

# Local Water Done Well

Water Services Delivery Model Consultation

12 Feb 2025

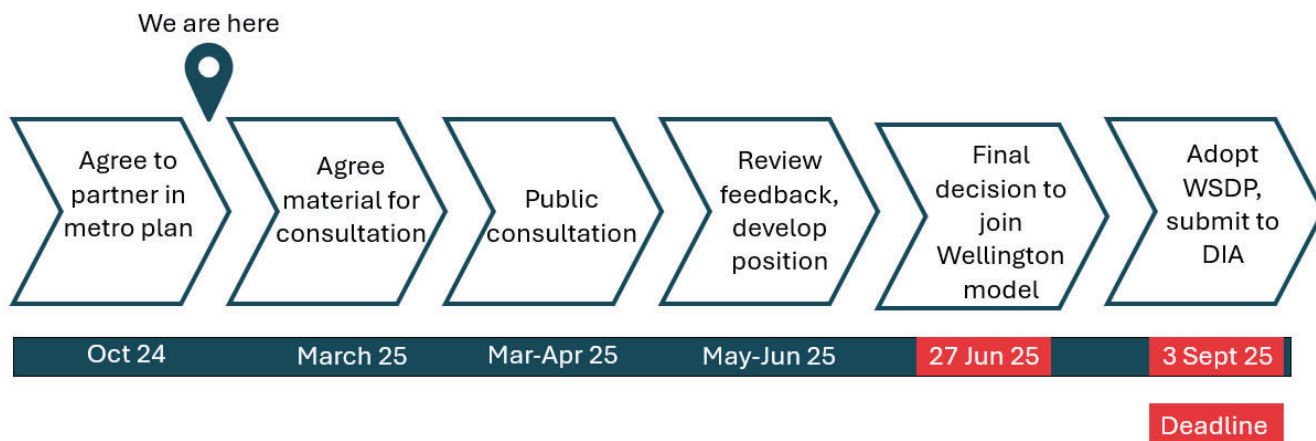
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## Background

- Councils required to consult on water services delivery model
- Minimum of two options to be considered
- Council agreed in October 2024 to consult on a new regional asset owning CCO and the status quo, being a management only services CCO model (WWL)
- GW and the four Wellington metropolitan TA's considering regional model alongside status quo, with iwi partners on board
- WCC also considering a stand-alone CCO option



## Timeline



# Partnership

## How this is playing out for consultation

- Coordinated planning and messaging
- Shared recommendations to governance (AOG)
- Joint submission on Bill 3
- Consistent recommendations to councillors
- Common agreed content in consultation documents
- Individual public consultations
- Single WSDP and implementation plan

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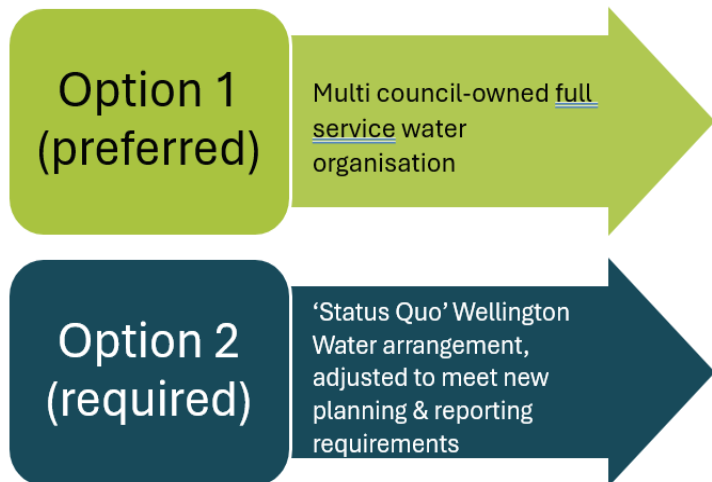
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## Key shared messages

- Historic underinvestment across region in water services infrastructure – drinking water, wastewater, stormwater
- Demand is outstripping supply due to population growth and leaks
- Our current approach is not working; unaffordable, unsustainable
- Local Water Done Well – Government direction to develop a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) by 3 September 2025
- Five councils and mana whenua propose a new approach to provide a high quality, consistent approach for communities across metropolitan Wellington.



## Consultation Options



### The consultation document will:

- For each option: outline how it would work compared to now, what does it mean for communities, accountability measures, likely impact on rates and debt, levels of service, charges etc
- Compare pros and cons of each option.
- Make a case for the preferred option

### Also includes

- Links to other info and detail
- Links to other councils' consultation processes
- Methods for giving feedback
- FAQs.



## Consultation question



**Question:** Council is presenting two options for the future of water services. Which option do you believe is the best for delivering reliable drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services?

Option 1: A multi council-owned water organisation. (Council's preferred option)

Option 2: A modified version of the current Wellington Water model (with a new planning, regulatory and accountability framework).



## Mana whenua partnership



All mana whenua partners in the wider region had representation on the Advisory Oversight Group by two mana whenua-nominated representatives. March – November 24



With exit of Wairarapa & Kāpiti councils:



Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa now working with Wairarapa councils

Atiawa ki Whakarongotai and Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki working with KCDC



Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust and Ngāti Toa Rangatira remain as the Wellington metro area AOG members and full partners with participating councils in the model design and consultation process. A statement from them will be included in the consultation documents of each Council to confirm this.



## Questions

- ~70% of consultation document is shared content, endorsed by AOG and common across all participating councils to avoid public confusion – we all need to describe what we’re proposing in the same way
- There is room to describe aspects that are unique to each Council.

**Q:** Are you comfortable with the proposed approach to consultation and feedback?

**Q:** Are there other messages you would expect to see in our consultation document?



## Summary – next steps

AOG endorses joint common consultation material - 20 February 2025  
Council approves consultation materials – 11 March 2025

Consultation runs 20 March – 20 April 2025

Council receives analysis of submissions & takes final decision on  
delivery model option– 27 June 2025

Council adopts final WSDP - 25 August 2025  
Joint Councils Submit to DIA - 3 September 2025

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