



ATTACHMENTS

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Under Separate Cover
Tuesday, 15 July 2025**

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William Alasdair		005	No	No
Carlo Alejandro		007	No	No
Lisa Anink		009	No	No
Aimee Baird		011	No	No
Abbey Barker		013	No	No
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Claire Barning	Ratepayer	017	No	No
Graeme Binsted		019	No	No
Rachel Blackler		021	No	No
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David Bray		025	No	No
Anthony Brien	H2H Organisor	027	No	No
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Michael Browne		031	No	No
Caleb Buchanan		033	No	No
Lee & Bill Burdon	Ratepayer	035	No	Yes
Craig Cahill		037	No	No
Sonia Callaghan		039	No	No
John Clemens		041	No	No
Craig Climo		043	No	No
Cedric Coll		045	No	No
Lucas Cummings		047	No	No

Kristine Db		049	No	No
David Diamond		051	No	Yes
Helen Elston		053	No	No
Murray & Christine Facer		055	No	No
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Malcolm Foote		064	No	No
Debbie Fortuin		066	No	No
Eva-Maria Frank		068	No	No
Hermann Frank		070	No	No
Wayne Gaby		072	No	Yes
Ray Gallagher		074	No	No
Nigel Gamble		076	No	No
Kyle Gerrie		078	No	No
Heather Goodger		080	No	No
Allan Gough		082	Yes	No
Russell Grant		085	No	No
Ms K Griffiths		087	No	Yes
Jono Halkett		089	No	No
Nick Hambleton		091	No	No
Bernad Hansen		093	No	No
Ali Harwood		095	No	No
Ethel Heath		097	No	No
Michelle Herriott		099	No	No
Adam Hitchcock		101	No	No
Jen Holland		103	No	No
Nick Horsley		105	No	No

Michael Howe		107	No	No
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Melanie Hunter		111	No	No
Sam Huxford		113	No	No
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Paula Irvine		117	No	No
Caroline Jeavons		119	No	No
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John McKenzie		167	No	No
Jan McLauchlan		169	No	No
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Vicki Rogers		214	No	No
Shirley Satterthwaite & Pamela Russell		216	No	No
Matt Savage		218	No	Yes
Sarah Savage		220	No	No
Charles Scarsbrook	Temuka Community Board	222	Yes	No
Colin Scarsbrook		225	No	No
Janet Ann Scarsbrook		227	No	No
David Schofield		229	No	No
Tim Shaw		231	No	No
Ashley Shewan		233	No	No
Katrina Shierlaw		235	No	No
Joshua Sim		237	No	No
Lynley Simmons		239	No	No
Andrea Skudder		241	No	No
Craig & Raewyn Smith		243	No	No
Wendy Smith	South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce	245	Yes	No
Beverley Joy Solway		250	No	No
Neil Sparks		252	No	No
Chris Spencer		254	No	No
Graeme Spencer		256	Yes	No
Jeannette Stack		266	No	No
Kerry-Ann Stanton		268	No	No
Rachael Stott		270	No	No

Malcolm Strang		272	No	No
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Kerry Stuart		276	No	No
Sylvie Taylor		278	No	No
Michael Thomas		280	No	No
Rene Thomas		282	No	No
Anne Trezise		284	No	No
Gordon Troon		286	No	No
Heather Tudgey		288	No	No
Carmen Tuite		290	No	No
Dennis Veal		292	No	Yes
Howard Verity		294	No	No
David Welford		296	No	No
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Robyn White		300	No	No
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Consultation name: Our Water Done Well - The future of water services in Timaru District

Type: Consultation to meet the requirements of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024

Dates opened/ closed: 15 May – 6 June 2025

Webpage: <http://www.timaru.govt.nz/water>

CM folder/s: F15984

Contact for more information: Brendan Madley

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Last Name *

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Postal address

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William

Last Name *

Alasdair

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Aimee

Last Name *

Baird

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Last Name *

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It needs to be kept inhouse, as we currently fund it via our rates and don't want this asset given away to another organization who is then just going to keep increasing the costs of water.

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Preferred option is Option 3A (Include Waimate and MacKenzie exclude Waitaki

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Rachel

Last Name *

Blackler

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Jeremy

Last Name *

Boys

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 - That 4 Councils is a more expensive rate payer concept than 3 - doesn't ring true ??
 - That effective outsourcing of 3 water delivery will have unintended consequences that have not been fully assessed (scale of Council remaining services diminished for next generation - rates impact in long term not fully recognised)
 - Growth / Development critical for Sth Cant future - high risk that new entity will have a mandate for short term financial return (& performance) rather than community benefit that needs to come from long term investment
 - Control by TDHL not considered but may be better fit if this to become a commercial enterprise
 - Is this a half step to Council amalgamation that should be more openly debated?
 - Governing structure of options/risks not properly scrutinized - (Wgtn water failures seem likely to be replicated without better focus going in)
 - Storm water should be retained by Council for all options as very closely aligned with other Council Infrastructure (all aspects from Concept to build)

(2) Submit therefore:
 (a) Set up multi Council entity only if it is 4 or more
 (b) Set up as 2 waters (excl SW)
 (c) Clarify Governance structure and "assured capability to deliver" before any option advanced further

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David

Last Name *

Bray

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Stephen

Last Name *

Brown

Organisation (if applicable)

Ratepayer

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The costs look like they will be massive, and looking at the rate councillors spend money as it is, do you really think it's a good idea to expect rate payers to fork out more for the wages of unnecessary bureaucracy.

Having an independent board commissioned, yet funded by the ratepayer is warped in my view. How can the ratepayer be sure that the provider is held accountable for the standards of the service that said ratepayer is funding? Why should the ratepayers be financially responsible for something they have no say in?

As for the third option, how can we be sure that our water infrastructure is maintained and kept to the standards we expect when we have to share with other councils? Which other councils will we be sharing with?

The Timaru District ratepayer has enjoyed a great standard of three waters services for many years. BECAUSE THE RATEPAYER PAYS FOR IT. The proposals suggest that the council will no longer be able to be held accountable for the quality of standards by the ratepayer, and the standards may fall as a consequence of sharing the responsibilities of infrastructure provision with other councils.

The old adage if it ain't broke don't fix it comes to mind. The standards of the water services in Timaru are some of the best in the country. Why would you want to change that? If finances are a problem, quit the vanity projects like the theatre royal and pay for the core services that ratepayers expect, not nice to haves with shiny plaques with your names on it.

Remember who you are accountable for, who expects you to represent them, and who should be at the forefront of your mind in decision making. Not these great fairytale projects you can put your names on. The ratepayer.

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Lee and Bill

Last Name *

Burdon

Organisation (if applicable)

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David

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6 June 2025

Mayor Nigel Bowen and Councillors,
Timaru District Council
submission@timdc.govt.nz

Kia ora Mayor Bowen and Councillors,

Our Water Done Well consultation

The Geraldine Community Board wishes to be heard in support of its submission

Introduction

The Geraldine Community Board appreciates the work the Timaru District Council has, in recent years, put into ensuring governance and management of local water assets remain within the communities using them.

The Board welcomes the present opportunity to submit on the future of our district's water services.

The issue is critical for the Geraldine ward and the wider Timaru district given the likely high levels of resources and commitment at stake. It is important that a thorough process is run, to give ratepayers and residents confidence in decision-making.

This submission addresses a high-level procedural matter relating to the Our Water Done Well consultation and several content-related issues.

Insufficient information provision about council-controlled organisations

The Board has significant concern that the Our Water Done Well consultation process falls short of requirements under the Local Government Act 2002's s82 (Principles of consultation).

In particular, the Board refers to s82(1)(a): "that persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter should be provided by the local authority with reasonable access to relevant information..." and to s82(1)(c): "that persons who are invited or encouraged to present their views to the local authority should be given clear information concerning the purpose of the consultation and the scope of the decisions to be taken..."

Crucially, front-facing information provided to the public does not include reference to the Local Government Act's Part 5 (Council-controlled organisations and council organisations). Council-controlled organisations are central to two of the three options put forward for consideration by the

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public in the relevant consultation process. The Board's view is that Part 5 involves such 'relevant information' and 'clear information concerning the purpose of the consultation and the scope of decisions to be taken' required under s82(1)(a) and s82(1)(c).

It is the Board's view that, without direct reference to the legislation foundational to governance of a council-controlled organisation, the public cannot sufficiently engage with the consultation.

The Board suggests that in order to obtain meaningful input from ratepayers and residents on the future of the district's water services, the Timaru District Council should amend and extend in time the Our Water Done Well consultation process so that members of the public are informed about the relevant legislative settings, have a reasonable period to assess the options within that context, and have enough time to respond accordingly.

Recommendation:

- ***The Our Water Done Well consultation should be amended and extended in time to ensure relevant information is provided to the public in accord with s82 of the Local Government Act 2002 and to ensure the public can contribute appropriately to the process.***

Content-related matters needing further information and consideration

A number of issues relating to the content of Our Water Done Well need additional information and consideration to enable Geraldine ward and wider Timaru district ratepayers and residents to contribute meaningfully to the consultation process and to enable Council to make the best possible decision for the district's water services delivery.

Board appointments

Focussed on "skills, knowledge, and experience", the LGA's s57 (Appointment of directors) provides at a high level for adoption of policy for appointment and remuneration of CCO directors, and for appointment itself. The Board has relevant concerns as this relates to Options 2 and 3.

The qualities' subjectivity is one such concern (albeit the Board acknowledges it is an unavoidable subjectivity given the breadth of purposes the CCO model can be used for). The concern is particularly significant in the light that Option 3 would see either two or three other councils, not just the Timaru District Council as elected by local ratepayers and residents, determining which skills, knowledge, and experience are germane and desirable.

Relatedly, s57(3) states: "When identifying the skills, knowledge, and experience required of directors of a council-controlled organisation, the local authority must consider whether knowledge of tikanga Māori may be relevant to the governance of that council-controlled organisation." The Board's view is that: most appropriate water services governance skills, knowledge, and experience are determinate disciplines, and that tikanga, as subjective understanding, could be in tension with such disciplines; and potential for compromise of determinate water governance discipline, as in a recent Auckland Council case, should be avoided. In that case, Auckland Council's appointment to chair its Watercare Services Limited CCO, an engineer with extensive relevant experience, was

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overturned by the High Court after objection to the appointment by the council's unelected independent Maori advisory panel; a different person has since been appointed to the WSL board.

Potential for CCO board appointment/s under s57(3) to compromise directorship that is based on empirical disciplines, and/or devolve associated additional costs to ratepayers, needs consideration. This applies especially in the context of Option 3, under which two or three other councils would contribute to director appointment.

Accountability

Several accountability matters related to CCOs make the identified options equally valid, in the Board's view. Significantly, they include that the Auditor-General is auditor of CCOs, and that Parts 1-6 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 applies to CCOs as if they were local authorities.

Beyond this, however, the Board has accountability concerns/questions about Options 2 and 3:

CCOs' 'distance' from voters

Regardless of relevant legislative provisions for strong performance and accountability by CCOs, it remains that voting ratepayers and residents have significantly less influence on them and their actions than they have on elected members and their actions. There is potential for the voice of the community to fail to adequately reach a CCO. Given that ratepayers' funds and assets are at stake, this concern is weighty.

Financial costs

The Board acknowledges that the consultation document caveats its assertions/discussion on financial aspects of the options with "probably"; it is realistic to be candid that modelled costs are inherently estimates only.

However, the document, and the more detailed publicly available documents are unclear as to whether costs to the council of CCO establishment and oversight are included in the options' modelled comparative costs to Geraldine ward and wider Timaru district ratepayers. Additionally, the documents do not say whether the potential CCOs' governance, employment, planning, audit, and other costs are included in the modelled comparative costs. The public would be more easily able to engage with and comment on the discussion document if this information were clearly stated.

'Seamless integration'

Consultation document discussion on Options 1 and 2 refers to "seamless integration" of water service delivery with other council responsibilities such as transport and planning. The Board agrees such integration is an advantage those options have over Option 3.

It is worth noting also that council planning and decision-making roles relating to vegetation and affecting water sequestration, flow, and quality give Option 1 an advantage over the CCO-related options. This is due to the linkage between those planning and decision-making roles and water services provision which, under Option 1, would take place under the same roof.

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Treaty of Waitangi

The Board notes the discussion document twice states it will 'meet/honour its Treaty of Waitangi commitments'. No explanation is given in the document as to what those commitments are, so it is difficult to comment in detail on their effects on Options 2 and 3 for water services delivery. However, the Board notes that Part 5 of the LGA includes not only contemplation of tikanga inclusion at CCO governance level, as referenced above, but also s60(A) (Significant decisions of council-controlled organisations affecting land or water): "Before a council-controlled organisation makes a decision that may significantly affect land or a body of water, it must take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water, sites, wahi tapu, valued flora and fauna, and other taonga."

The Board suggests the council convey to ratepayers and residents not only the governance implications of these legal obligations should Options 2 or 3 be adopted, but also related management and financial implications.

Change between present circumstances and the future

Information provided on Option 3 in the consultation document and in other publicly available relevant documents appears to relate to a potential CCO whose parent districts experience little relative change over time. The Board understands that modelled costs are 2034 estimates and "are not harmonised across districts"; the Board would, however, appreciate clarification on whether potential alterations in individual districts' circumstances and relevant water services demand are factored into the financial modelling presented.

The Board asks that further information be provided to the public on how significant changes within a particular district (for example, industrial, population, or natural disaster-driven) affecting water services demand would impact financially and otherwise on a shared CCO, its parent councils, and the districts' ratepayers and residents.

Risk management

Publicly available documents on the options proposed make little mention of risks of taking a CCO pathway. Examples of risks worth raising in public discussion include pitfalls related to a council's insufficient attention to development of a CCO's statement of intent, and too little attention to a CCO's investments; while relevant failures are ostensibly CCOs' responsibility, the owning council/s and ratepayers and residents bear material, reputational, and net-worth costs.

Withdrawal from a council-controlled water services organisation

It would help Geraldine ward and wider Timaru district ratepayers and residents to provide advice on the future of the district's water services if information were provided about withdrawal from a water services CCO. In particular, it would be helpful for people to understand:

- the process and potential cost of Timaru District withdrawal from a multi-council water services CCO whose other parent councils wish to remain in the arrangement.
- the process and cost, including employment-related, of Timaru District reintegration of a Timaru District water services CCO into an in-house delivery model.

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The Board's overall view

The Board has requested amendment and extension in time of the Our Water Done Well consultation. Advice below relates to questions/concerns the Board wishes to see addressed in a more detailed consultation document for the public to provide input on.

If the Council does not agree that the consultation should be extended as proposed, the Board asks that the questions/concerns be addressed by the Council as part of its decision-making process:

Recommendations:

- ***A view should be formed of appropriate skills, knowledge, and experience for water services CCO directors. It should include bottom lines essential for agreement with other councils in a shared CCO.***
- ***The Council should note the Board's concern about the distance of a water services CCO from the district's voting ratepayers and residents.***
- ***Costs of CCO establishment and oversight, and CCO governance, management, planning, audit, and other costs should be ascertained upfront.***
- ***Potential advantages of coordination with other council services and roles under Options 1 and 2 should be in clear view in decision-making.***
- ***Governance, management, and financial implications of legal obligations relating to s57(3) of the Local Government Act and the Treaty of Waitangi generally, relevant to Options 2 and 3, should be understood and reflected in decision-making.***
- ***Clarity should be sought on how significant changes within a district that affect water services demand would impact financially and otherwise on a shared CCO and its parent councils.***
- ***The Council should consider risks of taking a CCO pathway for water services delivery as per 'Risk management' above.***
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At this stage, given the above concerns and questions needing answer, the Geraldine Community Board gives the following overall advice:

Recommendation:

- ***The Council should adopt Option 1.***

The Board is open to revising this recommendation if the relevant information requested is provided to the public and the consultation period is extended.

Kā mihi,

Jan Finlayson,
Chair, Geraldine community Board.

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 The more entities are in the group, the less our control
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Do Not Join with Mackenzie, Waimate or District Waikataki, unless this would decrease the Timaru Ratepayers contribution. We should not have to pick up another communities' short fall of finances for a poorly maintained infrastructure. If a union is to be made under option 3, spend money on a Audit and stake everyones shareholdership off of condition/ quality of infrastructure.

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Water Issues

I am making a plea to consider water issues on a regional or wider basis. Water is the key to all life and it must be thought of in the widest possible way. The concept of three waters was in principle good but the planned implementation would have meant that one sector of our community hijacked the ownership of water at the expense of the wider community.

I am strongly in favour of some sort of combined water arrangement to cover at least the central South Island as the geography, climate, water needs, and availability are for the most part common and inevitably intertwined.

My plea is for the various local bodies to put aside any parochial issues and to consider the broader community now and in the future. In my opinion, failure to do this will sooner or later not look good for the local bodies and be detrimental to the wider community. It is an unfortunate fact that if there is a failure to think broadly now, the membership of the local bodies when the effects are recognised will probably be different so those who cannot or will not take a responsible attitude to the wider community now will not have to bear the consequences. In my humble opinion, none of the local bodies in the region are big enough to bear the responsibility and financial burdens of future water management. I still have this opinion even if only some of them come together. In this region I include Timaru, McKenzie, Waimate, and Waitaki. There may be other local bodies that could logically and sensibly become part of any scheme.

How the future structure is set up is outside of my skills and I am aware that the larger the entity then the more the risk of management inefficiencies but this may be a cross we all have to bear although we should not.

Local bodies and government entities have a reputation for being retrospective, not proactive, and parochial. Here is an opportunity to take some initiative and act for the future for the benefit of the whole community which the local bodies are supposed to serve and not just their local community. Local body employees must not be allowed to try to impose their inherently vested interests. Failure to do so may bring back central government interference which recent history has shown can potentially be detrimental to some or all of the wider community.

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Ms K

Last Name *

Griffiths

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This narrative was not only inaccurate but reckless and irresponsible. Infrastructure such as water treatment plants, pipelines, and pump stations are not "assets" in the traditional sense; they exist to provide essential public services and were always intended to remain in public ownership under the original reform.

Given the current direction, I agree that Option Three—shared services between local councils—is the most effective solution available. While it may not be as comprehensive as the original reform, it offers a collaborative approach that could still achieve many of the same goals in terms of efficiency, resilience, and service quality.

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Nick

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Michelle

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Nick

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Jennifer

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 Let the professionals do their job with the instruction to provide the best water at the best price and to maintain the asset and to build in resilience to disasters.
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Submission on Timaru District Council's Proposal on *Local Water Done Well*

My submission is a personal one, based on working in the 3 waters sector in New Zealand for more than ten years, and does not necessarily reflect the position of the company I work for.

I support Timaru District Council's ("Council") preferred option, being joining with other councils to set up a new water services organisation but wish to make the following comments and raise the following queries for Council's consideration.

1. The previous government's position was that four water entities was the preferred option to achieve economies of scale, with 1 million people residing within each area. The current position of Council is to partner with the Mackenzie and Waimate District Councils, which would only generate a combined 65,000 people (50,000 from Timaru, 8,500 from Waimate and 5,500 from Mackenzie). Does Council consider this total number of people sufficient to deliver the economies of scale as envisaged through 3 waters reform? A larger region would spread the conservative estimate of \$9 million in establishment costs across a larger ratepayer base and potentially deliver more cost-effective water services into the future.
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4. Timaru is relatively unique within New Zealand in having a sizeable wet industrial base, with Council rightly looking to support by way of reliable and fair water and wastewater supplies and charges. This may not be a focus for Waimate and Mackenzie districts, who do not directly benefit. Does Council have any concerns that industry may be negatively impacted by a new water services organisation?
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Timaru District Council - Local Water Done Well

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SUBMISSION TO TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL,

To: Online submission

Submission on: **Local Water Done Well**

Date: 6 June 2025

Submission by: Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Address for service: Eleanor Linscott
 Regional Policy Manager South Island
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We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS

Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a membership organisation, which is mandated by its members to advocate on their behalf and ensure representation of their views. Federated Farmers does not collect a compulsory levy under the commodities levy act and is funded from voluntary membership.

Federated Farmers represents rural and farming businesses throughout New Zealand. We have a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand’s farmers.

Federated Farmers aims to empower farmers to excel in farming. Our key strategic outcomes include provision for an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of a vibrant rural community; and
- Our members adopt responsible management and sustainable food production practices.
- This submission represents close to 1000 Federated Farmers members across the districts of Timaru, Waimate, and Mackenzie District Councils.

1. SUBMISSION

1.1 Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit on the proposed Local Water Done Well (LWDW) partnership between four councils: Waimate District Council, Mackenzie District Council, Timaru District Council, and Waitaki District Council. Federated Farmers appreciates the Council initiative to support communities to have their say.

1.2 The LWDW collective has identified three options:

- a) A jointly owned Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) with Mackenzie, Timaru, and Waimate district councils; plus an alternative option including Waitaki District Council
- b) A stand-alone CCO; or
- c) An internal business unit (this is similar to the existing approach).

Waitaki District Council is also part of an alternative separate scenario of a jointly owned CCO with its Southern neighbours, Gore, Clutha, and Central Otago district councils, collectively known as Southern Water Done Well.

1.3 Rural communities depend on quality human drinking water and generally organise their supply themselves. New Zealand's rural landscape is characterised by many varied drinking water schemes, with ground, surface, and roof water configurations. These schemes may be specific to individual farms or be small networks of households and buildings in a locality, and are run by farmers, other volunteers, trusts, or committees.

1.4 The importance of rural water networks cannot be understated. Farmers have invested significant time, resources and labor into rural water schemes. They often supply neighboring properties in good faith. The economic success of these districts relies on how water infrastructure, particularly stock-water is managed.

1.5 Timaru District Council has the preferred option of joining with neighbouring councils to set up a new Water Services Organisation (WSO). The joint council proposal aims to capture efficiencies from being part of a larger organisation "to enable more investment and/or lower prices, while effectively managing risks". The consultation material notes the key disadvantages of the joint WSO is less local control, in that Timaru District Council would share decision making and control with other councils. Other noted disadvantages include transition challenges in establishing the organization. Coordinating the transition, staff and debt may be complex. Council also noted that some costs that are currently shared with water services may not be able to be transferred to the new organisation.

1.6 For the farming community, water services are fundamentally a local issue. The need for a robust governance structure established under any new joint model is critical for Federated Farmers. For our purpose, bigger entities may not necessarily be better. We

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wonder how volunteer scheme committees will interact with an independent board, with expertise in business, but not the locality. We prefer to take the risk of moving into the future with the governance of local people, working with local problems, to achieve local outcomes.

- 1.7 Rural schemes were built by rural communities. Therefore, it is our view that rural water schemes should be managed locally. Agriculture, forestry and fishing contribute significantly to the local district GDP, so it is important that oversight remains at a local level.
- 1.8 Local Water Done Well impacts smaller, remote rural communities. This is a key concern and reinforces the need for councils to implement careful and responsible financial planning that takes into account the risks of the new model to rural communities. Rural ratepayers want certainty that they are not carrying the financial burden of other councils or being used to fund urban water schemes and upgrades. For the rural community risk equates to financial cost whether it be via the rates invoice or a separate invoice from the new WGO entity. Too often rural communities find themselves last on the list for proposed upgrades but used as part of the mechanism for paying for other (urban) areas.
- 1.9 Many local water schemes across the country have been established and funded at the rural grass roots level – predominantly for stock water. Some schemes are debt free and well managed. Clarity and transparency about any new scheme would need to be provided to those existing schemes about how they would fit into the new model. It needs to be clear what local oversight will be provided at the governance level, especially where these schemes have established governance structures and separate financials.
- 1.10 Other councils as part of this process have also raised questions about the ability of each council individually to be able to assess the merits of the water service delivery options “when there is only a moderate level of confidence in the data provided by potential partners”. If other councils that are proposed to be part of the combined entity are raising concerns about data, it is difficult for the community to have an appropriate level of comfort with the information provided in the consultation, i.e. to be able to make an informed decision. As pointed out by the other councils, it introduces considerable risk.
- 1.11 Federated Farmers supports the establishment of an internal business unit for water services. We are opposed to the formation of a more remote external structure with uncertainty about its priorities and the overhead cost of its establishment. We contend that this is the best path to ensuring rural communities are fairly represented in a transparent way. This is worth more to our community than elevated access to debt or theoretical efficiencies. An internal business unit should account for the historic financial and personal investment farmers have put into the district’s water infrastructure.
- 1.12 It is concerning that water quality standards are becoming exceedingly difficult to meet.

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Regulations enforced by Taumata Arowai and Regional Councils have become overcomplicated, duplicative and time consuming. The alarming cost of regulatory compliance is unaffordable. Privately owned rural drinking water suppliers have historically provided drinking water to farms and neighboring community members. However, continued restrictions on land use within protected drinking water zones could prevent this function of good-will in future.

1.13 Water services are becoming increasingly expensive due to continuously increasing regulatory pressure. Aspirational community wastewater management practices such as disposal to land under future regional consent requirements are expensive. To limit excessive increases, Federated Farmers supports the continued use of existing water infrastructure and cost-effective resource management. Federated Farmers strongly supports increased investment in water infrastructure from central government. In combination with individual councils' becoming guarantors of the Local Government Funding Agency Ltd.

1.14 Federated Farmers thanks Council for considering our feedback on Local Water Done Well.

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157**Our Water Done Well Submission**

Past and the present Timaru and District (Temuka Geraldine) councils have given us excellent service over the years as regards 3 waters especially the old Borough Councils. The Pareora dam and water race to the Claremont bluestone reservoir then piped to Timaru using pick and shove an engineering marvel that stood the test of time, built for local conditions using local knowledge. Successive councils have kept up the good work extending and replacing pipes so the underground system is in good order.

The old council works departments were disbanded and replaced by councils tendering the work out contraversial at the time but it is not only working you can see it working.

Several years ago there were deaths from a contaminated drinking water well in the North Island so the government of the day decided there needed to be major change. Three Waters became an election issue that government was voted out and the new government gave us Our Water Done Well with TDC giving us the choice of 3 options

Option 1 Keeping water services inhouse and overseen by our council. Status Quo?
My choice

Optian 2 Establishing our own separate water organisation with council appointed directors As soon as you mention directors you think of hospitals and schools with their elected directors and boards with a school of thought suggesting the money would be better spent on hospitals and schools.

Option 3 Joining with neighbouring councils to set up a new water services organisation. Sounds expensive to set up and in my view a carbon copy of the complicated Alpine Energy carve up a complete disaster making it hard for Alpine Energy to expand, upgrade their network and prvide a service. Unless there was something in writing from Waitaki,Waimate and MacKenzie councils to say they are prepared to go with this option then option 1 would be the smart choice otherwise it may look like big brother trying to take over little brother. Like the Labour government's 3 water's.

May 22nd 25 Courier Waimate District Councils preferred option. Option 1

If council work is contracted or put out to tender then councils only need to provide an inspection and advisory service

In this day and age there is a vast range of machinary, technical services and equipment available to cater for all sorts of water infrastructure. A bit like going into



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Mitre 10 looking for a light bulb the choice is endless so in the end you seek advice from the sales person. Small councils like Waimate and Mackenzie would have contractors that are more than capable of digging trenches for pipes and getting advice for infrastructure that suits their needs

Without water life would cease to exist, the Maori Party was formed because of a water issue and it could be said that the last Labour government lost the election because of their heavy handed approach of 3 Waters so should our water be above party politics?

With the ongoing debate with 3 Waters and Our Water Done Well one thing has stood out for me at least in that NZ District Councils are not only working they are working well and that big is not always better. Another issue is constant change or updates like Microsoft from one a year to one a week with the only obvious change more pretty pictures on home page

In my view the whole 3 Water, Our Water Done Well debate should be laid to rest with government looking at providing cheaper funding to councils

EP. McAuley

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McCullough

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Shane

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Minnear

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05 June 2025

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Local Water Done Well
Timaru District Council
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Tēnā koutou

Public health advice on Local Water Done Well

1. We are providing advice on the Timaru District Council's proposal for Local Water Done Well. Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora has statutory obligations under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 and the Health Act 1956 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities. This advice has been prepared by the National Public Health Service (NPHS) Te Waipounamu of Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora. NPHS Te Waipounamu provides public health services to the South Canterbury region including the Timaru district.
2. NPHS Te Waipounamu does not have a view on the preferred option for the delivery of water services in the Timaru district. We acknowledge that these plans are intended to encourage councils to examine how they can sustainably fund three waters infrastructure long into the future, including meeting regulatory requirements in terms of quantity and quality of water and supporting growth.
3. Timaru District Council's proposal for Local Water Done Well may have significant implications for public health.
4. The following outlines our technical advice on Timaru District Council's proposal for Local Water Done Well to protect communities from waterborne diseases, through the provision of drinking water supplies, sewerage and stormwater systems.

Specific Advice

5. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to ensure that the maintenance and strengthening of three waters service delivery allows for population growth. We support the continued operation of the three waters infrastructure so that services are not reduced or withdrawn. The provision of safe and adequate supplies of drinking water and the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and wastewater protects public health.
6. Safe drinking water is crucial to public health. The well-known outbreak of gastroenteritis in Havelock North in August 2016, which was caused by contaminated drinking water, resulted in an estimated 5,500 of the town's 14,000 residents becoming ill with campylobacteriosis, and of these, 45 people required hospital treatment. It is possible that

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the outbreak contributed to three deaths, and an unknown number of residents developed long-term health complications.

7. The safe collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and wastewater also protects public health. Human waste carries a wide range of pathogenic micro-organisms, and many are still viable and virulent, even if sewage has been in the environment for some time. Sewage and wastewater may also contain toxic chemicals, particularly from industrial and trade waste sources.
8. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council's proposal to invest in water services to meet regulatory requirements which protect public health.
9. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council ensuring that there is ongoing investment in the renewal and maintenance of infrastructure to maintain levels of service in the medium and long term.
10. NPHS Te Waipounamu notes Council's preferred delivery model appears cost-effective and will keep costs manageable for users. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the need to keep costs manageable, whilst at the same time protecting people's health by ensuring access to safe drinking water, stormwater and wastewater disposal is affordable.
11. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to ensure adequate resources are allocated to higher risk communities, including those that are currently under-serviced or not serviced.
12. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to consider the impacts on intergenerational equity and supports Council's consideration of the impacts of climate change to ensure that this essential public health infrastructure is protected from extreme weather events.
13. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to ensure that there is equitable provision of adequate water supplies to meet health and sanitation requirements.
14. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to recognise the importance of relationships with the regional council. These discussions should include the interaction between the stormwater and flood protection systems so that stormwater ingress to sewers is managed, and will reduce the risk of sewage overflows, but also that flood risk from stormwater ponding is not increased.
15. NPHS Te Waipounamu acknowledges Council's exploration of the potential efficiencies that could be achieved through a joint council water services organisation.
16. While there is no specific requirement in the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 for iwi Māori to be consulted, NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to work closely with mana whenua to ensure water services reflect cultural values, promote environmental sustainability and support their needs.

Conclusion

NPHS Te Waipounamu does not wish to be heard with respect to this technical advice.

Ngā mihi



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Decades of underinvestment and lack of long term strategic planning have come home to roost across the country. Timaru is in a relatively good position with water assets, but we are not perfect. There is a bow wave of renewals coming. There are escalating regulation, standards and reporting requirements from central government. Divesting from Council to a Joint CCO with neighbours will mean getting on with planning and delivering quality water services for the wider South Canterbury community without being hindered by conflicting priorities and political agendas that come with being part of a larger organisation that has many hats to wear. Water Services will have a budget and not have to worry about it being slashed to accommodate competing business units. The way a Water Services Organisation will work will maintain accountability to the community, and the organisation can be built up on a foundation of trust if the right approach is taken. I would want a water CCO to be more welcome and trusted in the community than Alpine Energy. The community engagement by TDC on water reform throughout the process has been lacking, and misinformation allowed to flourish. It is honestly quite astounding what people are spreading on social media and there has been no official information put out there to refute any of it. TDC could have done better to get the messaging out there and engage with the community around the state of our networks and what we need to do over the next generation to set our district up for success.

To the elected members, I implore you to look past the emotive arguments around asset ownership and misinformation from neighbours floating around. Do the right thing for your communities, pass on stewardship of Water Services to Aoraki Water (or similar) and mandate the organisation to build on the work already started on developing resilient services for a growing South Canterbury. We need to build a foundation of trust, get our story out there and make it clear to the public that Water Services cannot be privatised, it is against the law!

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Savage

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Temuka Community Board

4-6-2025

Water Done well Submission

The Temuka Community Board agree that option three would be the most preferred option for our community. We believe that through option 3 we can still keep an element of community control and direction but also achieve some economies of scale by joining with other local water entities.

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Colin

Last Name *

Scarsbrook

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Which will be added once the options are recorded? Will it be Fluorosilicic Acid (H2SiF6) or will it be Fluorosilicate (NaSiF6) neither of which has ever been tested as safe by any non-government group or agency.

I think it was John F Kennedy who said "The great enemy of truth is very often not the lie - deliberate, contrived and dishonest - But the myth, persistent, pervasive, and unrealistic"!

People generally who are fed (or lead) towards a cheaper (seemingly) option, rarely find that that option remains cheaper in the long term. Whilst I live in Fairlie, there is every chance that Mackenzie will become enmeshed with Timaru and Waimate.

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Tim

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Shaw

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Ashley

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Shewan

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 Why is TDC concerned over to having "extra requirements" regarding more transparency...?? (as stated)
 Any decisions on CCO should be delayed until after 2025 elections.
 Safe [underlined] unflouridated water is a priority ofr our household and health.
 Why does council want more access to finances to put TDC into more financial debt??

Comment on cultural input: We are all one, aren't we??
 Comment on access to finance: more access more council debt!

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SUBMISSION ON COUNCIL'S PROPOSED WATER REFORMS

Prepared by Graeme Spencer

I am totally opposed to community owned 3waters assets being controlled by any entity which is unaccountable to the general public.

CONSULTATION PROCESS.

I am concerned with the Council's consultation process. Council can have a preferred option, but it should be without bias. The level to which they have promoted their option at the expense of all others, using our ratepayer money is cause for concern. Many people would simply assume that the "Council knows best" however for me personally I smell a rat. If the option was that good you wouldn't have to go to such lengths to sell it, and the question has to be asked why didn't you pursue this option years ago?

The Mayor has stated "this is one of the most important consultations", which I agree with, but the question needs to be asked why wasn't a referendum held?

A large number of people are not Facebook users and many I have spoken to are simply unaware of what is happening, I await the results of the submission process with interest.

Additionally the whole time frame has been very rushed for what purpose?

PRELIMINARY

While my submission focuses primarily on drinking water, I understand that sewage and storm water come under this umbrella but the latter two, although sewage being extremely important, seem to fall into the "unwanted by anybody" category.

The Mayor while pushing his agenda has mentioned the Havelock North water contamination that affected many people and may have resulted in 3 deaths. This was 9 years ago and is simply a red herring, this issue is not about water quality it is about control. There is always the potential for water contamination, once water leaves the reservoir after treatment, many of the pipes it travels through could as a result of decay allow contaminations to enter the system. The only real solution to this is ultra violet treatment at the user end but that never seems to be proposed. .

I am sick of Governments using water as a political football Mahuta's 3waters scam was thwarted only to be faced with this light version of it . Millions, if not billions, were paid to legislate the original scam, the Council's defence of it, and the same is

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happening again. On top of this you have Ngai Tahu's frivolous claim for South Island water, you can bet we are funding this as well.

The taxpayer/ratepayer pays for both sides - the protagonists and the defence of it ,
FUNDS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO BOOST COUNCIL'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

The only people who have benefitted in the pursuit of "water reforms" are the lawyers, consultants and Government agencies It has all been, and continues to be, a COLOSSAL waste of money. - **this issue is not about water quality.**

Council's are there to support their ratepayers but they seem hell bent on pushing Government reforms whether they are good or bad, they should have been using LGNZ to push back on unreasonable legislation.

FUNDING

Adequate funding has always been a major issue for Councils and I have sympathy with Council's ability to raise funds. The primary source of funds is rates for many this is their major outgoing after taxation.,

For me this works out at \$10 per day for Council Rates and \$1,70 per day for ECAN.

To put this into perspective, for \$10 per day - I get running water, I get to use roads, pavements, walkways, parks, sports grounds, the Library, my waste is gone at the push of a button and my refuse is taken away - for less than the price of a jug of beer or 4 litres of petrol - that is good value.

The ratepayer in most instance is also the taxpayer and the average person will pay around 35% of their income in tax.

The Government on the other hand are fleecing us - we are seriously overtaxed, personal taxation, then on top of this GST, petrol tax, road user charges to name a few - it is fair to say the Government is raking it in.

That is why we see irresponsible, unaccountable expenditure

- \$64 million on Marae renovation
- \$41 million to help Asian countries transition to clean energy
- \$20 million Niue energy project
- \$130 million to support Ukraine
- \$600 million spent, by various Governments, promoting Te Reo

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- \$900 million on covid relief for Maori

- \$50 million for Te Matatini

- huge grants given to funding organisations like Marsden Funding, HRC funding - you will be familiar with the 4 million for the kauri whale song.

The above is a small extract of the Government's inane expenditure.

We see huge sums of money being spent on questionable activities with nebulous outcomes.

On top of this we see major organisations like Sanitarium, Ngai Tahu, Tainu being registered as charitable trusts and avoid paying taxes and rates where possible and now more recently with Taumata Arowaii levying Councils to the sum of \$20 million.

The Prime Minister has been critical of Local Government expenditure but he needs to clean up his own backyard first..

We need Central Government to be more prudent with their spending, so taxes can be lower and rates can be higher or alternatively some sort of revenue transfer needs to be happening, where GST or a portion thereof, incurred in a region is given back to that region, not for vanity projects but to help infrastructure.

LGNZ, the representative body for Councils, should be advocating for less taxation and improved funding for Councils but they are too busy protecting Maori interests in Councils.

The FACT is if the Government was really concerned about Council's infrastructure they would be looking at ways to help with funding not simply imposing more regulations.

FORMING A CCO

On the face of it you are asking the community to hand their 3water assets over to :-

an unknown entity

an unaccountable entity

with unknown staff

unknown management

unknown board

unknown objectives

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unknown asset management plans

and it has no funds.

All this to save \$230 a year by 2035 - SERIOUSLY ! WHY?

On the face of it appears to me that you are farming your responsibility off to a CCO and allowing it to borrow as much as it likes, within the constraints imposed by the LGFA, and then charge the consumer what it likes to pay back their debt.

Although the CCO can borrow more than Councils, increased borrowing simply creates a further burden on the water consumer. I am also lead to believe that LGFA will only loan if the regional company maintains an operating profit equal to at least 9% of the total debt, this looks like the consumer's bill has to be inflated to generate a profit!

Adding the cost of management and the board to these unknown loan servicing costs and you have created enormous overheads which make it financially unviable. I don't care what your modeling says, any modeling can be constructed to produce a predetermined outcome.

There is no way you can maintain the same level of service for the same amount of money by increasing overheads. You can do this by reducing operational expenditure, but this generally results in loss of service. If you feel that that operational expenditure needs to be reduced you can do that now, you do not need to form a CCO to achieve that.

You do not have to be a financial guru to understand that if you increase overheads, **WHICH WILL HAPPEN** with a CCO, you cannot achieve the same amount of work for the same amount of money.

Once our 3waters assets are transferred to a CCO they have effectively gone forever, the Mayor did temper this, but the rolling back of a CCO would be very difficult and highly unlikely to happen.

There is nothing to stop CCO's from merging until you have one CCO for the entire Canterbury region. Even if doesn't progress to this stage the formation of a CCO allows any Government to simply place them under "new" ownership without reference to the ratepayers. As you can imagine if a change in Government occurs Mahuta's 3 Waters would be a pushover. The Government can change legislation very quickly. The formation of a CCO is the closest thing to privatization without actually privatizing it – it should be avoided.

If Council thinks that a CCO is such a good option why didn't they recommend it years ago? Then, why not put the roading network and the Parks and Reserves under a CCO,

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they are all assets requiring maintenance and renewals. Then in the pursuit of saving the ratepayer money why not put the Museum, the Art Gallery, the Library and the Theatre Royal on a user pays basis and really save the ratepayer some money. You could ultimately get to the stage where all this is managed by a single entity, is that what you want ?

Under their preferred option Council want to be able to appoint the "professional" board - that's a **NO** for a start, you are dealing with community assets and the community should have the say. Given that other CCO's are also looking for people skilled in 3waters management where are these people coming from? It would be very concerning to see appointments made based on ethnicity.

I find it interesting to suggest that suddenly after 100 years of Council ownership and management we now need a board. If we imposed a board over of our current 3waters units it wouldn't be too difficult to work out that the only thing they would do is add to the cost of water delivery and that is the last thing we need..

Establishing a separate entity with its own governance and administration will be challenging to set up within the statutory timeline, user charges will be higher in the short-medium term due to the need to refinance existing debt and set up costs.

Cost of borrowing may be more than what it would be to Council because user charges are less secure than Council rates.

Council may need to provide underwriting to support financial stability.

Should a CCO be formed then it would not be unreasonable to expect I pay rates across the Council to be adjusted to reflect the loss of responsibility , it also places the proposed \$2 million IT systems upgrade in jeopardy, so there may be savings to the ratepayer after all.. The simple reality is it should happen but I'm not holding my breath

IN-HOUSE

An in-house operation using the Council's existing experienced staff is the safest, low risk, simplest, most transparent option and is accountable.

There will be minimal impact on existing staff - engineering, customer services and accounting.

An in-house solution allows the Council to continue integrating water service delivery with wider infrastructure planning and community expectations.

It is recognised that minor changes to accounting practices are required but I would be surprised if the existing financial software is not flexible enough to provide for ring fencing.

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Any funds borrowed will be to fund infrastructure not bureaucracy.

An in-house solution should be more cost effective, and provides local control.

WATER REGULATOR

This is a carry over from the last Labour Government and in my view along with mana o te wai should have been disbanded or had their influence weakened. They are behind the new Water Services Bill that is virtually forcing Council's to form CCO's . They will collect \$20 million from Councils in the form of levies just to create regulations and enforce them.

They are already funded from taxation, this is just another tax that the ratepayer/taxpayer ends up paying for.

NONE OF THIS IS GOING TO IMPROVE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

Council's should have been advocating for their removal.

LGNZ

Two of the issues, funding and draconian legislation need to be addressed.

This comes back to LGNZ, they are left leaning, ineffectual lobby group, if they aren't up to the task they need to be defunded and a group that has ratepayer's interests at heart be formed.

LGNZ should be advocating for Councils and their rate payers to improve funding methods and have more input into legislation affecting Local Government but they are too busy protecting Maori interests in Councils.

An extract from their Water Services Bill submission tells you where their focus is:-

"LGNZ s concerned that there is a complete lack of reference to relationships and engagement with Māori in the Bill 's objectives. More broadly, there is no high -level attempt to guide the relationship or partnership between water organisations and Māori under the Bill. Instead, this issue is left to be determined by water organisations and territorial authorities separately, on an ad hoc and entity-by -entity basis."

LGNZ is now an ineffective lobby group, Council should be withdrawing from them (just saved you \$60,000) and forming a group that has the interests of ratepayers at heart.

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CONCLUSION

Councils understand their community needs and systems far better than the DIA, it does not require Government interference when managing 3waters infrastructure, Local Government can meet these challenges without Government intervention.

In the time I have lived in Timaru I have seen many reforms - the loss of the MED, the Works Department, the Bus Department and not one has resulted in benefit to the end user, naturally I am suspicious of any new venture which divulges community assets to a third party that the end user has no control over or say in.

In my opinion, the in-house operation has met the community needs and there is no reason that it cannot continue to do this. It is the safest, most transparent option and given the additional costs of setup, administration, and governance costs associated with a CCO I do not believe it is a cheaper option - **it just doesn't stack up**

Further a CCO would be accountable to Council only, not to the end user, they can borrow what they like and put the burden of this back on to the consumer – **but the consumer has NO SAY!**

Joining with other Councils sounds aspirational but that's all it is, although we want the same outcomes, improved, resilient infrastructure we are stand-alone entities each with a different set of issues. I can see enormous advantages in sharing technical resources but that can be done now, it doesn't need a CCO to do that. Currently each entity can focus on its issues at its own pace, it does not need a board to set priorities in fact in all likelihood that would be a hindrance. A joint operation simply allows the onerous overheads associated with the CCO to be spread to make it more palatable

It was not clear in the information provided whether a CCO would require new premises, new accounting systems, new asset management systems and associated staff HR, IT, Admin, etc- this duplication of internal resources, should it occur is simply additional overheads.

I believe that the efficiencies you talk about will not in practice be realised, centralisation is not the solution for assets that are community centric. There is no way of "joining" our systems together.

For the sake of \$230 per annum in 2035 why would you create so much unnecessary upheaval, the risk is not justified.

Funding needs to be addressed, legislation needs to be moderated and Council should be acting in the interests of the ratepayer not the DIA.

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If we agree to any option other than option 1 (the most costly) we potentially lose say-so over our water supply. If TDC make a new entity for our water services then this could be sold and ratepayers would no longer have control or any say-so at all.

TDC's preferred option gives me cause for concern. Joining with Wataki District is a huge red flag. As against Waitaki District's ratepayers' opinions, fluoride was added to their water. Several friends in that area have resulting health issues from this. Yes TDC's preferred option is the cheapest but the health costs would be massive and we, the ratepayers, will be unlikely to have any voice when we say no to fluoride.

Local Body Government is meant to be about grass roots and our community's voice, what the majority would like rather than the noisiest voice.

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It's three waters with another name.
Cultural input is the least because we are all ONE. - no division, all equal, one team with the same for all.

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Sylvie

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Taylor

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Michael

Last Name *

Thomas

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I just feel secure knowing our business is in our local councils hand. I have alot of trust in our council and would like to keep it that way. I truly do hope the people of Timaru will be heard.

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Special culture not required 'STOP' this Maori Racist 'BS'. We are all New Zealanders.

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Dennis

Last Name *

Veal

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Gladys Elaine

Last Name *

Welford

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Last Name *

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301

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Any other comments or feedback?

Will rate payers of the area be user payes on metered properties?? Or would this be industrial facilities only paying for metered use of water resources.

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Warwick

Last Name *

Worth

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Andrew

Last Name *

Wright

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Roselyne

Last Name *

Yeandle

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