



Memorandum

To:	Mayor, Elected Members and Iwi Representatives
From	Programme Manager - LWDW
Date:	16 October 2024
Subject:	Local Water Done Well Workshop Agenda – 17 October 2024

Workshop schedule

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTERS
9.00	Karakia and Introduction	
9.05	Regional Project Team presentation followed by questions	Dougal List, Programme Director, Scott Consulting
9.50	Adjourn for morning tea	
9.55	Provincial Project Team presentation followed by questions	Robyn Wells, Project Lead, Wai + T project team
10.30	Department of Internal Affairs presentation followed by questions	Jaron Shaw, Phil Eyles, Joseph Lundberg, DIA

Department of Internal Affairs Presentation

Officials from the Department of Internal Affairs are joining the workshop by Teams on Thursday 17 October to:

- Provide an overview of the Local Water Done Well policy and legislation
- Discuss Water Services Delivery plan requirements

- Outline the support that Wairarapa and Tararua councils have sought from the Department, to analyse the viability of a combined Wairarapa and Tararua water services organisation.
- Answer Elected Members' questions on the Local Water Done Well policy, Water Services Delivery Plans, and the Wairarapa / Tararua work.

Support requested from the Department for analysing the viability of a Wairarapa and Tararua water services organisation

Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council, South Wairarapa District Council and Tararua District Council have entered a joint terms of reference to:

- Enable the councils and communities to make an informed decision on the arrangements under which they will deliver a Water Services Delivery Plan.
- Provide sufficient supporting evidence and a decision-making framework to enable evaluation of a joint operating model against other options for the delivery of water services (including the status quo).

The Council Grouping has approached the Department for initial analytical and guidance support to investigate the financial sustainability and viability of status quo in-house water services delivery, and that of potential new joint delivery arrangements for water services.

The Department is working with each participating council initially to confirm baseline positions, which includes initial guidance on the financial sustainability of their status quo water services delivery and the viability of a potential joint service delivery arrangement.

The Department will provide a report that outlines the financial sustainability of water services for each council, and what a joint arrangement could look like, as an amalgamation of individual councils' financial projections.