



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Kia Reretahi Tātau

AGENDA

Extraordinary Council Meeting Wednesday, 18 December 2024

I hereby give notice that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, 18 December 2024

Time: 9:00 am

**Location: Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street
Martinborough**

**Janice Smith
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei
Aroha atu, aroha mai
Tātou i ā tātou katoa
Hui ē! Tāiki ē!

May peace be widespread
May the seas be like greenstone
A pathway for us all this day
Let us show respect for each other
For one another
Bind us all together!

2 APOLOGIES

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5 URGENT BUSINESS

6 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

6.1 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's agreement on matters to further the development of the Wairarapa + Tararua water services delivery option for consultation with the community in March/April 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Officers reported to the 13 November 2024 meeting on the progress of the Government's Local Water Done Well programme. Having exited the Wellington Region option in that meeting, and there being no other practicable options, means that Council will be consulting with the community on the Wairarapa + Tararua (Wai + T) option and the SWDC enhanced status quo under the alternative arrangements provided for in the Local Government Water Services Preliminary Arrangements Act. The three Wairarapa District Councils and Tararua District Council have now all agreed to consult on the Wai + T option alongside their enhanced status quo option.

The Wai + T water services delivery joint arrangement has been developed under a Project Terms of Reference (TOR). The Project Terms of Reference will need to be updated to reflect some decisions made by participating councils and further information available from the Government on the detail of the programme. Officers will report to Council's meeting in February 2025 with a full update. Officers recommend that work continues under the existing Project TOR, with two amendments.

- (a) To expand the membership of the Advisory Oversight Group to include two elected members from each council, one of which is to be the Mayor or Deputy Mayor; and
- (b) To include a delegation to the Advisory Oversight Group to develop a draft consultation document for the Wairarapa + Tararua water services delivery option.

In addition to the two iwi representatives from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa Tu Mai Rā, the full AOG would be comprised of 10 members.

Council is required under the legislation to not only consider options, but to determine a preferred water service delivery model. Officers recommend because of the advantages of a framework to enable borrowings up to a level equivalent to 500% of the operating revenues ratio of a CCO, subject to prudent credit criteria; and because of limited examples of a Community Trust model and that models' inability to access LGFA funding, that this be a Water Services CCO model for Wai + T.

Officers also recommend that for the purposes of clarity, Council agrees to progress the Wai + T option to include stormwater, and to include options for price harmonisation in the consultation document, including a prohibition against harmonisation for a 3 to 5-year period.

This executive summary will also be provided to the Māori Standing Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

2. **Receives** the report.
3. **Notes** that Council is making use of the alternative decision-making and consultation arrangements provided in the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.
4. **Notes** that the Local Government (Water Services) Bill which will establish the enduring settings for the new water system including the economic and regulatory oversight functions has been introduced into Parliament.
5. **Notes** that the three Wairarapa district councils and Tararua District Council have agreed to consult their communities on the Wairarapa + Tararua water services delivery option alongside their enhanced status quo options.
6. **Notes** that the existing Project Terms of Reference agreed by the councils in July 2024 requires updating and officers will report to the February 2025 Council meeting with a full update.
7. **Agrees** that until the full update in February 2025, work to develop the Wairarapa + Tararua water services delivery option continues under the existing Project Terms of Reference with two amendments:
 - (a) To expand the membership of the Advisory Oversight Group to include two elected members from each council, one of which is to be the Mayor or Deputy Mayor; and
 - (b) To include a delegation to the Advisory Oversight Group to develop a draft consultation document for the Wairarapa + Tararua water services delivery option.
8. **Agrees** that the Wairarapa + Tararua water services delivery model will be a Water Services Council Controlled Organisation.
9. **Agrees** to progress the Wairarapa + Tararua water services delivery option to include stormwater.
10. **Agrees** to include options for price harmonisation in the consultation document for the Wairarapa + Tararua water services delivery option, including a prohibition against harmonisation for a 3 to 5-year period.
11. **Appoints** _____ to the Advisory Oversight Group.

BACKGROUND

Officers reported to the 13 November 2024 meeting on the progress of the Government's Local Water Done Well programme and sought direction on options for the delivery of water services. Council agreed to continue the development of the Wairarapa and Tararua (Wai + T) water services delivery joint arrangement for three waters for consultation with the community. Council also agreed to exit the development of the Wellington Region water services delivery joint arrangement. The report noted that the Chief Executive will draft an agreement with those participating councils for Council's consideration in December 2024.

Having exited the Wellington Region option and there being no other practicable options, this means that Council will be consulting with the community on the Wai + T option and the SWDC enhanced status quo. The three Wairarapa District Councils and Tararua District Council have now all agreed to consult on the Wai + T option alongside their enhanced status quo option.

The 13 November report also noted that the Government intends to introduce further water services legislation in December 2024 to be enacted in mid-2025 that will establish the enduring settings for the new water system including the economic and regulatory oversight functions. The [Local Government \(Water Services\) Bill](#) was introduced into Parliament on 10 December 2024.

DISCUSSION

Wai + T Project Terms of Reference and Advisory Oversight Group

The Wai + T water services delivery joint arrangement was developed under Project Terms of Reference (TOR) agreed by the councils in July 2024 (Attachment 1). The project is being delivered through an Advisory Oversight Group (AOG), which comprises Mayors/Councillors and Iwi, a Project Steering Group comprised of Chief Executives, and a project team.

The Project Terms of Reference will need to be updated to reflect some decisions made by participating councils and further information available from the Government on the detail of the programme. Officers will report to Council's meeting in February 2025 with a full update. In the meantime, officers note the timeframe to develop the two options and consultation documentation sufficiently robust enough to enable informed public consultation in 2025 is exceptionally short and officers will need to continue to work on the project ahead of the February 2025 meeting.

Officers recommend that work continues under the existing Project TOR, with two amendments. Firstly, to expand membership of the AOG to two elected members from each participating Council (at least one being the Mayor or Deputy Mayor). The expansion of the AOG will provide resilience to the AOG and project staff working on the models and draft consultation document. In addition to the two iwi representatives from Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa Tu Mai Rā, the full AOG would be comprised of 10 members.

Secondly, specific responsibilities of the Project Team in the Project TOR include preparing the consultation pack in collaboration with individual councils (for the status quo model) and running the consultation. There are no corresponding responsibilities for the AOG. For clarity, officers propose the Project TOR are amended to include a delegation to the AOG to develop a draft consultation document for the Wai + T option.

Developing an option for public consultation will require participating councils to consider a number of choices for the proposed joint water services delivery model and plan. These need to be agreed within the AOG and advised to staff preparing the consultation documents. This may include questions around the size of the Board, the Board appointments process and choices with respect to the constitutional documents being proposed, amongst other things.

Using the AOG to consider these questions and providing clarity for the project team will help ensure the draft consultation document will be consistent across the Wai + T participants, will be robust enough for public engagement, and will be delivered on time.

Officers note that none of the decisions made by the AOG will seek to bind their participating councils. Each council will be asked to consider adopting the proposed Wai + T option through adoption of the draft consultation document. Participating councils will consider final decisions on the Wai + T option or enhanced status quo option after consultation during May/June 2025. Officers are still considering the consultation timeline and will advise Council in due course.

Alternative Decision-Making and Consultation Arrangements

The Government has introduced a streamlined process for consultation and decision-making regarding the transfer of water services through the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024. Part 3 of this Act outlines modified consultation and decision-making requirements for councils, replacing certain requirements in the Local Government Act 2002 with 'alternative requirements'.

These 'alternative requirements' simplify the process for preparing, consulting on, and adopting a Water Services Development Plan (WSDP). They relax the usual requirements for option identification and assessment, thereby streamlining the consultation process.

Council(s) must use these alternative arrangements when consulting or making decisions on the proposed water services delivery model, which will be part of the WSDP. They may also choose to use these requirements when establishing, joining, or amending Council-Controlled Organisations (CCOs) or joint local government arrangements for delivering water services. Except as provided by the alternative requirements, all relevant requirements in the Local Government Act continue to apply as noted below.

When preparing consultation documentation for the proposed delivery model, councils must identify and assess the advantages and disadvantages of both the status quo model and the proposed delivery arrangement/model. They may also identify and assess additional options if they wish. The options analysis must cover all identified options in the consultation document, but other information such as the impact on rates, charges, debts, and levels of service is limited to the status

quo and proposed options. Consultation must be completed before the WSDP is adopted and submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).

Must Consult

The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, requires that Council must consult with the community on at least two delivery options including:

- Remaining with the existing approach 'status quo'; and
- A single or joint council-controlled water organisation or joint local government arrangement. Council may decide to include additional options for consultation.

There are advantages to the use of the alternative arrangements, and Council has effectively decided to utilise the alternative arrangements by deciding not to progress the Wellington Regional model, which is a reasonably practicable option.

Water Services Council Controlled Organisation

Council is required under the legislation to consider options and determine a preferred water service delivery model. Options may include:

- An internal business unit or division;
- A single council-controlled water organisation (CCO);
- A joint council-controlled water organisation (including or excluding stormwater);
- A mixed council/consumer trust owned organisation;
- A consumer trust owned organisation;
- A Shared Service arrangement.

The opportunity for councils to enter into joint arrangements offers the potential for accessing the 500% borrowing limit from the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA), providing greater financial flexibility and the ability to invest in large-scale water infrastructure projects. This could help spread financial risks and enhance the capacity for future development. However, such arrangements would also require careful consideration of how costs are distributed among ratepayers and the overall affordability of water services.

Whatever model is adopted, there will be legislative restrictions against privatisation, and regardless of delivery arrangements, existing responsibilities, commitments, and obligations under the LGA and Treaty settlement legislation will continue to apply.

In the instance where a CCO is established, Council would become a shareholder of the CCO. In all cases, the revenues, assets, expenses, and debt for water services must be separated or ring-fenced from all other Council services. This means the entity operates separately and collects revenue directly from connected and serviceable properties. Whatever the shape of the separate entity, they will not have rating powers, so assumptions need to be made about what tools they will use to raise the revenue they need.

Board appointments to a Water Organisation (WS-CCO or Trust) must be competency-based and have the appropriate mix of skills, knowledge, and experience. The guidance is explicit that they cannot include council staff or elected members.

There will be a range of matters for consideration by each shareholding council when preparing to enter a joint arrangement with other shareholding councils. There will be various stages and mechanisms at which councils may be able to set out expectations, such as the use of legal instruments in some cases, charters or guiding principles in others, including:

- Water Services Delivery Plan
- Shareholders Agreement
- Company Constitution
- Letter of Expectation
- Charter or Guiding Principles

To meet anticipated increased investment needs, on 8 August 2024, the Government and Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) announced that the LGFA CCO lending framework will be extended to new water organisations that are financially supported by their parent councils. This framework will enable borrowings up to a level equivalent to 500% of the operating revenues ratio of the CCO, subject to prudent credit criteria. This is significantly higher than the Council's limit, which is 250%. The purpose of the lending framework is to enable long-term financing of infrastructure and to spread these costs over the life of the assets. This is available to both single and multi-council WS-CCOs but not to councils that retain water services in-house.

Officers understand that there are some localised examples of a successful implementation of the trust models in the public utility area such as Scanpower in the Northern Tararua district. It may be possible to utilise the set-up of such organisations to provide other utility services, such as three waters under the assumption of economies of scope, but this has not been tested in New Zealand. Most importantly, such models would not be able to access LGFA funding under the proposed legislation, which is a significant advantage of the WSCCO model.

Given the unlikely viability of the trust models under the proposed legislation and short time to develop the Wai + T option to consultation, officers recommend that Council agrees that the Wai + T delivery model will be a WSCCO.

Stormwater

Under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 councils will retain legal responsibility and control of storm water services but have flexibility to choose the arrangements for delivery of services that best suit their circumstances. The Water Services Delivery Plan required to be submitted to the DIA by 3 September 2025 must indicate whether stormwater services are included or not either for all participants in the joint arrangement, or for some of the participants.

The matters to consider for councils who elect to retain stormwater outside of any joint arrangements are:

- The technical waters expertise that would have to remain internal to council to continue delivering it in-house and how this would be separated out from the rest of the water expertise.
- How stormwater will be funded given the Council will not have the advantage of head room created by the uplift in LGFA funding for CCOs.
- How this might undermine the benefits that come from a whole-of-catchment approach which are a key strategic benefit to joint entities.

A council has the flexibility to pass over the management of the stormwater assets to a water services entity which would likely be done by way of a service level agreement and expectations spelt out in a letter of expectation.

Given that SWDC recognizes the need for an Integrated Catchment Approach to stormwater and that to address the issues exacerbated by poor stormwater management such as I & I in the wastewater network, it would benefit Council to manage the issues under a single arrangement. Therefore, it is assumed any water services model developed will be for all three waters.

Officers recommend that for the purposes of clarity, Council agrees to progress the Wai + T option to include stormwater.

Price harmonisation

There is no legislative requirement to harmonise prices across the participating council districts, however, the Water Services Bill enables the Commerce Commission to apply minimum or maximum revenue thresholds (or both). It is recognised that the Councils have different levels of debt and asset value to be transferred to a new entity and this could be reflected in different tariff structures. It is also recognised that this may have implications for the economic development and growth in each area and the success of the entity in the long term if there is a long prohibition against harmonisation in place. Given these issues, officers recommend that options for price harmonisation are included in the consultation document, including a prohibition of harmonisation for a 3 to 5-year period until Financial Sustainability under the Water Services PAA is established and economic regulation kicks in.

OPTIONS

The following options to progress the development of the Wai + T option have been identified.

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>1 Agrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue development of the Wai+T option under the existing TOR with two amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To expand the AOG to include 2 elected members from 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for robust oversight of the project while maintaining council decision-making • Provides clarity to project members, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None identified

	<p>each participating council (one being a Mayor or Deputy Mayor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ delegate the AOG to develop a draft consultation document ● that the Wai + T delivery model will be a WSCCO ● to progress the Wai + T option to include stormwater ● to include options for price harmonisation in the consultation document 	<p>council and the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Streamlines the project deliverables resulting in resource efficiencies ● Enables consultation delivery timeframes to be achieved 	
2	<p>Does not agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to continue development of the Wai+T option under the existing TOR with two amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To expand the AOG to include 2 elected members from each participating council ○ delegate the AOG to develop a draft consultation document ● that the Wai + T delivery model will be a WSCCO ● to progress the Wai + T option to include stormwater ● to include options for price harmonisation in the consultation document 	<p>None identified</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lack of clarity around the role and responsibilities of AOG ● Insufficient variety of views in the AOG ● Additional workstreams for the project which will result in increased costs and risks not meeting the legislative timeframes

Option 1 is recommended to realise the advantages identified.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

There is no financial impact of this decision. This project is being funded through Better Off and Transition Support funding previously obtained through Water Reform legislation.

Climate Change

There are no climate change impacts as a result of the decisions sought in this report.

Reducing emissions from water services will need to be considered as part of the renewal and upgrade of the network. This will form part of the Asset Management Plans and Strategy of the Water Services Entity. Council will be able to influence climate change objectives through input into the Statement of Expectations.

CONCLUSION

Officers will further develop the models for consultation with the community. Work will also commence on the development of a WSDP for submission to DIA. Officers will report back to Council on the updated Project TOR at the February 2025 meeting.

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	Council's three waters network are strategic assets under the Significance and Engagement Policy. Changes to the delivery of water services will have high significance for the community. Consultation arrangements are provided for in the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the	This report complies with requirements under the suite of LWDW legislation.

Long Term Plan) that relate to this decision.	
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	Water and environmental wellbeing are key priorities for mana whenua and the wider Māori community. Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa iwi are represented on the Wairarapa + Tararua AOG.
Chief Financial Officer review	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.
State the possible implications for health and safety	There are no health and safety considerations.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Wairarapa + Tararua Project Terms of Reference



LOCAL WATER DONE WELL – WAIRARAPA & TARARUA

Project Terms of Reference

July 2024

Local Water Done Well – Wairarapa and Tararua Joint Council Project

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the project is to enable the councils and communities of South Wairarapa, Carterton District, Masterton District and Tararua, or any combination of these four Councils, to make an informed decision on the arrangements under which they will deliver a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP), as required under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill.

The project is scoped to provide sufficient supporting evidence and a decision-making framework to enable evaluation of a joint operating model (including all or some of the named councils) against other options for the delivery of water services (including the status quo).

The evidence provided will be of a quality that if chosen, the joint arrangement will be taken through as the alternative option in the consultation process with the community and into the development of a WSDP to be submitted to the Secretary for Local Government.

Scope

Under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill a key decision required of councils when preparing a WSDP is whether to continue delivering services as usual (whether under an existing CCO arrangement or alone) known as the 'status quo', or enter a joint arrangement with other councils, whether this be via a water services Council Controlled Organisation (CCO), Council Owned Organisation (COO) or other suitable model, for example shared services.

The scope of this project is to develop a joint arrangement option encompassing the Wairarapa and Tararua councils that is sufficiently detailed to enable it to be compared against other options.

Although the development of a Wellington Regional joint arrangement option is out of scope as this is being led out of a different project team under a different MOU and funding mechanism, it is in scope to assess the option derived from that process with the Wairarapa and Tararua Joint Council option.

Similarly, out of scope also is development of the status quo / existing approach option for each individual council which will remain the responsibility of the respective council but must be compared against the joint council option as required by Part 3, clause 51. 2. a. (i).

Dependencies

This project is dependent on two other processes being run concurrently:

1. The introduction and passage of the second and third pieces of Local Water Done Well legislation.
2. The progress of the Water Services Delivery Planning project for Wellington Region and Horowhenua.

This means that project deliverables and sub-deliverables will need to align to key milestones incorporated into these other two processes.

Of key importance are the designated 'off-ramps' designed within the Wellington Region and Horowhenua project to enable progressive decision making by councils on a preferred future delivery model.

This project feeds into but is not driven by those decision-making points. It is important however, that ultimately, all councils involved can progress on a timely basis to satisfy the requirements of the government to submit a WSDP to the Secretary for Local Government within twelve months of Royal Assent being given to the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill therefore, decisions will need to be signalled and made on a timely basis across the two (regional and provincial) projects.

Membership

Council Advisory Oversight Group (AOG) will be the Wairarapa appointees to the Wellington Regional WSDP AOG, the Mayor or an Elected Member of Tararua District Council, and an appointee from each of Rangitāne and Ngāti Kahungunu iwi authorities (six members in total).

The Project Steering Group (PSG) will be the Chief Executive Officers of the participating Councils.

The Project Team will be made up of Infrastructure Managers of the Masterton, Carterton and Tararua Councils.

The Project Lead will be Robyn Wells from South Wairarapa Council.

Support for the Project Team from internal and external consultants will be on an as required basis.

Specific responsibilities of the Project Team

1. Production of a fact summary sheet for CEs and AOG to be updated as milestones are met
2. Prepare detailed scope of work and project plan to deliver on the purpose statement
3. Development of a Project Budget for the period up to the decision to either proceed as a collective, thereby taking an offramp of the Wellington Regional model
4. Establish assessment criteria to enable options analysis and confirm work plan
5. Engage external expertise as required
6. Prepare stakeholder/engagement framework ensuring all appropriate parties are included
7. Deliver work plan in the form of a report and slide pack
8. Workshop options with elected members
9. Prepare consultation pack in collaboration with individual councils (for status quo)
10. Run consultation
11. Develop a framework for a Water Services Delivery Plan in the event the option to proceed excludes continuing with the Wellington Regional WSDP

Note – Should the preferred option become clear throughout the above work package the PSG may redirect the project team to commence work on that option in parallel. This will trigger an updated Terms of Reference.

Specific Responsibilities of the PSG and AOG Groups

1. Appoint membership to the project team

2. Ensure the team members can be committed to the project
3. To keep informed through information provided from the project team

Funding

Participating Councils agree to fund the costs of this project in equal parts, i.e., Four Councils = 25%, Three Councils = 33.3%

Participating Councils will fund all project expenditure on the above proportions, unless otherwise agreed.

The project budget estimate will be approved by the PSG. Project expenditure will include all forecast external costs for the duration of this work.

The cost of backfilling the Project Lead for the duration of the project will be included as an approved cost. Except for the Project Lead, staff and Elected Member costs incurred by Councils will not be charged to this project. Iwi members on the AOG will be eligible for payment in line with existing Council policies. Where there is a conflict the most substantial policy payments will be applied by the project team.

South Wairarapa District Council will manage project expenditure and charging, through the Project Lead.

The Project Team will have delegated authority to spend up to \$30,000 in line with the approved budget. Approval of costs above \$30,000 requires the endorsement of all members of the PSG.

Term and Termination

The Project will be funded to the point of a decision on the operating model to be included within the required WSDP. Post that point, a new Terms of Reference will be drafted.

Participating Councils may exit the project at any time. If a participating Council leaves the project, they remain liable for their share of all costs incurred up to that date, including committed costs unable to be avoided.

Decision Making

Each Council will be responsible for their own decision-making using the project team's advice and assistance. The AOG, PSG, and Project team will make decisions on a consensus basis. Where consensus is not possible decisions will be made via majority, or alternatively escalated to the next level of oversight.

Meeting frequency

The Project Team will meet weekly. The Steering Group and AOG will meet at least monthly based on the pace of decisions and / or updates required

Review of ToR

To be reviewed at any time at the request of the PSG.

SIGNED for and on behalf of
CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
by its authorised signatory



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Signature
Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive Officer
Date: 5 July 2024

SIGNED for and on behalf of
MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
by its authorised signatory



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Signature
Kym Fell
Chief Executive Officer
Date: 5 July 2024

SIGNED for and on behalf of
SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
by its authorised signatory



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Signature
Janice Smith
Chief Executive Officer
Date: 5 July 2024

SIGNED for and on behalf of
TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL
by its authorised signatory



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Signature
Bryan Nicholson
Chief Executive Officer
Date: 5 July 2024

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
7.1 - Future Direction of Water Services	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	The report includes commercially sensitive information relating to a future tender for council services.

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Kua mutu ā mātou mahi
Mō tēnei wā
Manaakitia mai mā katoa
O mātou hoa
O mātou whānau
Aio ki te Aorangi

Our work is finished
For the moment
Blessing upon us all
Our friends
Our families
Peace to the Universe