



# Briefing: Water Service Delivery Model

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**06 June 2025 – 4.00pm**

## Attendees

**Elected Members:** Cr Brown (via audio-visual link), Cr Dyer (via audio-visual link), Cr Edwards, Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Mitchell, Cr Morgan, Cr Parkin, Cr Shaw, Cr Stallinger, S Kuresa, Petone Community Board; K Yung, Petone Community Board; and S Freeman, Petone Community Board.

**Staff:** J Livschitz, Group Chief Financial Officer (via audio-visual link); A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities; J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development (via audio-visual link); C Ellis, Head of CE's Office; G Campbell, Head of Mayors Officer; B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor; H Bell, Advisor Water Services; S Gola, Project Manager – City Delivery (via audio-visual link) and V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor.

## Apologies

Mayor Barry, Cr Barratt and Cr Tupou

## Presenter

B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor.

# Introduction and Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of this briefing is to present the consultation results for the Water Services Delivery Model at both local and regional levels, highlighting the strong support for the new joint asset-owning CCO model. It also seeks to identify any additional information members would like included in the report to Council and outlines the draft report's recommendations.

## Presentation by B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor

### **Slide 1 – Water Service Delivery Model – Header**

### **Slide 2 – This presentation covers**

### **Slide 3 – Roadmap to a completed joint water service delivery plan**

### **Slide 4 – Consultation (HCC)**

### **Slide 5 – Consultation Feedback**

Water, wastewater, and stormwater were all rated as very important by survey respondents.

### **Slide 6 – Theme**

There is broad understanding in the community about the need for infrastructure renewal and long-term planning.

Affordability remains a significant concern.

### **Slide 7 – Consultation Regionally**

Under the Water Services Preliminary Arrangements Act, councils can consider the views of other councils and communities when making decisions.

## **Slide 8 – Draft Report recommendations**

The recommendations are based on an analysis of the advantages/disadvantages of each model and consultation results.

The report will include an additional recommendation to enable the Mayor (as the Advisory Oversight Group representative) to appoint members to the Establishment Board for the new water organisation.

## **Slide 9 – Noting matters – other Councils**

Wellington City Council raised concerns about proportional voting and equitable debt transfer agreements and wants to ring-fence pricing temporarily, though regional price harmonisation is the long-term goal.

Porirua City Council is keen on price harmonisation due to high water rates.

## **Slide 10 – Foundation Documents Process**

Documents such as the shareholder agreement, constitution, and consumer charter are being developed.

Finalisation is expected post-election with input from new Councils.

## **Slide 11 – Questions**

# **Questions and discussion points**

- Greater Wellington Regional Council has signalled that it may choose to exit the new water entity at some point in the future.

## **Next steps**

- 27 June 2025 – Report to Council.
- 6 August 2025 – Council briefing.
- 19 August 2025 – Report to Council for approval of the Water Services Development Plan.

# Briefing materials

**Attachment 1** – Presentation: [Water Services Delivery Model](#)

**The briefing closed at 4.20pm**