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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: OIR 2122-177

I refer to your information request we received on 19 January 2022 for the following:

Any internal communications regarding pausing, delaying or terminating work on new or existing water infrastructure projects due to the Three Waters Reform Programme since January 2021.

Council response regarding your request

As regards your telephonic enquiry about the Government's Three Waters Reform programme, it is a big deal, and Councillors, as your elected representatives met on Thursday, 30 September to form an initial view to feedback to the Government, no decisions to opt-in or out are being made at this stage. The agenda paper can be found here (refer item 8.2) [Agenda of Council Meeting - Thursday, September 30, 2021 \(infocouncil.biz\)](https://infocouncil.biz)

As a Council, we understand that our community has a vested interest in how our three waters services are delivered in the future, and we're committed to sharing information with you as we receive it.

Our Chief Executive has published three opinion pieces about the Three Waters Reform programme, which outline some of the questions we have around the proposed four water service entity model. You can read these here:

- [Opinion: Kāpiti Coast District Council chief executive Wayne Maxwell on the proposed Three Waters Reform - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://kapiticoast.govt.nz)
- [Leaky analysis - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://kapiticoast.govt.nz)
- [Controlling the flow – other issues to consider with the Three Waters reform - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://kapiticoast.govt.nz)

The exposure draft of Water Services Entity Bill is attached. It looks like the Select Committee Process will commence in late March/April 2022.

If you are interested in the Council's feedback to the Government on the proposed four water service entity model, you can view this here: [Council calls for collaboration on Three Waters Reform proposal - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://kapiticoast.govt.nz)

Ngā mihi



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