

# Item 7: Local water done well

## Water services delivery planning for Wellington metropolitan councils

Wellington Water Committee

30 May 2025



# Key updates

## Key updates on Local Water Done Well and the WSDP

### Local Government Water Services Bill.

- Report back on the Bill is expected 4 July
- The timing for the passage of the Bill is unclear but expected by July / August.

### Water Service Delivery Planning

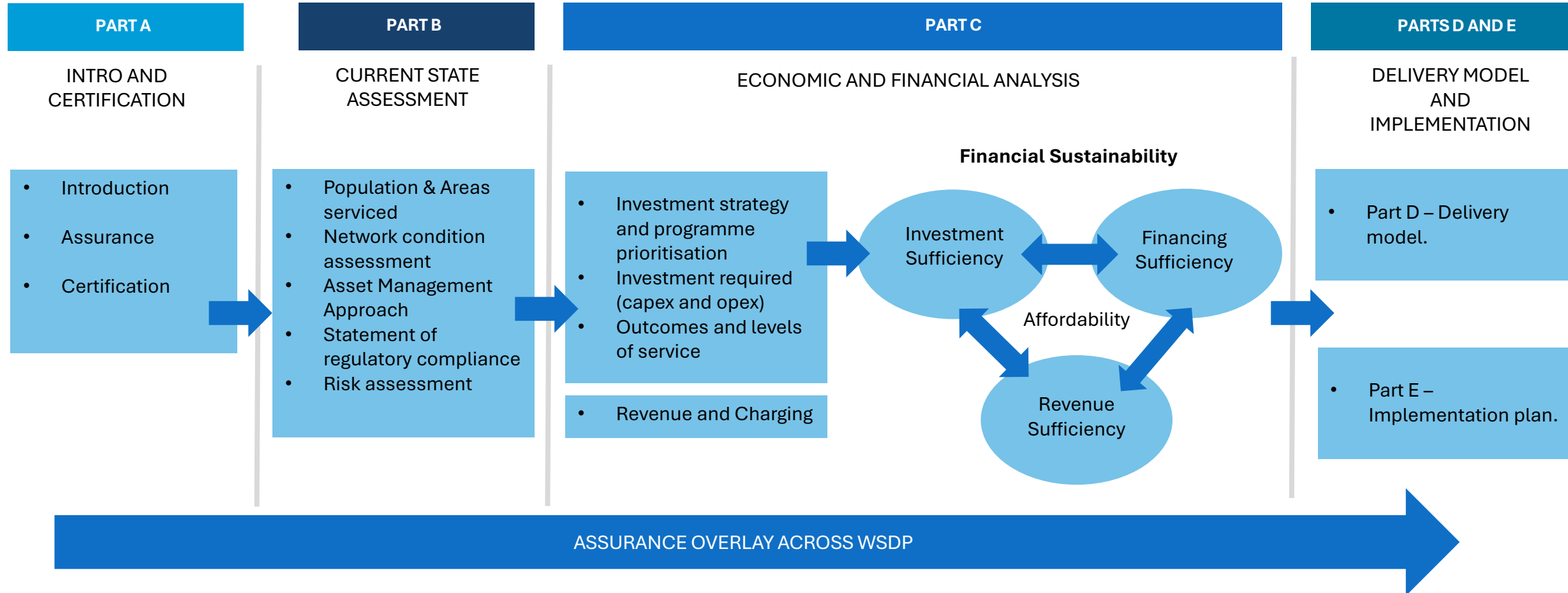
- All WWL shareholding councils are progressing with WSDP including consultation on delivery model options (noting SWDC consulting on different option)
- Consistent support from all council metro councils consultation processes for the preferred joint water organisation delivery model.
- The drafting of the joint metro / GW WSDP is significantly advanced – 90% draft.
- Following review, this will support council certification and decision making in July / August

### Implementation planning

- In parallel to the WSDP, implementation planning for a new joint water organisation.
- Key targets:
  - Day 0: Establishment Board. 1 October 2025
  - Day 1: Accountability transfer. 1 July 2026
  - Day 2: full operational capability. Date TBC

# Sections of the WSDP

## WSDP sections



# Implications and establishment planning

**Subject to council decisions, establishment of a new water organisation will have significant implications for WWL**

**At the next full Committee meeting on 28 July we plan to bring a more substantive paper, covering the following matters relating to the 12 month transition process to Day 1.**

- Governance approach and change, including role and timing of proposed Interim Stakeholder Committee and Establishment Board
- Key interdependencies of WWL and establishment planning such as IT programme
- Decision making protocols for WWL during transition e.g. major contracts
- People change principles based
- Approach to supporting SWDC ongoing water services
- Potential approach and timing for wind up of WWL