) would Kawerau be better off under the three waters reform or, are there considerable risks if the Council "Opts Out". More time and community discussion is needed.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Robert Rhyndress	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 5:02pm</p> <p>Please do not allow the government to do what they want with the water because they'll just give the water away for free to big corporate overseas giants to line their coffers. I'd rather local council continue & community residents pay rates according to infrastructure requirements.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Janet Meredith	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 5:04pm</p> <p>Having just read the Castalia report/feedback, I am very concerned with the government's proposals for 3 waters plans Remain independent KDC Too many flaws in govts plans. KDC has the ability to take this community forward by remaining independent.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Philip Beeching	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 6:50pm</p> <p>No no no. This should stay the same. Stop gifting our infrastructure.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Pam Jackson	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 8:34pm</p> <p>Kawerau District Council have always supplied and serviced our water well. It is great knowing its source and that any service required happens quickly with local tradespeople.(why fix what aint broke) It appears on many levels that the Govt proposal is flawed. Even Castalia suggests that comparisons should have been with countries closer than Scotland.</p>

	<p>I believe that keeping our water governance local will keep prices down for residents HOW MANY OTHER WONDERFUL LARGE GOVERNMENT PROJECTS HAVE LABOUR ANNOUNCED AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FULLFILL > Will this be another one???</p> <p>Suggestion to Government: Maybe the billions to be invested in 3 waters could be better invested in hospitals, schools, police force, border security, "fixing" the Immigration Dept.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Rebecca Young	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 9:31pm</p> <p>I don't want 3 waters to be introduced in Kawerau. We are quite capable of looking after our own water resources, relinquishing control leaves open the possibility of privatisation, we need to keep control of our wai. Thank you.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jimmy Te Hau	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 - 10:37pm</p> <p>Not government based as that can be detrimental not only for our council but the people who are already employed by our council. Our waterways are a Taonga that government cannot control</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
John Ngamoki	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 10:42am</p> <p>I do not feel it is appropriate for any Government Body to take control of our countries 3 Waters System, especially our freshwater supply. And what do they know of local stormwater controls because each area is different with its own unique landscape? This can only lead to future problems and increased costs. It really hints at Communism and total control of a community-owned asset. It also allows them to sell out our one precious Life Giving Toanga to anyone willing to pay to take it. It's possible they've already sold us out and this is just a takeover. Whichever way, it needs to be stopped dead in its tracks. If they want to handle wastewater they need to start with sorting their own shit in the beehive first.</p> <p>What will they try and control next?</p> <p>Maybe Humanity itself, God forbid.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
David Porter	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 10:53am</p> <p>I would like to see Kawerau keep control of its own water services. The council has so far met the needs of our community and should continue to in the near future with the plans already in place.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Alan Morton	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 11:37am</p> <p>I am not in favour of the proposed Three Waters proposal as set forth by the Government. There has been a total lack of transparency from day one and the Labour Party led Government is hell bent on forcing this through before the next election. It is so obvious that it forms part of their approach to reform the Health System, Three Waters, and who knows what else under the He Puapua document which forms their overall secret agenda. The Treaty made us 'one people' - New Zealanders - and currently the proposal to create everything to do with governance having a 50/50 split Maori/the rest is causing our lovely country to become split along racial lines. The inequality of Governance with the Three Waters proposal is weighted heavily in favour of one group who could have a controlling effect through veto of any proposal put forward by the other. Council's representatives would be hamstrung and therefore unable to fairly represent the wishes/needs of the constituents within their Districts. Our Council can stand proud before the citizens of Kawerau. We have direct access, our needs are addressed and planning is with forethought. There is no reason why the Government can't supply cheap funding to Councils who need to upgrade their systems, but allow the Councils to control the works. Under the Three Waters proposal, the Government will put up our assets as collateral for massive loans from offshore, and you can guarantee that the Chinese Government will be very happy to step forward to provide funding - then down the track New Zealand will have to dance to their tune because they will 'own us'. Say NO to this divisive Socialist Government proposal. It's a wolf presented in sheep's clothing!</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Angelique Nicoll	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 12:34pm</p> <p>My concerns around this proposal by the government is that they will take our districts financial assets and redistribute them throughout their proposed region. Our council has amassed these assets over many years, from rate payers in order to continue to improve Kawerau infrastructure. We have seen how other districts have redistributed their funds (Edgecumbe</p>

	<p>floods) and recently Kumeu are classic example of their Council's poor management of funds and valuable resources. I also believe in the near future the 3 waters will be contracted out to investors who have the potential to monopolize our rights to all access. I believe our council can continue to manage our 3 waters without external influences.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Cushla and Mike Carroll	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 1:07pm</p> <p>WE ARE ABSOLUTLY OPPOSED TO THE THREE WATERS REFORM after reading the Kawerau Workshop Impact Assessment, listening to radio interviews and newspaper articles.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Fred Rowan	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 1:45pm</p> <p>I do not think the Three waters reform will be any good for Kawerau, as they are all Auckland companies and I believe they will take all the water from Kawerau to Auckland. This will not be good as it may mean that we will have to start getting water meters for the town, or other such ways to pay for our water when our water has always been included in the rates, not as a separate payment to the rates. On top of this, the Council will no longer have a say as to what happens with the water, in terms of care, such as what chemicals for treatment are need at what time. This means that the people that will be caring for our water will not know the needs of the water that comes from our spring.</p> <p>We do not need other people to care for our water, we need people from our town, that knows our town, to care for such an asset as our water.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Velocette Callan	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 1:46pm</p> <p>I do not think the Three waters reform will be any good for Kawerau, as they are all Auckland companies and I believe they will take all the water from Kawerau to Auckland. This will not be good as it may mean that we will have to start getting water meters for the town, or other such ways to pay for our water when our water has always been included in the rates, not as a separate payment to the rates. On top of this, the Council will no longer have a say as to what happens with the water, in</p>

	<p>terms of care, such as what chemicals for treatment are need at what time. This means that the people that will be caring for our water will not know the needs of the water that comes from our spring.</p> <p>We do not need other people to care for our water, we need people from our town, that knows our town, to care for such an asset as our water.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Danieele Kameta	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 8:36pm</p> <p>So if Government own as they say the water??? Then why the hell is nothing been done? And your house prices have risen for what Rotten water that the community and first-time owners have to drink and give to their whanau.</p> <p>How ridiculous.</p> <p>How about make our houses more cheaper then, for those like myself who suffer to even rent 1 let alone own one.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Corinne Reid	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 8:59pm</p> <p>I cannot see how our water being controlled by a large entity is going to be of benefit to Kawerau.</p> <p>I moved here 5 years ago from Pukekohe (the best move I ever made) and remember when Franklin was amalgamated into the Auckland Super City against our wishes - 85% voted against it but we still ended up part of the Super City without any of the benefits or cost savings we were promised would happen.</p> <p>A friend who worked at the local council told me to expect my water rates to go up by 500%. She was close. We used to pay a twice-yearly fee - I can't remember the amount but it wasn't huge. After becoming part of the super city with all its benefits we began paying a yearly charge of almost \$200, which was far more than previously, plus we also paid monthly.</p> <p>As a single occupancy household, I was a low user but still paid roughly \$50 per month for my water use. Imagine what it will cost a family!! And landlords pass this cost onto tenants, so everyone pays one way or another.</p> <p>Our water is wonderful. Don't change anything.</p> <p>I have heard of a process where the existing pipes are 'lined' with a product, which negates the need to replace them. I believe it has been used in the US and Canada but don't know any other details. That might be worth looking into.</p> <p>Please don't let central government take control of our water - what might be next? No local councils and everything controlled by a central body??</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Ron Lenzen	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 15 September 2021 - 10:02pm</p> <p>I am against this as central will treat this as profit driven. We will end up paying through the nose for our water they will install water meters and we will end up paying for water in and water out of our homes without a reduction in rates. Every year they will increase the prices. Keep our water local please or we will end up just a revenue supplying number.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Richard Hastings	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 11:09am</p> <p>As a rate payer in Kawerau I strongly oppose The Three Waters Reform Proposal. Our Council operate our fresh water, waste water and stormwater on behalf of the owners, the rate payers, and do a very good job. This resource should not be run by 6 representatives from 22 councils and 6 Iwi from a vast area who will not even know where Kawerau is. This Government's direction is obviously in line with the suggestions put forward by the He Pua Pua report which aims to split the country in half when we are supposed to be a family of 5 million.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jonathan Te Rire	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 12:10pm</p> <p>Firstly, I support Central Government's idea to create four new, multi-regional entities that will manage the Three Waters services.</p> <p>1. What I do want to know is how does the process to elect the 6 representatives from the 22 Councils in Entity B going to work - I guess Kawerau would want a voice; and 2. Where will the 6 Iwi leaders come from in the Entity B landscape and rohe, and how does this selection / election process work for the myriad of iwi in Entity B?</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Russell Murray Berghuis	<p>Submitted on 15/09/2021 via newsletter</p> <p>I do not support the three waters reform. It's going to cost us non rate payers. Also – too many chemicals in the town water.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Julia Hastings	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 12:01pm</p> <p>I do not consider there is a necessity to alter a perfectly well-run water reticulation system paid for by previous and current residents and want it to remain as it is.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Trevor Johnston	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 12:28pm</p> <p>After living in Kawerau for the last 17 years I have become convinced that KDC has a good understanding of what is needed for three waters min Kawerau and has good planning under way for future demands. It is therefore my considered opinion that Kawerau should decline to join the Government's three waters plans.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Elaine McGlinchey	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 12:28pm</p> <p>We, the undersigned, are firmly against the Government taking over our Three Waters in any shape or form. The community has already indicated that they are in favour of Council management and significant renewal projects and this has now been incorporated into the Long Term Plan. We have always had good drinking water in Kawerau, even being voted best in the country before chlorine was added due to Government scaremongering tactics after the Havelock North fiasco in 2016. That town had a similar outbreak in 1998 but Hastings Council chose to do nothing about it. As for the pipe failures in Wellington - that's another shambles, patching up as breakages occur all because former councils didn't worry about it. Why should Kawerau be penalised because of other councils lack of planning and foresight? We think our Council does an excellent job of managing the Three Waters and we don't want to see it taken over by some faceless entities in another area. We also don't believe the dire cost predictions issued by Government's Scottish Waters report. Next thing they'll try to make us believe in the Loch Ness Monster !!</p> <p>Elaine McGlinchey Paul McGlinchey</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Mark Lawson	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 4:39pm</p> <p>I would like Kawerau's water system to remain within the Kawerau district council control. I do not like the proposed changes, and I Say No to them</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Skarlett Starr	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 4:58pm</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to the governments Three Waters Reform - and feel that a much more formal process of consultation and public engagement at the minimum should be enacted prior to ANY decision of such far reaching magnitude. It is very very difficult to see the benefits to a community such as Kawerau. With only 6 representatives representing the 22 Councils we as a community are effectively reduced to a minority voice (probably none) - which is in clear contrast to our current situation. We would struggle to not be lost amidst the demands and needs of the other larger, more populated districts however our water needs are in no way less important in the context of our community. What is to stop the Government selling or contracting out its role in this centralised system - we have seen water privatised in other countries with gross negative implications for the citizens. It is entirely difficult to see how this system in any way would benefit us. It was mentioned that it might mean that the government would foot the bill for the upgrade of our drinking water pipes - however they may also relegate it to way less important that the upgrading of pipes in areas with larger populations. This form of utilitarianism - where the benefits to the majority out weigh the benefits to the minority would always see Kawerau in the back seat.</p> <p>The fact that the government says no council will be worse off after the reform is an empty statement without any mechanism by which to ensure this - and a clearly defined method of both comparison and reflection - or indeed a clear process by which local councils have recourse to hold the government legally and financially responsible for any failings. The money spent to put this massive change in place - very much like the Health System reform - could best be used to address issues on a local case by case basis. Lastly - many of us are very aware in this age of centralisation and digitalisation - that we rarely get to speak to - consultants or customer service agents that are in our own country let alone our own district. I had to ask a local plumber recently for his direct line as the only contact number provided was Rotorua based and I had to plow through many prompts in order to speak to a local branch member - will this happen with water issues? How can you guarantee this and that our water costs as ratepayers will not increase as we subsidise the entire "Entity B"? Will fluoridation of our water be a fait accompli? Why should we support this? It is grossly disempowering - will not improve services in any real or measurable way - how could it? Rather it is a system by which the faults of government can be both hidden and easily dismissed by a centralised decision-making engine that we have no power to affect or direct and will be dominated by the experiences and desires of large, urban populations who bear little semblance to this slice of paradise.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Miriam Tio Lenzen	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 8:30pm</p> <p>I am of the opinion that Kawerau should maintain autonomy over our water assets. If we become part of the 3 waters, there is no going back.</p> <p>There won't be an opportunity to have our say about our water anymore. It is not a good idea to hand over control over one of our most precious assets to government.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Neal Catley	<p>Submitted on Thursday, 16 September 2021 - 9:47pm</p> <p>I understand the New Zealand, Local Government Act [LGA] requires Councils to first consult with their communities over any plans to transfer water services. Accordingly, in order to satisfy the LGA a formal referendum should be undertaken by the Kawerau District Council. This process will allow Kawerau ratepayers to have their voices heard on whether to accept or reject the Government Three Waters Proposal. The reason for my submission is that I do not have any confidence that the The Three Waters Reform is financially viable. Added to that, I understand the 'Three Waters Reform, Feasibility Study' has yet to pass formal scrutiny of 'The Office of The Auditor-General, New Zealand.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Trish Brady	<p>Submitted on Friday, 17 September 2021 - 7:33am</p> <p>The Three Waters Reform Proposal</p> <p>Outlined below are my reasons for being against this proposal</p> <p>- From what I have seen, heard and done a little research about, I believe it is flawed and too rushed to be of any use to any one. It feels like a kneejerk reaction to what happened in Havelock North with the water contamination, when all that is needed is the up grade of aging infrastructure, and more efficient water catchment management.</p>

	<p>We know the infrastructure up grade has already begun, but I haven't seen any moves about water/rain harvesting on a national scale. We always get torrential rainfall in winter/spring that could be caught as a back up to district supplies in summer when many areas experience drought like conditions.</p> <p>- From the information on the KDC website it seems the consequences of flawed modelling from Scotland hasn't been thought out The "one size fits all" and "trickle down" mentality doesn't work ie Kawerau demographics compared to say, Henderson or Porirua, then over to Ruatoki where there are households sharing bore water, each of these communities have social and economic needs specific to them. How can they be managed the same way? It doesn't say how being lumped in with Hamilton, Taranaki, Tauranga where the populations are way bigger then here and other small communities in the eastern Bay, will work. Usually bigger populations get the lions share of the funding, and we've seen the problems of being included in changes in the area, with the Regional council which is centered here in the Bay. How is ringing an office in New Plymouth or Hamilton going to improve on that?</p> <p>- I'm against any form of amalgamation as I don't think its fair that we should have to take on other councils debt or give up our assets</p> <p>- I am for coming up with an alternative plan and would love it the community was involved</p> <p>Thank You for the opportunity to have our say</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Denis Cotter	<p>Submitted on Friday, 17 September 2021 - 10:36am</p> <p>In principle i am against this reform due to=council already have plans to upgrade/replace existing infrastructure in the long term plan. Dont trust future governments to on sell water as cash cow Basing reform on Scotland flawed.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jan Pullin	<p>Submitted on Friday, 17 September 2021 - 12:07pm</p> <p>I feel the kawerau community needs to keep control of our own water, we have different needs than the rest of New Zealand.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ric Dillon	<p>Submitted on Friday, 17 September 2021 - 1:03pm</p> <p>The Government's analysis using a Scottish model appears to have no relationship with Kawerau. I have no faith in this Government's ability to improve and better manage our water resources. Kawerau Council have shown that they have our systems under control.</p> <p>Castalia have shown that we have the capability and suggest that we go ahead with a counter proposal.</p> <p>I believe that if the Government take control we will face large increases in cost and expect the Government to sell OUR assets.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Debbie Croad	<p>Submitted on Friday, 17 September 2021 - 7:03pm</p> <p>The main existing example of centralized government managed services at the moment is NZTA and the highways in the eastern bay of plenty don't really say much about the priority investment given to smaller regions.</p> <p>I think all the money would be diverted to larger centres and small areas like Kawerau would get nothing. Our water quality and the management of the assets is being delivered adequately as it is.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Elly Schwarzer	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 9:20am</p> <p>Why would the council sell its infrastructure at reportedly much less than valuation to a larger corporation? The infrastructure was paid for by the ratepayers, now they will pay again through taxes. Who will control this?</p> <p>There should be no opportunity for vested interests to have veto powers or any section of the community to be over represented. This government is making divisions in our communities by giving so much more power, support, credence to only one section. We are all here and should all have the same rights. No-one from 200 years ago is still here and we have all built this country!</p> <p>Will at some later time these 4 entities be able to sell our water rights to some international corporation? Will we just become caged cash cows for the profit of others? Water is an essential right, like air and food and the control has to stay in the communities that use it!</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Basil Rosie	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 11:40am</p> <p>I am very concerned about the take over of the water that we all own. Do they want the air that we all breath as well! The council that we are part of has spent lots of money on giving us a good water supply paid by ratepayers. Why change it!!!.I am not in agreement</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Angela Harris	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 1:35pm</p> <p>Water rates: is there a guarentee water rates will not rise the same way as it did in Auckland Will Kawerau continue to get the great service we currently have and not have water taken to keep bigger cities serviced Will Auckland and Wellington and other bigger cities become of focus of repairs currently they have many issues which will cost an astronomical amount to repair, which can adversely affect repairs in smaller places How will this impact the rate payers, re repairs, maintenance and service How many small towns will end up with more people out of work. Will the water quality remain as good or better. Is this start of removing local government, local government knows far more than central governemnt Will the services be effected like Auckland services when the amalgamation began, areas who had money such and Manuaku is now in need of many repairs and services which do not happen, such as huge water leaks that are not repaired and currently continue to loose more water than they gain</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Angela Mikara	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 2:54pm</p> <p>This Reform looks like a means of gaining rights on the water in our Rohe first and foremost, and then throughout the Motu. It is reminiscent of the use of legalise and finances in gaining land in our early history.</p> <p>The Entity B is too large and should be divided into (3) three to better reflect the geographical location.</p> <p>Current allocation of Board representatives for Entity B appears to be unbalanced and unfair because smaller Councils like ours may be overlooked hence the reason for Entity B being divided.</p>

	<p>I wonder also what guarantee is there that if this is implemented, and the government changes, will promises and allocations be maintained?</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Sharon Moore	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 3:03pm</p> <p>I am opposed to joining the Three Waters Reform.</p> <p>Support thoughts and opinions of Kawerau District Councillors as I believe they have the local ratepayers' best interests in mind.</p> <p>This Reform looks like a means of gaining rights on the water in our Rohe first and foremost, and then throughout the Motu. It is reminiscent of the use of legalise and finances in gaining land in our early history.</p> <p>What and how does this affect current culturally based environmental projects like Saving local tuna – B Kerrison, Rangitaiki River.</p> <p>Against Catalia being appointed as independent review of Three Waters Reform because it is my opinion that the review is heavily influenced by USA who are their main office.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Christel Peri	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 3:07pm</p> <p>I don't agree with joining this Three Water Reforms.</p> <p>Can't understand why this is being introduced when Iwi, Hapū manage the water themselves. There is no need for control to be given to someone else.</p> <p>Our Council has already forecasted the finance to cover cost of water pipe replacement so why do we need to join this Reform. Our water doesn't have the same problems as elsewhere but under this Reform we would have to prop up other Councils within the Entity.</p>

	<p>What and how does this affect current culturally based environmental projects like Saving local tuna – B Kerrison, Rangitaiki River.</p> <p>This Reform looks like a means of gaining rights on the water in our Rohe first and foremost, and then throughout the Motu. It is reminiscent of the use of legalise and finances in gaining land in our early history.</p> <p>The Entity B is too large and should be divided into (3) three to better reflect the geographical location.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jenny Lang	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 3:19pm</p> <p>I am very concerned about what the current Government is proposing and strongly object to it because it is unfair on our local councils and all the ratepayers.</p> <p>It will deny the democratic right of all New Zealanders. Most of us do not have a good understanding of the implications to us and there needs to be genuine consultation with ratepayers and a referendum at minimum on the matter.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Stuart MacGregor	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 4:29pm</p> <p>I am vehemently opposed to the Kawerau District council giving away ratepayer-owned infrastructure for what is nothing less than cents in the dollar and despite claims of the government and losing control of what is very important to the town and district. I AM OPPOSED TO COUNCIL AND RATEPAYERS LOSING CONTROL OF THEIR OWN ASSETS. That is a NO FROM ME. Further to the information requested later in the form. My age and Ethnicity are of no relevance with regards to this online comment.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Graham Warren	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 5:09pm</p> <p>I absolutely object to the Kawerau district council losing control of the towns water supply. My biggest concern is iwi will gain too much control through the Labour government and we will end up paying royalties to Maori interests for something that belongs to all of us.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jess and Wayne	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 5:19pm</p> <p>I am against opting in to the Three Waters Reforms.</p> <p>Eight weeks is not enough time for councils to make a decision. Mahuta is a bully. We could lose councillors or our council Councils don't even know if their current water infrastructure debt will be transferred to the four entities. Independent reports show government figures are no more than crystal ball gazing. No in-public consultations for one of the biggest reforms on public assets. Councils will be replaced with independent boards. The bribe money is nowhere near enough. At least bribe us better. Government keeps moving the goal posts. Rate payers never invited iwi to the table. If government want to honour the treaty, let them honour it with our electricity assets to keep power bills under control. Government should look at other funding avenues. They only have a one-eyed solution. We will be on the hook to pay for other councils stink water management. How much will rate payers pay to set up this hairbrained idea? All Mahuta has really said about privatisation is she'll try not to let that happen. The Water reforms are very unpopular with the majority of the public. Mahuta is a bully.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ross and Lynn Vowles	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 5:19pm</p> <p>We oppose this as it is taking our rights away as a small council and we will be controlled by a huge identity who really doesn't care about the "little man" No doubt the cost will be high too</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Barbara Morton	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 5:28pm</p> <p>The Three Waters Scheme is just about an elite group getting control of our most precious asset - pure water - which belongs to all New Zealanders. Using the Hawkes Bay quality problem as a reason for the proposal is pure rubbish. The Government should be helping local authorities, not stripping them of their functionality. The Kawerau DC should stand firm and say no to this proposal until it can be transparently investigated. There is no reason for haste, let's have some real facts to make decisions on. I think it's all about control by a faction in Parliament and it smells of racial overtones. Please don't say yes!</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Wayne and Jan Purcell	<p>Submitted on Saturday, 18 September 2021 - 6:39pm</p> <p>Listening to the Mayor on the radio the other day and having read as much as our heads can absorb about the 3 Waters Reform we think the answer has to be positively NO. Giving control of the 3 waters to 4 Entities is a bit like Auckland becoming a Super City it never worked. Now nothing of our reasons is in any particular order.</p> <p>Privatization: Heavy reading but it seems to us that even though they say it would not be sold off as it's still owned by councils BUT the boards could in the future put a proposal on privatizing which would need a referendum by the people BUT it wouldn't be binding as the boards have the last say.</p> <p>Entity C: We have 67 councils throughout New Zealand also the way we understand it is there is 22 councils in this entity C of which there are only 12 seats available on the board for them so that means councils will have to fight for a seat. Break down seems to be 12 seats which are broken down into 6 for council and 6 for iwi. We believe there is a hidden agenda in all of this.</p> <p>Borrowing: If 3 waters goes ahead then these assets can be borrowed against causing a loss of control by the local councils and the ratepayers, residents etc.</p> <p>3 waters: If it went ahead we believe any profits that the Entities make does not go back to local councils or ratepayers but is meant to be used to buy future investments which we find a worry as to a hidden agenda once again.</p> <p>Costs: All boards will have in this order. 1: C.E.O. 2: Board Members (numbers unknown) 3: What I call Fat Cats (Consultants etc etc) 4: Local Councils (meaning no power whatsoever) so everything is times 4 as to the number of Entities New Zealand wide.</p> <p>Sorry this is a long read BUT that's what Kawerau Mayor Malcom asked for.</p> <p>Thank you if you read our submission as my wife & I have agreed upon this submit.</p> <p>Regards Wayne & Jan</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Graeme Morton-Jones	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 8:28am</p> <p>I am against the Three waters reform and ask that the council declines it. The council runs its services very well and the cost to the ratepayers is minimal. The Government has this agenda of giving everything to the Māori and this is causing race relations in New Zealand to get out of control. The cost to the ratepayer will increase considerably and the NZ debt will also increase</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Bill Gibson	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 1:08pm</p> <p>I strongly object to the Govts three waters proposal. It is draconian and punishes those councils who manage their resources well just because of a few who did not. It is a disgusting bureaucratic overkill, and which will result in an extensive and unnecessary excess and duplication of officials, staff and property resources all of which already exist in existing councils. The end result of this proposal will be of no benefit to ratepayers and citizens than that which already exist, but it will result in large additional costs and consequent cost of water that the ratepayers will have to wear. But importantly with this proposal, the ratepayer will give up and be denied their right to have a say in the future management of the resource that it currently has while it is under the control of elected officials. This right should not be given away. A public referendum should be held on the matter and only if the result of that referendum was in favour of the proposal should our right be given away.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Clare Birchall	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 1:37pm</p> <p>The answer is a strong NO, we don't need our water rights taken out of our publicly elected councils' hands. Why would we want our resources handed over to other areas that are possibly failing at managing their own. Where is our vote or is it just another 'do as you are told' government mistake. Let us vote.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Carole Roberts	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 2:23pm</p> <p>I do not agree with the Three Waters proposal. The Government has not demonstrated anything that makes me think that the proposal will be fair in any way. There is nothing that will stop them from moving the goal posts at any time it suits them. My opinion is a very big NO to the proposal. My husband is of the same opinion.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Graham Goodall	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 2:46pm</p> <p>It would be criminal for KDC to lose their large financial interest in our wastewater and freshwater infrastructure. It makes no sense trying to be administered along with 21 other councils. The Iwi governance would also worry me.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Neil Walker	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 3:47pm</p> <p>DO NOT sell off the assets of council which have been paid for by the rate payers. The Kawerau District Council have supplied one of the best drinking waters in NZ and due to the Government's interference insisting the water be chlorinated when it was never needed here, has created problems.</p> <p>If we go ahead and become one of the few councils that do join, then the three waters group would become privatised, and we would be having to pay for something that we have already purchased over the previous years.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Danny Thompson	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 5:03pm</p> <p>Dear Councillor,</p>

At the end of this month your council will be required to decide on the Labour Govts Three Waters proposal. Before you step in on our behalf without the legislated consultation with us, I would like you to consider the major shortfalls of this proposal, and also to remember that this is a govt that has achieved virtually nothing in the four years it has been in power. Their incompetence is as breath-taking as their arrogance.

While we now have the biggest debt in our history, they have failed on every one of their election campaigns planks, Kiwi build, poverty, homelessness, gangs, infrastructure, trains, bridges, you name it, they have failed at it. All we have to show for it is colossal waste, a bribed media and a racially divided country. Now they expect us to accept this as 100% truth and transparent...? Really?

You have all totally ignored the giant elephant in the room...the separatist, racist nature of this.

Three waters is not only the next failure on the block, it is a major piece of corruption that almost defies belief. Water does not identify race, let alone one that cannot control its own massive social problems or accept personal responsibility. Maori have had \$billions given to them, some of it deservedly, they are now a multi \$billion enterprise, and yet we are still paying out billions and getting called racists for our trouble.

Our water and infrastructure is owned by all New Zealanders (not Aotearoans by the way), it was designed and built by NZ civil, mechanical and hydraulic engineers to the fine standards of the day. It has served us well and nobody has sludge oozing from their showerheads, in spite of what the childish propaganda adverts would have us believe. There is no doubt a case for improvement, what there is NO case for is separatist, race based roots of the sort that Minister Mahuta is trying to force onto the population.

We are not blind to the skulduggery and scheming behind this proposal, Maori are less qualified than anyone to run complicated water infrastructure and as it stands at the moment, Maori have the exact same opportunity to have input through the usual council process of democracy. Would they like it if we gave 50% of the resource to the remaining NZ community, even though we make up 85% of the population and the tax base that paid for it in the first place?

Giving our water and infrastructure to one ethnic race is inconceivable, water supply has nothing to do with race, but this corrupt Govt is doing it.

Buying the infrastructure that we have paid for over the years and giving us 6c in the dollar for it, then making us pay to lease it back and then have the taxpayer pay for improvements and upkeep is insane. The cost of another useless but massive layer of bureaucracy will not save us money, it will cost us money, and Maori will rake huge fees off the top for nothing. Even worse, the fact that Maori have right of veto over the new governorship decisions and possible future rights of ownership, is quite frankly corrupt.

The Maori King has been quoted as saying 'whoever controls the water, controls the country', and Mahuta is going to hand it to him on a plate.

As a nation we demand that this proposal goes before the public in a democratic manner, a referendum, so that the current owners and builders of the resource can have their say.

	<p>I would like to remind you all that democracy has not served us well with the racist decisions being thrust upon us, unasked and unappreciated. Race based wards were bad enough but that is just the start, He Puapua is now out in the open after the 'world's most transparent govt' got caught out thanks to the official information act and the ACT party.</p> <p>We have local body elections coming up next year and there is a vast social network platform dedicated to supporting only those names that stand for democracy and you will find that it will be a potent force for change. We only want representatives that denounce race-based politics and your choice on where you stand on these vital issues will determine the outcome of those elections.</p> <p>The three waters decision will be the one that you can stand up to, protest against and be proud of, or forever go down in infamy and be a blot on the history of local body politics.</p> <p>This is OUR water, not yours, or any govts to give away to specific individuals and groups, we want you to fight on our behalf and the least we expect is a public referendum.</p> <p>This is a pivotal point in our democracy and history, please let's not throw it all away.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>Danny Thompson</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Bea Maksimovic	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 6:05pm</p> <p>It is my belief that local government should be partnering with central government to achieve water outcomes without any purchase/compensation of infrastructure that ratepayers over the years have paid for. A board or panel of twelve is highly unlikely to be across with localised issues whereas local councils know their constituents and local issues and solutions. Another top-heavy bureaucracy is not going to solve any problems (remember DHB's) but local councils can if supported financially to do so. I am totally against the proposed Three Waters in its current form.</p>
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Christine Rattray	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 6:46pm</p> <p>I am very much opposed to joining three waters amalgamation. We are more than able to continue upgrading our water system and keeping water rights where it belongs. Here in Kawerau.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Michael Godfrey	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 8:10pm</p> <p>Why should we change something that is already reasonably successful? The KDC is managing our water and effluent treatment systems well at present and we don't want to imitate the fiasco at Auckland city. Why pay for outside management people to replace the ones that we already have. One just needs to look at the inefficiencies that have occurred combining Auckland suburbs into one super city. This included of course outsourcing the management and running of the water and sewage systems for the whole Auckland region. A huge costly, ineffective result that we do not want repeated in Kawerau! KDC should opt out of this ridiculous scheme asap. There may be opportunities to combine some operations with other Districts but only if there will be benefits to Kawerau.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Vicky Lambert Silcock	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 8:33pm</p> <p>I am not happy about this there is not enough information to make an informed decision. My family already struggles day to day how is this going to affect our community and families like mine. Are there going to be more cost? ETC. Kawerau is already a struggling community how is this going to affect the community as a whole?</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Margaret Burton	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 9:02pm</p> <p>Why do we need government controlling our local water? We were doing fine before the Hastings "water contamination"? This is just another ruse that the government is using to fluoridate our water and/or sell our water to the Chinese!</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
David Rolinson	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 9:09pm</p> <p>The proposal rides roughshod over ratepayers. Generations have paid for the assets. They should be kept local. Surely government can come up with a better financial plan to allow local councils to continue to manage our ratepayer assets or pay us full price for them. I think councils who take the deal could be cold shouldered at the elections.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Rena Rogers	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 9:11pm</p> <p>I do not want three waters to go ahead as i do not think water should be owned by the government full stop.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ocia Rangī	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 9:15pm</p> <p>Financial support to upgrade and maintain all water service providers especially rural, create local employment for the mahi needed to upgrade services.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
David Parlour	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 9:26pm</p> <p>I oppose the Government's 3 Waters Reform. The residents of Kawerau would be far better catered for under the present arrangement and it would be undemocratic to surrender the assets of our community for a fraction of their worth and allow an undemocratic body to administer our future water services. There have been professional studies completed and published which support my opposition. The very least that should be done is to put the matter to the electorate via referendum but it is clear from polls that the whole notion should be abandoned and no further tax payer funds used for the project.</p>

	It is clear that the proposal is part of the He Puapua assault on democracy.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Vicki Read	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 9:28pm</p> <p>I am not for the three waters reform as I feel it is unfair to expect our community to pay the debt of other councils. The appeal of living in our town is the fact that it is affordable to reside here. If we are paying water rates to cover other debts, then it is no longer affordable to live here. As a small business owner additional costs have to be taken into consideration as to whether it is viable to continue to reside here. Therefore, I ask that we opt out of the reform.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Elizabeth Barlow	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 10:02pm</p> <p>I would like to see local councils retain the management of our water. I believe in keeping things local including the employment of contractors. People who live locally are more likely to be invested in making a difference. Also I don't wish to see an increase in rates to subsidise water management in more densely populated regions. If I do have to pay more rates, I would rather see that money spent locally</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Shannon Vanstone	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 10:03pm</p> <p>I do not want to see the three waters proposal go ahead. There has not been enough time to consult the community properly. We are the rate payer, we vote in our council, they are our assets. They should under no circumstances be sold off to this incompetent government. I think there should be a community referendum in regard to this and open community debate and discussion. To me and my family selling this infrastructure spells the beginning of the end and leads down a very slippery slope. No one should ever be able to own the water as it is for all the people and all life. We have an amazing small town and I think we should always advocate for standing on our own two feet amidst the big guys, lest we be trampled on by their big boots. We should be in control off the water for our little town no one else.</p>

	<p>I for one will be watching who is for and against in our council and will vote accordingly in the future. Thank you for giving your community the chance to voice their opinion on this very important matter.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Dave Kahika	<p>what control would the multi regions have over rural areas regarding private bore and spring water?</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Barbara Sterling	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 10:14pm</p> <p>I have considered the Government's proposed offer, regarding the "Three Waters", and would like to see the Kawerau District Council continue to be responsible for Kawerau's Water Supply.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Sharon Ramanui	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 10:28pm</p> <p>Keep it out of the Government's hands, we need it to stay in local hands, those that are Truly affected by the Decisions. Try and keep Corruption away.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Dorothy Mareroa	<p>Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 10:30pm</p> <p>I don't believe that the Three Waters Reform Bill would be of benefit to the community of Kawerau. We are such a small borough council that we would be lost in this. On that basis I oppose the government's proposal.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Carole and Robert Stuart	Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 10:33pm We do NOT agree with the 3 waters proposal.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Pat Mareroa	Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 10:30pm I'm against the 3 waters reform
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jessica McKeeman	Submitted on Sunday, 19 September 2021 - 10:51pm Don't want the three waters "reform". It's not fair for communities like us who looked after our infrastructure to be paying for places that did nothing for years and now have serious issues.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Fran Cacace	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 12:52am Three Waters reform would be so wrong as every area is different and just cannot be controlled on a bigger scale efficiently and on budget. Locally operated is more accountable and better managed for local needs.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Rachael Savage	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 4:40am I have yet to see how following reform the water and water usage will be allocated. I have concerns that our residents' water will then be used for agriculture and big business, with residential rate payers left paying for it.

	<p>I have concern that the process for resolution on matters will then be lost within yet another multi-layered government department.</p> <p>I have concern that the rates here in town (which are larger than what I paid in Auckland) will continue to be disparate with other towns. This combined with rising house costs means that the affordable town is gone.</p> <p>I have concern with what will be added to the water.</p> <p>And I also gave concern about governance. This area is water rich, we run the risks of low availability of water due to other areas been seen as more important.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Phillip Kemp	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 6:51am</p> <p>I'm against the handing over our rights as a citizen of Kawerau, to a government dept, don't do it please, Kawerau District Council.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Wowi loane	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 6:52am</p> <p>As a small little town, we don't need to go under a large umbrella that involves other council's interfering on how much water we use should use. Don't see why we should, Kawerau is doing awesome on our own always have. I think it's just a way to make our district get involved in more than water, eventually taking power away from our own district council.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Sandra Harris	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 8:11am</p> <p>Kawerau Council does an amazing job in looking after its residents. Let's not lose the right to act on what is best for Kawerau. Do not sign away our water assets.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Kimba Anderson	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 8:45am</p> <p>NO NO NO NO. It's not for govt to own. It belongs to the people of the area the rate payers. It is great that we can ring the council and get a local person who knows the local area. It will go to a call centre in Wellington, and before long (don't you know it, they outsource to a call centre in some other country that do not speak our language) from there to the local water fixers and they will be contracted from Whakatane or Tauranga. There is a lot of travel involved and up goes the cost per cube This will be passed on to all those who rent. and the rates will follow.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Sean Armstrong	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 8:50am</p> <p>After reading through the information provided, especially the independent review done by Castalia. I can wholeheartedly say I am against going into the 3 Waters amalgamation and would prefer we, Kawerau District Council and Township, stand against it and go it alone as we had already planned to do so. If that means covering costs of water upgrades through our rates, then so be it. The Comparisons used in the 3 Waters proposal is so widely different than what is actual is just phenomenal in how inaccurate they are. I suspect that most common folk who are not actually part of the process and actually required to read through and understand the proposal and the information provided with it, are relying on gossip and hearsay, especially through social media. If, due to current covid restrictions, a Hui is not possible, I would strongly recommend a paper-based referendum be sent out to all Kawerau residents.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Renata (Lenny) Falwasser-Ratana	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 9:07am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kawerau has always had their own water. Why does Kawerau need to join other councils? Other councils don't help us now and we definitely shouldn't be asking for help now. 2. Would our rates be increased because of this joint venture? 3. Will ratepayers be paying for water like Auckland? Kawerau should not join with other councils. We have been independent with our own water since the beginning. <p>*Paying for water makes it seem as if we're a filthy country. It definitely isn't clean green anymore. Blame industry and farmers.</p> <p>Renata (Lenny)</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Charmaine Teirney	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 9:08am I do not agree to the 3 waters reform as I strongly believe it should be left in the hands of the people to know what's best for the future without the governments influence.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ken Soames	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 9:39am opt in NO. opt out YES.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jennifer Kavetoa	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:02am Totally against the three waters reform. Think as a ratepayer we already pay our fair share to look after our community and it's needs.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Carolyn Storey	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:04am My concern is that as the smallest council, our voice would not be heard. We have no debt and it's inevitable that larger entities will suggest "sharing the debt" in order to placate their communities at the expense of our own. Speaking of expense, I also worry that there will be a push for water meters, ostensibly in the name of "efficiency" but in reality, as a revenue gathering exercise for larger areas in order to offset their debts. Kawerau has an abundance of water and it has been appropriately managed for locals over the years. I'm not about to agree to subsidise the foolish decisions of other councils and their debts. I most certainly will not agree to outsiders telling our area they know what is best for us.

	<p>Kawerau is different to the likes of the Western Bay of Plenty, Taupo, Whakatane, Tauranga, Taranaki. We have a very high population of tangata whenua and a high proportion of people who are vulnerable and/or economically deprived. History and research has proven time and time again, of how the views and voices of tangata whenua and of the poor and vulnerable, have been suppressed and I firmly believe this will happen under the Three Waters proposal.</p> <p>Rather than being able to focus on the needs of locals, the council here is going to end up spending time, money and resources in order to get Kawerau voices heard in this absurd organisation. This initiative may have its roots in the principle of guardianship of our water, but I believe it runs counter to the Treaty of Waitangi in that it takes sovereignty away from local iwi and hapu. It diminishes their rights as kaitiaki and seeks to impose and interject Crown interests in our waters because this proposal is not born of tangata whenua, it is a policy directive from government.</p> <p>I am one hundred percent against the Three Waters proposal and consider this matter urgently needs to be put before the Waitangi Tribunal for ruling.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Karen Lowe	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:06am</p> <p>Please retain the status quo. Do not hand our water over to the Government for peanuts.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Wayne Dawson	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:15am</p> <p>Knowledge of our water service is invaluable. This would be lost if it was handed over to others which in turn would increase maintenance costs.</p> <p>I disagree with the proposed reform and why would Iwi be involved with Kawerau's water services?</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Mandy Blackburn	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:21am</p> <p>The government should not be allowed to control different districts decision making when it comes to water. I am concerned about the different chemicals they we add to our drinking water, i.e. fluoride and other poisons we live in New Zealand not China. We market our town on our pristine water so let's not make it like every other town.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jill Pederson	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:41am</p> <p>I oppose the government proposal to change the 3 waters. I want the council to retain control of the water in New Zealand. My main concern I do not want Iwi having control of our water.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Mark Rattray	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:58am</p> <p>I do not believe the proposed Government water reforms are in the best interests of our town. Kawerau District Council already has a well-developed plan for the replacement of freshwater piping around the district whilst the other 2 Waters present no problems and are of no concern. The compensation to the town undervalues the infrastructure and is little more than theft. It beggars belief that a remote committee would serve our local interests better than the KDC. I strenuously oppose this Government's plan.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Dave Marx	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 11:00am</p> <p>I feel we will end up paying more for our water services if govt takes control and like everything else they get hold of, will be either poorly run or sold. Please keep it local.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Robyn Metzger	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 11:05am</p> <p>I say no to Kawerau District Council joining together with any other council/ groups/ governing bodies etc.</p>

	<p>KDC is doing well at managing its own resources and keeping the rates manageable for its ratepayers. Let's keep the decisions and power in the hands of our own people.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Phil Kilroy	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 11:06am</p> <p>We should opt out of the Three Waters Reform. As we are at risk because the goal posts are changing and no clear information available.</p> <p>As Kawerau Rate payers need to own our own infrastructure, drinking water, storm water and sewage system. I believe KDC are doing an excellent job in upgrading the drinking water piping in stages.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Malcolm Helyar	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 11:16am</p> <p>Kawerau has and always had, a good, well run, sound water supply, and management. Abdicating this to a remote bureaucratic, more expensive system, that will result in a reduced, and slower service, is a retrograde step. Given the size, and makeup of "Entity B", Kawerau's needs would become of lower importance to that of larger urban areas in the entity, which in turn would lead to long delays, and reduced services, along with increased costs to the town. Furthermore while losing its anatomy, the town would also lose any real control in the entity and be dictated to others with little if any interest in our town. It appears to be yet another attempt by the central government to yet again try to reduce local government WE DO NOT SUPPORT JOINING 3 WATERS.</p> <p>Questions. Will the true value of Kawerau's water system be fully recognised, and paid for? Will there be a requirement for Kawerau ratepayers to subsidise other areas/regions? What guarantee is there, that service will remain the same or better? What guarantee is there, that there will be an ongoing cost benefit, that will be maintained, and not short lived? What guarantee is there, that it will not at any time cause an increase in rates? What veto rights will there be with regards to expenditure and bureaucratic salaries? What guarantee is there that Kawerau will have notice taken of its requirements, and needs? What guarantee is there, that if the reform does not work that Kawerau will be able to opt out? What guarantee is there that that the scheme will never be privatised in years to come? What rights are there for Kawerau, in the selection of the six bureaucratic representatives? What veto rights are there, to enable the removal of an unsuitable "Entity B" representative?</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Shirley Whitwell	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 11:29am</p> <p>I am totally against this. the government is pushing their agenda with advertising for the concept, without offering the other side of the story. Well done council for commissioning an independent report. Castalia have expressed concerns. Let's listen to those concerns and refuse to allow the government to push this through.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Averil Edhouse	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 11:36am</p> <p>No, no, no! I oppose this reform. We have a perfectly good structure in place that has been built up over many years, funded by ratepayers and carefully managed by our Council. Why fix what isn't broken. We are surrounded by larger districts that would love a piece of what we have built up and joining the proposed entity will be a forerunner to amalgamation of Councils. (That I am also opposed to!) Our Council has carefully built up and managed our drinking, waste and storm water over many years and I would like it to stay that way. Our drinking water, while it may have had a few hiccups recently is still the envy of many who visit. I am sure other areas would like to pipe it out!!</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Colleen Boon	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 11:35am</p> <p>I would like to raise my objection to the Three Waters Reform where the government administers and manages the water in my area. Our drinking water is preferable to many other districts I have lived in. I believe the reform is being used for the purpose of new administrations positions, and request that the water situation is left as is.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
K Anderson	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 11:58am</p> <p>we don't need the government to take any more control of our council. Every town is different and has different needs- different culture and different</p>

	<p>contractors- we are same but VERY different. Leave our small towns alone- just so you can take control of our valuable resources to share with other town's that don't take such good care of it.</p> <p>We don't live in Auckland because we don't want to drink their YUCK water- its horrible to shower in and our dogs would not even drink it- it is almost poisoned water- why would we want government to control what we drink- what we wash in and where our waste goes- we have a very dedicated team already set up in our community that cleans our waste and recycles it.. They are what small towns need- not big government departments sitting on chairs deciding where our shit goes- Taking our small town jobs away to the big cities. Then in the end we all know that the government will either give the control away to one IWI- or sell it off to a private entity. LEAVE NZ SMALL TOWNS ALONE.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Broughton Ranapia	<p>I hope with Government taking over they do not start pumping water to Auckland, and I hope this Government does not privatise this.</p> <p>Auckland running out of water over summer – so where are they going to get it? Hope not Kawerau.</p> <p>Look after Auckland – Yep this will happen.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Anonymous	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 12:22pm</p> <p>Please leave the current system in place. Paying for every drop of water used could be a financial stress on some families here.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
David and Jocelyn Griffiths,	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>Dear Malcolm and Team,</p> <p>Firstly we are very impressed and thankful for the way KDC looks after our town, and us, and our waters. Secondly, over the years, having been employed by a local authority, and having observed several governments amalgating various local boards and councils etc into larger entities, which was supposed to give more efficiencies in works and financially,we have concluded that when the drainage boards,pest destruction boards, and town councils were either amalgated or absorbed by larger neighbouring councils, the end result, frequently ,was not what was promised.But, it resulted in a loss of on the ground care, and local contacts and knowledge.</p> <p>In short, frequently,a poorer result, and deterioration of local assets.</p>

	<p>Thirdly, the Kawerau District Council's water policies and oversight are fantastic and we are very happy with the status quo!</p> <p>We cannot see how a single entity, comprising 22 councils ,who are represented by only 6 members and 6 Iwi leaders (meaning one rep. per 3.5 councils, and one Iwi rep.per 3.5 councils), can possibly cover the best interests of all the smaller local areas, like Kawerau.</p> <p>We are seriously concerned that the competing interests will totally override the interests of Kawerau. Therefore we respectfully request that the Kawerau District Council does NOT endorse the government's proposed Three Waters Reform.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, David and Jocelyn Griffiths, 236 Valley Road, Kawerau.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Heather Murphy	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 12:39pm</p> <p>I don't feel I know enough about it to have an opinion either way. The study I felt was from a very Council focused lens, and of course Councils losing assets is not something they will be on board with.</p> <p>Nationwide we need more clarity on this subject, its why's and a clear pros/cons breakdown.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Bernie Douglas	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 1:17pm</p> <p>We are against this ie do not agree for various reasons. We will end up paying more in water rates and as pensioners we do not need added costs.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Cheryl Wilson	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 1:19pm</p> <p>I do not support the Kawerau District Council joining the Three Waters services.</p> <p>I do not believe that our town is better off by being governed by 6 representatives from the 22 Councils. We can do it ourselves.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Joy Douglas	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 1:21pm I am against this purely because of the cost that we be incurred with water rates. It comes out of the sky so why should we have to pay.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Rochelle Grimes	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 1:42pm I would like to oppose the three waters scheme. As a rate paying member of the community, I would prefer to keep our assets and the control of them in our community with the local council. The Kawerau council does a great job and listen to the community, there is no need to fix what isn't broken.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Chris Wilson	My main concern is the government will make decisions on our water without any real thought of our individual community.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Vanessa Worell-Kurth	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 1:46pm I don't agree with the government. Stand strong KD
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Craig Mclean	Monday, 20 September 2021 - 1:52pm Have little trust in autonomous entities running basic amenities.

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ruth and Bruce Plank	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 1:53pm</p> <p>I am totally against the move to have 4 areas in charge of all water in New Zealand. Kawerau has kept the water supply and pipes clean and free of contaminants. If there are contaminants the Council see to it that they are cleared promptly. I feel if these huge changes are to be made all Council rates will rise which, of course, means all households will have to pay more rates.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ben Vermuelen	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 1:42pm</p> <p>I am dead against it. Kawerau owns all the assets and only when there are big problems and people's health are in danger the health department should have any say or control</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Tracey Jeffries	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 2:04pm</p> <p>Local council must be given the opportunity to control water management with consultation from their local communities. The Castalia independent review should signal that government is not the best authority to control water. Government is having a knee jerk reaction to the incident in Havelock North and that incident has nothing to do with every other council in New Zealand and their ability to manage water. Local consumers should decide matters regarding chlorination and fluoridation of drinking water.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jenny Reynolds	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 2:42pm</p> <p>I have major concerns about the Governments proposed Three Waters Reform. Currently the Kawerau District Council has responsibility for the health and well-being of our water and our community. Bigger doesn't always mean better. We had beautiful tasting water before we had chlorine permanently added to our drinking water supply. It was treated with UV, regularly tested and shock treated chlorine only when needed. This practice appeared to work well. Even with the addition of chlorine to the drinking supply the council still needs to regularly test for pathogens.</p>

	<p>Once chlorine was added on a permanent basis, it created problems with dirty water caused by manganese and other chlorine soluble substances being swept off the pipes and dissolved in our drinking water. This has meant that the programme for the replacement of drinking water pipes has had to be accelerated and the council has had far more complaints about dirty water since chlorine has been permanently introduced. Even people who have bought water filters have complained about the state of their filters and how often they have needed replacing.</p> <p>The taste and smell of chlorine is awful. I can smell it when I turn on the shower and flush the loo. I can taste it in my drinking water, tea and coffee, some parts of town seem to be worse than others for the chlorine taste. I am thankful to the council that it still continues to supply unchlorinated, uv treated water at the pump house. I use it regularly and will continue to use it until our water supply no longer contains chlorine.</p> <p>Chlorine is for cleaning the loo, not for drinking.</p> <p>My concern is that if Kawerau District Council opts into the Three Waters Reform programme, that the Kawerau District Council will lose all control of its water related infrastructure and we will be permanently stuck with chlorination to cover the government's backsides against litigation if anyone gets sick from a waterborne disease. I would hate to see our chlorine-free water supply go and would prefer to have the council be able to restore its water supply to the way it used to be, with filtration and UV treatment and regular testing.</p> <p>Not all water supplies in New Zealand are the same, so why should councils who have deep aquifers have to provide the same treatment as water supplies that come from rivers?</p> <p>Another concern that I have is that eventually the government will sell our water off to overseas interests overseas. Kawerau has already seen the impact that the sale of forests and mills to overseas interests has had on its local people, so what makes us think that the same thing won't happen to our water?</p> <p>The availability of fresh clean, sustainable drinking water is the God given right of every human being, so Kawerau District Council please vote NO to the Three Water Reform, otherwise it will be another asset that our community has lost.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Elsbeth Keith	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 2:52pm</p> <p>I object to the new Three Water Reform.</p> <p>As the standard of our drinking waster, Wastewater and Stormwater maintenance will be degraded and neglect on the Wastewater and Stormwater pipes, drains and service.</p> <p>Only the major Cities / Towns or major tourist areas will get first preference on any work or upgrades needed before the small Town/ Cities which will get ignored in the new Three Water Reform.</p> <p>Our Kawerau District and all of the other Districts should still have control of our Drinking Water, Wastewater and Stormwater. Kawerau District Council have given the community a very good service and a good performance of maintenance and upgrades or anything else that is required to imp[rove on for our Drinking Water, Wastewater and Stormwater management over the years.</p> <p>Why change a system that works for our current Districts?</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Peter Grimes	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 3:08pm</p> <p>I vote against the three waters reform. I want control of our waters to stay with the council</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Chris Reynolds	<p>Submission on the Three Waters Consultation at Kawerau</p> <p>I wish to oppose the transfer of Kawerau’s Three Waters resources to one of the proposed Water Authorities. Kawerau appears to have the planning and financing already in place for replacing our Three Waters assets over the next three years. At least, that was what I understood from the presentations during the LTP consultation earlier this year. So, by the time this proposed change from local control to nearly national control comes to pass, we will have done and paid for much of the upgrading of our TW infrastructure and have organised the rest of it. Kawerau will be in a position to be called upon by its membership of a Water Authority to help pay for the upgrades in other TAs, in addition to having undertaken payment for our own, already-completed, upgrades.</p> <p>At the present time, water supply networks are by and large bounded by the Territorial Authority that the network serves. I fail to see what we would gain by transferring control and maintenance of our network to some distant city. More likely, we will be charged their city rates for development and maintenance here, and probably have to pay travelling time to boot.</p> <p>We will have no actual come-back if the service-levels of the Water Authority are not met. If they choose not to do more than the minimum necessary to keep the water actually coming out the taps, we cannot bring water supply back in-house, nor go off to a different Water Authority.</p> <p>We have a small water network. If there is a major water outage, we will slip well down the sequence of restoration work. Larger water networks serve more customers. If there is a widespread outage, the larger networks will get the maintenance first – they can generate more complaints, and bringing them back on-line early on enables PR at the Water Authorities to put out much larger numbers of people with restored services sooner than if they fix the small areas like Kawerau first.</p> <p>You will have noticed that in the South Island when snowfalls cut off power to an area, the larger population centres get power restored first, and the people in smaller areas are left to their own resources for much longer.</p> <p>I note that Labour has already said publicly that the four Water Authorities will not be sold or privatised. With all respect, the current government cannot commit future governments to any particular course of action. Kaingaroa Forest was created and originally owned by the NZ Government. Then it was privatised and sold to Fletcher Challenge. Now it is owned by overseas Pension Fund(s). By all accounts, there is now a shortage of structural timber in NZ for building much-needed houses and the logs are being sold overseas, by and large. I would have thought that Water Authorities, each with a captive market, high cost of entry, no competition at present and a reliable system of national government, would be valuable acquisitions for any long-term investor, such as an overseas pension fund.</p>

	<p>Once we have privatised our water supply and it is at least partially owned or controlled by overseas interests, we are vulnerable to some other country using our water supply as a bargaining chip in a trade dispute. Or look at our trading banks where the four largest were bought fairly cheaply three decades ago, and now repatriate large sums overseas year after year after year (even as they continue to reduce services to customers in smaller areas). And these profits that go overseas are completely unavailable to NZ to use.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
John Whitehead	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>I hope the KDC will oppose this Three waters reform and keep control of the rate payers assets. I have 35 years experience working in water and waste water treatment. This Three waters reform is the most dangerous and ill conceived piece of effluent i have seen. You only need to look back to the 1920s to see how this will end. The loss of local control and asset stripping from rate payers will reduce water quality and access. The use of race to control and centralize assets is not in our best interest. People need quality water to live. This reform will only increase the price and remove peoples rights to water. Please don't take central Governments incentives to asset strip rate payers water assets.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Sandra Stonell	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 3:24pm</p> <p>I would prefer to leave the existing water ownership with the individual Councils and not to have them come under Three Waters. Each Council has done their replacement pipework and other water services as they see fit. Why penalise those whose ratepayers who have paid to keep their infrastructure in working condition and have spent large amounts of money to do so. Individual Councils know the requirements of each and every household/business in their area. They are able to accommodate for future improvement if and when required. To join the different areas into three areas is never going to work. Home ownership is getting too expensive to have for the average person and it will only put more people on the street over time. I do NOT support Three Waters Reform</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

David Grimwood	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 3:29pm</p> <p>I'm concerned that the cost of this will greatly increase my rates. Maybe not short term but definitely feel there is a long term plan to increase rates. It seem as though it's just another sub committee for government to increase their own pockets. With our region being linked with the Waikato and taranaki will our rates be offsetting their agricultural costs.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Colin Churchill	<p>Three Waters Reform Submission Notes</p> <p>I'm not in favour; Govt. has not given sufficient reasons why I should be. About \$5,000,000spent on TV brain washing could have been spent on bringing some Councils up to speed with their water ops. The establishment of 3 water boards will be expensive & I doubt be self-supporting. Who will fund them? How will it be funded? – Not by Govt., I suspect. Is this the start of privatization? Will efficient Councils be stripped of assets and resources to prop up non efficient Councils? The Govt. is hell bent on bulldozing this through without what should be a referendum on the subject. I think the Govt. is side stepping a diplomatic approach without providing sufficient information, or time for adequate consultation.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ngaru Michelle Hudson	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 4:00pm</p> <p>My concerns are losing control of our waterways. Why should we give this away. This Whenua came with the Wai, to separate their joint identity when decisions are made for eg. Diversion of our waters, it will not be healthy for the Whenua or the Tangata Whenua. We the people should be the voice of each rohe not corporates.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Prue Lowen	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 4:08pm</p> <p>We were PROMISED by our mayor that Kawerau would NOT chlorinate our water supply. Well, that didn't last. They caved in to the bullying from the 'top', i.e government. (note that some councils did resist and do still have unchlorinated water). This is just another step to losing control of all we hold dear.</p>

	Kawerau is capable of taking responsibility of our own water supply. We have already given away enough governance! We do not need Three waters reform.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ocia Rangī	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 4:26pm Ask all their questions of how much will rates go up? How does it effect the town good and bad.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Nicki Scott	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 4:28pm The Scott family has discussed the decision for Kawerau District council to OPT OUT of the proposed Water reforms by Central government. We anticipate that our rates will increase considerably should the local council proceed with this unsatisfactory three waters reform and will be the beginning of amalgamation of other local services. We do not want local decisions made by a central group who do not have our interests uppermost.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jimi (James) Dale	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 4:42pm I do not want Central Government to take over control of Kawerau water supplies It will only end up costing the people who live here a lot of money and they will lose any say in what will happen with the water in the future. I see it as a way to move water supplies into the hands of big business and it will mean local people will be the biggest losers. I am a rate payer and own the house located at 61 Galway St Kawerau
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Betty McQuillin	Submitted on Monday 20 September 2021 – 4:56pm Thank you for the opportunity to tell you what I think

	<p>We are very pleased with the Kawerau District Council and the way it operates its services at present and would much prefer that the situation/structure be left just as it is.</p> <p>We are adamantly opposed to any reform that involves Central Government and it is our wish that you, as our local Government, continue to manage our drinking water, wastewater and storm water in the successful and professional way that you do at present.</p> <p>We do not need Central Government interfering in our local community and politics. Please tell them so on our behalf.</p> <p>Yours faithfully John & Betty McQuillin</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Alison Marshall	<p>Submitted Monday 20 September 3:09PM</p> <p>Please Jacinda, may I ask that central government practice what they preach and “be kind” to your “team of 5 million” and listen to what we (the people/he tangata) have to say/korero, kapa? It’s all a bit much for us at the moment – what with COVID, Delta, lockdown, job losses. Housing, natural disasters being in survival mode – we’re just trying to stay alive.</p> <p>Never mind on top of this we have to turn ourselves into academics so that we submit a well-researched submission on another life changing major situation – i.e., 3 waters reform – before the end of September!!</p> <p>Be kind central government and put a halt/rahui on this process, give us breathing space please. We’ve been in lockdown since 18 August with no ability to hold public meetings or have group get-togethers to discuss the reforms, to be informed, to make a submission! I SUPPORT WHAT MY COUNCIL DECIDES. My council has done good research & diligent appraisal (in trying times) to present us with the information to make our informed submissions.</p> <p>Q1 – I have read the DIA funded Tuhara Partners balanced scorecard report. I support the middle plan which is KDC LTP 2021-2031 WITHOUT REFORM. The graphs clearly show this is our BEST option. We create debt with the purchase of a replacement drinking water piping system, but our council has been diligent in planning the repayment over an affordable intergenerational timeframe.</p> <p>Our water comes from the springs, with artesian backup. To have the control of our water (all 3) in faceless people “faraway” is like our water has “gone too”, it is not ours anymore. Water is life, we don’t want to have to pay to use it.</p> <p>Q2 – The risks in opting out - as above, we lose control, it no longer serves us, it can become a commodity that we pay for. There appears to be little risk for Kawerau Council to not be a part of the currently proposed reform model.</p>

	<p>Our council will have our drinking water renewed by 2026, we are at the forefront of good water governance. The only other risk is, because we are a small council, the perception we cannot successfully maintain the standards required. As long as we maintain the professional calibre of the required personnel (with technology) “rural” doesn’t count. We can always continue to share via our BOP LASS process to keep our water local and regional.</p> <p>In Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at this point I support the idea to ask central government to halt-pause the reform for now. Allow councils to think, seek submissions, put forwards ideas for government to rethink the mega model they want us to agree to. It is only ONE idea, that is why LOCAL COUNCILS have to let GOVERNMENT KNOW HOW WE THINK. - The government could assist those struggling councils with a tailored plan to sort out their problems and for them to come up with the same standard as those prudent councils are – before any further amalgamated reform.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Taylor Stainthorpe and Daniel Crawford	<p>Submitted Monday 20 September 3:40PM</p> <p>We are against this proposal. we believe it is not in Kawerau’s best interest to be a part of the three waters reform. Given the rushed timing of this particular subject we do not think it has been given the appropriate thought process it deserves. We have an amazing council as it is – and great water in our region and would hate to give up our control over this. It should be put to a public referendum as this is a public issue affecting us all. The “donation” for joining feels basically like a bribe and our water control is worth more than any money given to our district. We do not want this. We think it should be in as a referendum on the next election. Let’s not rush a decision we will regret! PLEASE DO NOT JOIN.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Angela Kilroy	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 5:00pm</p> <p>Kawerau should opt out of the water reform. We have personally been part of Government amalgamations in other parts of the country eg Auckland super city and the "promised" economies of scale never eventuate. If anything, costs to rate payers increase for reduced/inefficient service levels.</p> <p>Very happy with the current levels of service, rates charges by our KDC which understands and is passionate about this small town and is prudent and realistic with their rates charges. Kawerau is a small town, with a small rating base and lower end socio-economic population and cannot afford to incur large debt like city councils. Happy with Council plans to maintain/replace infrastructure over the coming years so it remains affordable for rate payers. Elderly residents who own their own homes cannot afford to be rated out of this town.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Shirley Parris	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 5:00pm No to central government interference!
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Robert Tripp	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 6:48pm I think this will be a bad move and take away local decisions and have a price hike.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Georgina Hauwaho	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 8:16pm I live in the older part of town and flushing our water pipes is always just a temporary solution to the problem of old pipes. This council was going to address this issue...though when I don't know?. As a small town who no longer has Uncle Tasman to support us; I feel we will have little, if not, no say in getting our towns water supply sorted. If anything we could lose our spring! How you ask...by selling it to the Chinese to bottle it and send it overseas for a miserly amount per cubic meter or however one charges for that which does not belong to them. Our council should retain the asset and not fall for the governments bs. They would probably just sell it later on like the power company.....just saying
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
George Price	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 8:52pm A tradesman's musings about 3 Waters I have loaded the council truck with what I need for this job, I have all the safety gear and OSH act should be covered. It has taken years to learn about this area and what usually goes wrong. I hope we will not be sent all over the country under Three

	<p>Waters, we do not need another layer of bosses and we have enough paper work especially our codes of practice unit standards etc. I don't want to be a slave to some one who does not know what we do or how we do it. We will not pay Three Waters or the 4 tribes for water, Three Waters can only charge for what it costs to supply and clean the water. Will they still want it I wonder?</p> <p>Before all councils agree to 3 waters get a response from parliament on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Present council staff cannot be transferred to other areas. 2 Three Waters cannot sell water to ratepayers and can only charge costs to supply and clean the water, they do not own the water. 3 Three waters are accountable for any poor management of our water supply and equipment.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Dan Graydon	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 9:51pm</p> <p>I am fully opposed to the government taking control of our 3 Waters. All the government is doing is revenue collecting and they can't be trusted not to on sell our water to cover their own debt. Government has their own agenda, and I don't believe they are acting in the best interests of the people of New Zealand.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Anna Kelly	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:13pm</p> <p>Why do fix something that isn't broken, leave it how it is. We are fine, kawerau council have it under control don't they.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Brogan King	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 - 10:46pm</p> <p>I believe we should not sell to the central Government as we need to have the close connection in the community running our vital infrastructure.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Lee Anne Clark	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 21 September 2021 - 7:48am</p> <p>I'm against Kawerau being part of this three water's reform as I see it as a loss of locally owned assets for the community. Lack of control to others is not something we want to see or experience. This will lead to increased costs, water meters - paying more for our water and no say in the quality of it. Once sold off we will never get it back. Once out of our hands we no longer have control of a basic human necessity. It will become like electricity- not something everyone can afford. And every generation after us will pay for it. I am so against this</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Lynette McCarthy	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 21 September 2021 - 10:36am</p> <p>I am definitely AGAINST this. We would lose our control of our water supply and as a rate payer I do not want to be paying for Auckland or Wellingtons shortage of water. Other concerns that have already been made I agree with too. A big fat NO from.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Mel Watkins	<p>I am opposed to the Government's three waters reform. Control and reporting of faults would need to be clarified to allow ratepayers to have certainty of service using staff and machinery close at hand.</p> <p>See Castalia report (39), Melbourne water only lasted 3 years before disaggregation. Also would the debts of other councils be kept separated from finance of KDC?</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Mike Couchman	No, No, No, No, No, No, No
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Helen Sisley	I don't think we would be better off. If Council go with "Three Water Reform" residents will be paying huge water cost (meters). Do not let Government control our water, they can't even control our country high risk.

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
John Israelson	Why subsidise other regions loss of local control. We want our local Council to opt out.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Richard Biggs	<p>Want Council to opt out. Don't want to lose local control. Council has already invested in upgrading. Will cost ratepayer more, don't want to subsidise other regions.</p> <p>It is an undemocratic process. Added cost to small suppliers to become compliant.</p> <p>Don't want another big costly government department.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Andrew Read	<p>This must not happen. This will destroy the limited advantage of living in this town. With the extra cost of paying for water we would in fact leave town.</p> <p>We have a small business and would take this with us. This is nothing more than theft of our water by a government hell bent on destroying all our hard work over all these years.</p> <p>I request opt-out therefore.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ike Tipiwai	<p>Why subsidise other regions, at the end of the day, why should we be paying more for our water?</p> <p>Kawerau should keep their own control of their own water.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Sig Paul	Will lose local control. Will end up costing ratepayer more money. Undemocratic process. Want Council to opt out.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Josef Mio	I understand that Kawerau Council has already invested several million dollars in 3 Waters project. I would not like to see this money wasted by a national takeover.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Tracy-Ann Hill	<p>I completely <u>oppose</u> the three waters reform!!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I do not believe our current inept, majority run away government will be capable of efficiently running these “entities”. 2. This is nothing more than a blatant asset grab. A “quick” way for this incompetent government to raise capital. 3. Being controlled by such a “large entity” I believe “KDC” will become the “poor cousin”. (i.e.) Manukau of the supercity (Auck) or the Murupara of Whakatane. 4. Assets are only worth something when we “own” them. (when they are gone what have we got??) 5. I do not believe 16% of NZ’s population should have control of 50% of <u>all</u> NZ’ers water assets. This policy is flawed!!!
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Margaret Paul	<p>Our local Council is in touch with our community. Need to have the control of our resources and the money already spent on our 3 Waters. Being Kawerau, we would be swallowed-up in the melee and forgotten.</p> <p>Definitely suggest “opt out” the government 4 entities.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Margaret Brachock	<p>Too many fish-hooks and barbwire.</p> <p>NO.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ivan Kemsley	I say NO to three waters reform.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Judith Turner	I am absolutely totally opposed to any of our 3 waters being disposed of to any other entity, be it central govt. or other. I am very happy with how KDC are managing our 3 waters and the continuation of the upgrades to our water supply.

	I don't believe the \$\$\$ the government is offering for our 3 waters anywhere near covers the value or replacement. Aside from the above the anticipated increase per household is way beyond the means of many of us.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Penny Hastings	If the government is to control our water supplies we won't get the help needed as we are a small community and probably wouldn't know where Kawerau is.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Glenniss Jensen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. We have a Council that in the years I've lived in the town has always been out of debt. 7. Why should we pass that on to other entities to then tell us, "but you now have to share that with us". 8. We have paid over and over in rates for our infrastructure, there is no guarantee that 1 of 4 new centres will look after our small town. 9. There are no guarantees this will work. 10. Stay where we are.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
M Beard	<p>I am against the takeover of Government in our water. We are more than capable of looking after our own. I have been here since 1953 before the town was built and we have had no problem so far. You never fix what's not broken.</p> <p>I also don't trust Govt. on this topic. We have paid for what we have got. Don't compare NZ with Scotland. We are the other side of the world.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Janet Baillie	<p>Our Council knows our needs whereas the government doesn't, we do not want it taken out of our Council's hands.</p> <p>We need to keep control over our own water supply as our Council has done a good job on all aspects of this issue.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Aloma Moeau	Why is our H2O water being divided in 3 particles. Very curious I'm thinking like an ovation!!
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Russell Berghuis	<p>As already belligerently enforced, our water supply is already extremely contaminated with toxins destroying our environment and right to denutritionalise our food. It's not just our microbial being so severely hit, It's our whole body and ecosystem being attacked with toxic chemicals. Malcolm once promised this town we'd never need to chlorinate. That was a "MAJOR" drawcard to an "older" migration to this Town.</p> <p>The only vote this Govt. has had from me for quite a while is one of NO CONFIDENCE with rainwater being so heavily irradiated and intentionally contaminated and controlled. Yeah! Right. Doctor Who 50 years ago summed up AI and the obvious agendas with the Darleks. EXTERMINATE EXT.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Graeme & Gayle Bourk	<p>I totally disagree with allowing the Government taking over our 3 Waters system we have now and giving us peanuts in return. The ratepayers have paid for this for over 60 years.</p> <p>This is what they did with the power promising cheaper power which turned out to be lies. Australia has cheaper power than us.</p> <p>I agree with the independent review the Council had done. I don't trust government being in control specially with idioms coming out of Mahuta's mouth. She is not to be trusted, their costings don't add up. It's like buy me a Tesla in the morning for \$200,000 and selling it in the afternoon for \$5.00, not good business deal.</p> <p>The government will sell it off like everything else to pay back massive debt they have created.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ray Schroder	<p>Provided Kawerau District Council own and deliver the Three water services in question safely I am strongly in favour of the local council to retain ownership and safely deliver these services in a diligent manner to the Kawerau community.</p> <p>Further with the stripping away of control in our society it should serve as a warning irrespective of the credentials of central government who are pushing this forward. I therefore object to this plan of amalgamation of the three waters for the town of Kawerau.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Grey Batger	I am against the government proposal because of the increase in rates and therefore the increase in rental prices.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Frederick Shapcott	Against. A waste of taxpayer money or should I say ratepayer money.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Paul & Lynette White	<p>We are pensioners on a limited income. We just manage to get by. We do not want to have to pay for our water.</p> <p>Kawerau Council has been managing our water very well the whole time we have lived here.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Aroha Biggs	Keep control of our water. Government advertising on TV, papers etc. are misleading. No details about what it really means e.g. happy trout, swimming in rivers (kindergarten stuff). It's a scam.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Edwina O'Brien	<p>Kawerau District Council should remain the kaitiaki of our water systems. We are debt free with a water supply second to none, all of this will change with the government's proposal.</p> <p>I vote "NO" to the 3 Waters reform.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Christine & Jim Borlase	<p>We have read and agree with the content of the page "3 Waters Reform Summary". We feel Kawerau is competent to manage water issues in its catchment competently. Regardless of the intention and aspirations stated in the three-water scheme (some of which have merit) we feel that becoming part of such a large catchment would be detrimental to Kawerau and the close connection our Council (and workers) have to our systems.</p> <p>Our concerns include most of those already listed in feedback in addition to the deep mistrust we feel about government's (any government's) ability to deliver an efficient and cost-effective scheme, and we feel that whether stated or not the Government would expect input into it, sooner or later. Any scheme, small or large requires some accountability/management at present included in every council's budget. This entity would require separate management therefore separate costs, we feel it becomes inevitable but feel that under local council's control these would reflect local costs only.</p> <p>For your interest attached to this is an article from the Farmer's Weekly (by permission of the writer Alan Emerson) which illustrates some of the problems farmers and small water providers could face. Article attached or available on request??</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Steve Gover	I totally object to the 3 waters reform proposal for all the reasons already raised. My personal main concerns are;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Control – for Kawerau to have effective control of its own future + direction we need to have full control of our own resources, now and in the future, if council is given to central government anything could happen, now or with future governments, our resources could be sold to overseas buyers leaving us paying expensive water bills to overseas companies. Local decisions need to be made locally so we don't have unnecessary hurdles to future development plans. - - Costs – our present system is way cheaper.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Diane Menso	I don't believe this is a good thing for our area, I know the council have done a lot of the work and spent a lot of money upgrading our water situation in Kawerau and plan to do a lot more in the future. We would lose control over our town water and end up buying it back. We don't need this control, our council do a good enough job.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
S Abbott	Please leave as is now at least we have a say about our water.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Shashawnee Macdonald	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 21 September 2021 - 11:20am</p> <p>Since the last E.coli outbreak in the water system, I have developed Dermatitis eczema on my hands, as I believe due to the extra chlorine in the water system.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Grant Carncross	<p>Submitted on Tuesday, 21 September 2021 - 12:41pm</p> <p>Vehemently oppose.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Hinarangi TeRiini	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 22 September 2021 - 10:32am</p> <p>Kiaora On behalf of my whanau and I, we vote against the three waters reform. Water is precious to our Mana whenua, Mana tangata. Therefore as a descendant of this rohe/ area, I know that extracting our water to share with others would be daylight robbery. Kawerau is rich in its natural resources, land, water, and geographically, meaning we have a great location to natural sources to survive. Eg the awa, the lakes, bush land, beaches. Our water is precious to us my Koro Richard TeRiini told me our spring water is a Taonga for our people's well being. To have outsiders come in and have that right to those decisions of how it's managed and also that we need to pay for water is not part of our towns culture and values.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Kristine Windle	<p>Submitted on Wednesday, 22 September 2021 - 2:45pm</p> <p>I would like KDC water supply to be retained under our council. It has been proven that KDC provides a quality water supply in comparison to any other district in NZ. Keeping it local lets problems be dealt with prompt and efficiently.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Mike Edwards	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>Our local Kawerau Council does a fantastic job for the town, with good Engineers who keep our water supply strong and drinkable out of the tap. We've got one of the best Councils in New Zealand, who keep us informed on a weekly basis. My answer to the proposed "Three Waters Reform" is an absolute "No". We have no need to be amalgamated with other Councils, we would completely lose our autonomy, so please stay out of the proposed reforms.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Lieth Roberts	Submitted Monday, 20 September 2021 Don't want to lose local control. Council has already invested in upgrading. How is it possible for household bills to be <u>half</u> the amount in the reform than in the Opt out???
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Andrea Tipiwai	Submitted Monday, 20 September 2021 Reform = why? When Kawerau's Three Waters are just fine. Added cost to private suppliers. Loss of local control. We <u>want</u> Kawerau Council to opt <u>OUT</u>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Gordon Murphy	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 Do not want to pay for the upgrade of other regions when our water system is fine. I think our water workers would be stretched and our work would suffer. I would like our Council to opt out.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jo Crawford	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 No to the 3 Waters System, I feel that Kawerau is being well cared for by our Council and I don't want another area having control of our water and costs.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Bruce Crawford	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 I wish to see Kawerau keep control of our water, not be controlled by other parts of the country.

	<u>No</u> to 3 waters system.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jonathan Broederlow	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 I know our Council take great care of our water needs and I don't think another area can service us as well, so, no, I don't want this for our area and don't want 3 Waters.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
H Bauer	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 The three Waters System runs very well as it is. It cost us only lots of money to bring an outsider in who knows nothing about KAWERAU. There is no need for a new Water Reform.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Quinton Waipapa	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 Leave it in the hands of Kawerau District Council.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ted McGuigan	Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021 Definitely not. Keep to as we are thanks. Concerned about government interference – with what is locally managed entities – concerned about the financial costs if this pushy proposal goes ahead. We don't need this – keep it as it is – ratepayers are financially stretched now!!

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
J.M Mohi & J.H Mohi	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>Drinking Water</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this similar to privatisation? If so, will this Council still be in control of the infrastructure that is taking place now with the drinking water in Kawerau. 2. If not! Will the future costs be forwarded to the ratepayers from this Authority. Will this Authority be in control of all potable water? Will all costs in relation to this potable water be administered from this Authority. <p><u>Stormwater</u>. How will this infrastructure be put in place? What are the costs to the ratepayer? Will ratepayers bear all costs to this. Will they pay to capture rainwater, piping to dispose of this stormwater, or any other use that the people use it for.</p> <p><u>Wastewater</u>. Are there going to be all these lakes of wastewater scattered over the land? What happens to the solid waste? After seeing the water in the Powdrells Rd drains, this is an issue. Are the farmers going to pay extra for this damage if they created it?</p> <p>1A. No!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To opt in, what are the risks. Opt out where do we go. Stay as is? Do we lose our Council? Not enough consultation with the ratepayers and people. <p>Should we not be modelling these infrastructures on what we the people, ratepayers or whoever else uses them in NZ if Kawerau Council takes care of this infrastructure now. Does the Council need to put new infrastructure in place to accommodate stormwater and wastewater.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Keith Montgomery	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>I don't want our Council to sign up for 3 waters, it's very likely going to end up costing ratepayers a lot more, and Kawerau is most likely to miss out, or have delayed water service repairs etc.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback

Ray Barton	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>I think we can handle our own water, waste, stormwater, with local contractors doing all the work after a 3 tender process, large projects.</p> <p>Council to counter proposal to government so we can handle the tender process then ask on govt body for the funding.</p> <p>I would not like the money in our entity B area going to the wrong Council for the wrong purpose.</p> <p>Keep it in house.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ruth Simpson	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>I am strongly against the Govts Three Waters Proposal. Kawerau DC has a water pipe replacement plan under-way and manages their resources well and this Govt Bribe and propaganda has been brought about by another Council that failed their constituents.</p> <p>Having read the current KDC Newsletter where it states that an independent review of the proposal has been received from international consultants...</p> <p>Q. Will KDC and residents be better off under this reform?</p> <p>A. The consultants review suggests that the (WICS) modelling is so flawed that it is not possible to answer the question. Surely common sense will prevail, this proposal is of no benefit to ratepayers and the community and will results in huge additional cost of water.</p> <p>Westland & Northland Councils have rejected the proposal and put forward excellent reasons why they will not even consider losing their local control and representation and I sincerely hope and trust that Kawerau DC reject this three waters proposal.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Tracy Wilson	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>I wish to provide the following feedback.</p> <p>I am not in support of Kawerau District Council agreeing to the 3 waters reform for our community.</p> <p>I don't believe our community would be better off having our water resources managed outside of the community.</p> <p>If this occurred, I believe our costs would increase.</p> <p>I am concerned about the risk or privatisation under this model.</p> <p>I would not like to see the communities influence over this most important matter being reduced/diluted by being lost in amongst other cities and communities issues.</p>

Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Ruth Montgomery	<p>Submitted on Monday, 20 September 2021</p> <p>I believe our Council has an excellent infrastructure plan for the renewal of the town's pipes as well as an excellent financial plan to pay for it, without hitting residents with a huge rates increase. My reasons for not wanting our Council to join 3 waters.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very likely increase in rates to pay for it. 2. The possibility that Kawerau will be bottom of the list if any remedial work needs doing. 3. What extra cost to the ratepayers to pay 12 extra people to attend meetings? 4. Don't want NZ water to be privatised. 5. Possibility of our local workers losing their jobs.
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Dennise Porter Kawerau District Council Ratepayer	<p>I am writing today to express my opposition to the Government's proposed Three Waters Reforms, and to encourage you to ensure our local Council 'opts out' before it is too late.</p> <p>By surrendering our Council-owned water assets to one of the four new "three waters" entities our ownership of the assets will be in name only. Accountability and democratic control over those who supply, and tax us for water services will be lost. I've identified brief key points below.</p> <p>It is clear that the government is not committed to having an open and transparent discussion around Three Waters. Its model is deeply flawed, dangerously unaccountable and undemocratic. I urge you and your colleagues to take a stand against these plans and stand up against the Three Waters proposals.</p>
Submitter	Three Waters Reform Community Feedback
Jacqueline Barley Kawerau District Council Ratepayer	<p>I am writing today to express my opposition to the Government's proposed Three Waters Reforms, and to encourage you to ensure our local Council 'opts out' before it is too late.</p> <p>By surrendering our Council-owned water assets to one of the four new "three waters" entities our ownership of the assets will be in name only. Accountability and democratic control over those who supply, and tax us for water services will be lost. I've identified brief key points below.</p>

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Key points/questions extracted from submissions Total: 40

Allan Clarke:

- *Peer reviews and evaluations do not support WICS modelling*
- *Central government have decided to reform whose responsibility is to control the 3 waters delivery by setting up a proposed team of 12 commissioners, 6 government appointed commissioners and 6 IWI appointed commissioners. These appointed commissioners will take over the responsibility and role of our democratically elected council members.*
- *Q1 What role does our democratically elected councillors have in allowing the control/costings taken over by an unelected central government organisation without a mandated public referendum.*

- Q2. DIA were tasked by central government to seek a plausible reform from WICS.
- Is this an attempt to blindside the NZ rate payer in relinquishing the water infrastructure asset to the yet to be set up water control board.
- Q3. Is Central government offer of compensation for ratepayer owned infrastructure a fair value for the asset or is it a bribe for the indebted councils to balance the books.
- Q4 In the case of KDC who have invested \$20k of ratepayer monies to go through due diligence process on the WICS report in which Castalia Consultants recommends KDC to opt out. is this refundable by central government or is this part of the \$17m bribe on offer to KDC from central government.

Heather Murphy

- I don't feel I know enough about it to have an opinion either way. The study I felt was from a very Council focused lens, and of course Councils losing assets is not something they will be on board with.
Nationwide we need more clarity on this subject, its why's and a clear pros/cons breakdown.

Glen Penny

- Are we allowed to label our 3 waters vehicles with "say no to water reform?"
- What can we offer to opt out of this proposition?

Jonathan Te Rire

- What I do want to know is how does the process to elect the 6 representatives from the 22 Councils in Entity B going to work - I guess Kawerau would want a voice; and

- *Where will the 6 Iwi leaders come from in the Entity B landscape and rohe, and how does this selection / election process work for the myriad of iwi in Entity B?*

Tegan Savage

- *Does the council have the jurisdiction to give the water rights to the Govt, what water entities would those be derived from, the water place down Spencer Ave, The pump at the creek's?*

Stephanie Tuhoro

- *Still not enough information regarding this reform.*
- *As quoted from our Mayor (The Beacon September 3) would Kawerau be better off under the three waters reform or, are there considerable risks if the Council "Opts Out".*
- *More time and community discussion is needed.*

Angela Harris

- *Water rates: is there a guarantee water rates will not rise the same way as it did in Auckland?*
- *Will Kawerau continue to get the great service we currently have and not have water taken to keep bigger cities serviced?*
- *Will Auckland and Wellington and other bigger cities become of focus of repairs currently they have many issues which will cost an astronomical amount to repair, which can adversely affect repairs in smaller places?*
- *How will this impact the rate payers, re repairs, maintenance and service How many small towns will end up with more people out of work?*
- *Will the water quality remain as good or better?*

- *Is this start of removing local government, local government knows far more than central government?*
- *Will the services be effected like Auckland services when the amalgamation began, areas who had money such and Manuaku is now in need of many repairs and services which do not happen, such as huge water leaks that are not repaired and currently continue to lose more water than they gain*

Dave Kahika

- *What control would the multi regions have over rural areas regarding private bore and spring water?*

Renata (Lenny) Falwasser-Ratana

- *Kawerau has always had their own water. Why does Kawerau need to join other councils? Other councils don't help us now and we definitely shouldn't be asking for help now.*
- *Would our rates be increased because of this joint venture?*
- *Will ratepayers be paying for water like Auckland? Kawerau should not join with other councils. We have been independent with our own water since the beginning.*

Ocia Rangī

- *How much will rates go up?*
- *How does it affect the town good and bad?*
- *Will there be Financial support to upgrade and maintain all water service providers especially rural, create local employment for the mahi needed to upgrade services?*

Murray Fookes

- *How much is this going to cost us if it gets going? We hear about the government buying back the asset at 8% of the value. Is this fair?*
- *What would happen to that money?*
- *Would our water be metered, and if so would we be charged accordingly?*

Jenny Laing

- *When are we going to have consultation on this matter?*

Thomas Mckeown

- *Why can't we just stick to us being kings of our own domain?*

Alan Cook

- *Can the council guarantee that the cost of our water in Kawerau will not increase substantially in the next 10 years?*

David Peehikuru

- *We have no problems at the moment, so why fix it?*

Ripeka Lessels:

- *What it does guarantee is that 'no council will be negatively affected at the transfer of assets?*
- *We currently do not have to pay a separate water rate - will this continue after the transfer?*

Pam Jackson

- *How many other wonderful large government projects have labour announced and have not been able to fulfil > will this be another one?*

Corrinne Reid

- *Please don't let central government take control of our water - what might be next? No local councils and everything controlled by a central body?*

Skarlett Starr

- *I had to ask a local plumber recently for his direct line as the only contact number provided was Rotorua based and I had to plough through many prompts in order to speak to a local branch member - will this happen with water issues? How can you guarantee this and that our water costs as ratepayers will not increase as we subsidise the entire "Entity B"? Will fluoridation of our water be a fait accompli? Why should we support this?*

Trish Brady

- *From the information on the KDC website it seems the consequences of flawed modelling from Scotland hasn't been thought out The "one size fits all" and "trickle down" mentality doesn't work ie Kawerau demographics compared to say, Henderson or Porirua, then over to Ruatoki where there are households sharing bore water, each of these communities have social and economic needs specific to them. How can they be managed the same way?*
- *It doesn't say how being lumped in with Hamilton, Taranaki, Tauranga where the populations are way bigger then here and other small communities in the eastern Bay, will work. Usually bigger populations get the lion's share of the funding, and we've seen the problems of being included in changes in the area, with the Regional council which is centred here in the Bay. How is ringing an office in New Plymouth or Hamilton going to improve on that?*

Elly Schwarzer

- *Why would the council sell its infrastructure at reportedly much less than valuation to a larger corporation? The infrastructure was paid for by the ratepayers, now they will pay again through taxes. Who will control this?*

Basil Rosie

- *The council that we are part of has spent lots of money on giving us a good water supply paid by ratepayers. Why change it?*

Sharon Moore and Christel Peri with the same question:

- *What and how does this affect current culturally based environmental projects like Saving local tuna? – B Kerrison, Rangitaiki River.*

Jess and Wayne

- *How much will rate payers pay to set up this idea?*

Michael Godfrey

- *Why should we change something that is already reasonably successful? The KDC is managing our water and effluent treatment systems well at present and we don't want to imitate the fiasco at Auckland city.*

Vicky Lambert Silcock

- *My family already struggles day to day how is this going to affect our community and families like mine? Are there going to be more cost? ETC. Kawerau is already a struggling community how is this going to affect the community as a whole?*

Margaret Burton

- *Why do we need government controlling our local water? We were doing fine before the Hastings "water contamination"?*

Wayne Dawson

- *I disagree with the proposed reform and why would Iwi be involved with Kawerau's water services?*

Malcolm Helyar

- *Will the true value of Kawerau's water system be fully recognised, and paid for?*
- *Will there be a requirement for Kawerau ratepayers to subsidise other areas/regions?*
- *What guarantee is there, that service will remain the same or better?*
- *What guarantee is there, that there will be an ongoing cost benefit, that will be maintained, and not short lived?*
- *What guarantee is there, that it will not at any time cause an increase in rates?*
- *What veto rights will there be with regards to expenditure and bureaucratic salaries?*
- *What guarantee is there that Kawerau will have notice taken of its requirements, and needs?*
- *What guarantee is there, that if the reform does not work that Kawerau will be able to opt out?*
- *What guarantee is there that that the scheme will never be privatised in years to come?*
- *What rights are there for Kawerau, in the selection of the six bureaucratic representatives?*
- *What veto rights are there, to enable the removal of an unsuitable "Entity B" representative?*

Broughton Ranapia

- *Auckland running out of water over summer – so where are they going to get it? Hope not Kawerau.*

Joy Douglas

- *It comes out of the sky so why should we have to pay?*

Jenny Reynolds

- *Not all water supplies in New Zealand are the same, so why should councils who have deep aquifers have to provide the same treatment as water supplies that come from rivers?*
- *Kawerau has already seen the impact that the sale of forests and mills to overseas interests has had on its local people, so what makes us think that the same thing won't happen to our water?*

Elsbeth Keith

- *Why change a system that works for our current Districts?*

Colin Churchill

- *The establishment of 3 water boards will be expensive & I doubt be self-supporting. Who will fund them? How will it be funded? – Not by Govt., I suspect.*
- *Is this the start of privatization?*
- *Will efficient Councils be stripped of assets and resources to prop up non efficient Councils?*

Mel Watkins

- *See Castalia report (39), Melbourne water only lasted 3 years before disaggregation. Also would the debts of other councils be kept separated from finance of KDC?*

Richard Biggs

- *Will the costs for ratepayers increase?*

Ike Tipiwai

- *Why subsidise other regions, at the end of the day, why should we be paying more for our water?*

Leith Roberts:

- *How is it possible for household bills to be half the amount in the reform than in the Opt out???*

J.M Mohi and J.H Mohi:

- *Is this similar to privatisation?
If so, will this Council still be in control of the infrastructure that is taking place now with the drinking water in Kawerau.*
- *If not! Will the future costs be forwarded to the ratepayers from this Authority. Will this Authority be in control of all potable water?*
- *To opt in, what are the risks. Opt out where do we go. Stay as is?
Do we lose our Council?*

Ruth Simpson:

- *Will KDC and residents be better off under this reform?*