

Ngā wai e toru Waters



Why it's a proposed priority

Kāpiti has a strong track record of delivering safe, reliable water services, built through good management and ongoing investment.

Water is one of the most important services we provide. Every day, our communities rely on safe drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems to support public health, local growth, and the environment.

It is anticipated that we'll have around 10,000 new homes by 2050, so our water networks need to keep supporting the people who live here now, while also planning for future communities.

New national water reforms also mean Council must change how water services are managed behind the scenes. The services our communities receive are not changing, but new requirements mean water service planning, oversight, and finances need to be ring-fenced from wider Council operations.

Getting our waters right matters for public health, for housing and development, and for the health of our rivers, streams, waterways, and coastal environment.

Our role

Under legislation Council has a role in delivering water services. It also has environmental protection responsibilities related to land use and waterways.

Actions to shift the dial

- Implement our new (internal) water services business unit
- Review and update water-related policies and bylaws to meet new standards
- Review our infrastructure plan and capital programme to ensure the capacity and quality of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services are maintained into the medium term
- Clarify messaging about our water services, including how water-related rates and development contributions are used and invested
- Prioritise and work with partners on actions needed to address waterway issues identified through Kāpiti Whaitua and other environmental monitoring.

How we'll know

These are our proposed measures of success:

- Local water quality regulations are met
- Local water service provision meets local needs, and enables future growth
- Kāpiti's water environment supports growth and is protected now and into the future.

Learn more about our three waters services and the work we do to protect our waterways.

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