

Appendix:

**Public feedback provided to Nelson City Council  
on the Water Services Entities Bill**

**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

Slider (note rating scales - 1 = unsuitable, 5 very suitable)

**Q2** 3

Long Text **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

I agree with the two tier system. I agree with the composition of the regional representative group at the strategic level (1/2 mana whenua; 1/2 TAs). I think that it is fair and right to have 1/2 mana whenua and will result in better outcomes. However, I do not agree with the boundaries of those groups / the delivery service areas. I submit that the Top of the South / Te Tau Ihu is not incorporated with Wellington and areas in the North Island; and that the southern boundaries are re-examined (should they be extended further south?).

I don't know all the details of the bill and how it works but I would like to be assured that Nelson gets an equal voice in decisions, investment decisions etc as much as the other TAs in our regional grouping, and that Nelson has local representative(s) on the operational board.

**Q3** Slider **Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

**Q4** 4

Long Text **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

I agree with the accountability framework with the proviso that the boundaries of the regional groups are adjusted as outlined above.

**Q5** Slider **Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

**Q6** 5

Long Text **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

**Q7** Slider **Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

**Q8** 5

Long Text **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

**Q9** Slider **Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

**Q10** 5

Long Text **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

It seems to do the job of keeping water in public control.

**Q11** Slider **Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

**Q12** Long Text **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

**Q13** No idea.

Long Text **Enter comments here**

I agree with the overall scope and direction of the bill; and a more national approach to 3 waters. I am very concerned about the degradation of New Zealand's 3 Waters systems and I think we need radical change and far more money put towards improvements than TAs / ratepayers can manage. It does seem very silly that neighbouring areas have hugely different levels of service and environmental outcomes. Please refer to comments in the first question regarding adjustment of delivery service areas / regional boundaries. I do not

think we should be part of a Wellington / North Island area. This is my main (only?) problem with the bill.

**Q14      Name**

Short Text      Amanda Young

**Q15      Email**

Email

**Phone number (optional)**

**Q16**

Telephone

**Suburb you live**

**Q17**

Nelson

Short Text

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text  
First of all, I'm opposed to the whole idea of the 3 Water so-called "reform" Yes, some council's 3 waters systems need upgrading according to the new regulations, BUT 4 new top-heavy "entities" are not necessary. First we need to identify exactly which councils need help in upgrading their system, then the Govt needs to help those councils to fund the upgrades, not by appropriating the assets!  
As to the proposed Governance structure: This is first of all WAY too complex. Secondly I am opposed to mandatory Maori/iwi inclusion in the governance structure. if any individual Maori has a real proven expertise in any of the 3 waters areas (not "traditional knowledge", but real experience in modern complex water systems), then I'm happy to have them apply for positions on the governance on the structure just like any other Kiwi.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text  
This is just the usual Labour "consultation" that never goes anywhere, just a white wash.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

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**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Sandy Fontwit

**Q15 Email**

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**Q16 Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17 Suburb you live**

Short Text Glenduan

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Don't agree with 50% partnership with 16% of population that being in my opinion racist

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

Slider 2

**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text What stops government from changing the rules

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

Slider 2

**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text No control over pricing

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 2

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Ownership in name only

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider 2

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text History proves laws can be changed

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text

**Q14** Name

Short Text Ian Mills

**Q15** Email

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**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Stoke

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Contribution ID: 11975

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Jun 30, 2022, 04:45 PM

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**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q14** Name

Short Text Susan Richards

**Q15** Email

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**Q16** Phone number (optional)

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**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Nelson South

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text It's hard enough already trying to get anyone to take responsibility without adding more layers of bureaucracy

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text lots of lovely words but when something goes wrong, which it will, all parties can and will blame each other. another enquiry will be held at great expense. keep control as close to the users as possible with as few layers of bureaucracy as possible,

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 2

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I've been at many consultation meetings where those running them have not taken notes and the reports which come back do not reflect what was actually said. A great example of this is the consultation regarding 3 waters, because the Government didn't like the way it was being rejected they held a consultation but limited it to "no changers allowed".

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text they are already owned by the users, no need to change.  
Electricity lines now have to give a return on capital, and water assets will be the same. So the people who now own them will sell them to the new entities at a fraction of what they're worth. they will be revalued and a return on investment will be expected. It's what business rather than community do.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The protection of the assets against privatisation are possible ok. but the are already safe from it. However there is NO protection against being charged royalties etc for the water that passes through the infrastructure

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text there is No benefit to Nelson from this proposal so we don't need any transitional arrangements.

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text Electricity went through a similar exercise and we now pay for the infrastructure and electricity. It was supposed to bring savings but instead we're facing the real chance of power cuts.  
Show me one example of where going bigger in bureaucracy has delivered better services and lower cost.  
I can't think of a single promise this Government has made that they have delivered on, on time, and on budget. This won't be any different.  
The end user will always be paying for it. Either as ratepayers where if the council doesn't deliver it can be changed or

through the Govt direct charges, tax and extra bureaucracy.

**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Mike Nicholls

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**Q16    Phone number (optional)**

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**Q17    Suburb you live**

Short Text    Monaco

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Keep accountability at local government level, doing a bad job? get voted out!

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text The increased bureaucracy will increase the costs to the consumer.

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Retain ratepayer ownership and control.

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text This is a Central government is attempt to privatizing locally owned infrastructure, we need protection from our own government!

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text Nelson ratepayers have paid for all the infrastructure involved in our 3 waters, do not give away our investment.

**Q14** Name

Short Text Cole Ryan

**Q15** Email

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**Q16** Phone number (optional)

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**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text The Wood

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Long Text

The Bill for the 3 Waters should be rejected as there is no cost benefits for Nelson. Other areas  
Requiring upgrading should be funded by their ratepayers.

**Q14** Name

Short Text

Alethea Blunt

**Q15** Email

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**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Stepneyville

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Contribution ID: 11956

Member ID:

Date Submitted: Jun 29, 2022, 05:34 PM

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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**Q13** Enter comments here

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**Q14** Name

Short Text Chris & Leonie Keyse

**Q15** Email

Email



**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Atawhai

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**Q12** Enter comments here

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**Q13** I think that water reform is necessary and that the government role should be mainly regulatory and not operational. I am concerned that the regions are large and disparate and that it's vital that there is region representation that has a real say. I agree that the operational control is by a separate body of experts.

Long Text

**Q14** Name

Short Text

Doug Barry- Martin

**Q15** Email

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**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Nelson

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The Governance structure is top heavy and unweildly. It is undemocratic to hand over community assets to a disproportionately small group of Iwi Maori and give them the same say as the much larger majority.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Currently councils are accountable to their respective communities, if we are unhappy with their performance we vote them out. Not so with Three waters appointees.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Engaging with consumers is not the same as representing consumers wishes.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text They are not suitable for a modern democracy. Unless "ownership" is shown on the councils balance sheet, it is not ownership.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text No. There are not enough protections to prevent Three Waters turning water into a money making exercise.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text An expensive and unnecessary model. An alternative model could have been followed.

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text I strongly object to Three Waters. The council has no mandate to support this Bill. Hold a public referendum and be guided by the people you are elected to represent.

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Louise Croawell

**Q15**    **Email**

Email

**Q16**    **Phone number (optional)**

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**Q17**    **Suburb you live**

Short Text    Stoke

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The Three Waters Reform is very important for my son's generation. Without it the already challenging situation that they are heading for will be even more challenging.

**Q14** Name

Short Text

Geoff Churchill

**Q15** Email

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**Suburb you live**

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Todds Bush

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The bill gives priority to a select private group who will have control over water infrastructure for their own goals. The general public will loose control of these assets and services.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text There will be very little if any accountability to customers by unelected people in these positions. This is a un democratic way to run our infrastructure and is a pathway to a very dangerous way forward for New Zealand.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Absolutely not. This model is racist in that it steals assets from ratepayers and give to a private minority of people. They assure us that councils will still own these assets but they will have very little say over how they are used or administered. This will only add more burocrocry and cost to customers.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Privatization would already be in place with iwi having control of 50%

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text I believe that the government has lied and used propaganda on the people to make their case for change by saying this is about water quality. The evidence is incorrect and un substantiated for the need of this radical change. It is nothing but an asset steal to satisfy the TOW obligations. A better approach would be to assist some councils to bring water services to a agreed standard across all New Zealand.



**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Karl Young

**Q15    Email**

Email

**Q16    Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17    Suburb you live**

Short Text    Britannia Heights

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**Q14** Name

Short Text M.C.Sherlaw

**Q15** Email

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**Q16 Phone number (optional)**

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**Q17 Suburb you live**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text This should not be taken and governed by anybody but the councils who are accountable to the ratepayers. This is thievery taking it from the councils for a fraction of the value.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text This should not be governed by anyone other than the councils who have owned this infrastructure for many years, not taken away and governed by others out of the area where the ratepayers have no say.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The general public are very clear that they do not support these infrastructures being taken away from the councils, also the majority of councils do not agree the current model of three waters is fair and reasonable.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Majority of the public do not believe this is just the first in a stepping stone to allowing total control of our infrastructure to be privatised and then they have majority to charge whatever they like to the rate payers.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

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**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text Yes, listen to your rate payers that voted you in! WE DO NOT WANT THIS!

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Julie Brown

**Q15**    **Email**

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**Q16**    **Phone number (optional)**

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**Q17**    **Suburb you live**

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Long Text It is overly bureaucratic and undemocratic.

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Long Text Consumers have no redress in the event agreement cannot be reached with the W.S.E.

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Long Text Effective ownership has been removed from the ratepayers/councils who paid for the assets.

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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Long Text The Bill may allow de facto privatization to Maori corporates.

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Long Text I believe the Bill is unfair to councils that have provided good infrastructure as opposed to those that have not.  
I agree with the appointment of a Regulator (not Ministry of Health) to over see 3Waters.  
I believe a better solution is for the Regulator to work directly with the councils not meeting standards so that those standards are met in a timely and equitable basis.  
Funding should be a 50:50 split with Government similar to that used for road infrastructure.

**Q14** Name

Short Text Robbie Dyce

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We are supposed to be the Smart City. Our ratepayers' waterworks are not for sale.  
Nothing that gets bigger ever gets better.

**Q14** Name

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Creating an extra layer of bureaucracy will not add to 'entity' efficiency or responsiveness to the community . In fact the opposite is true - it will distance the entities from input and feedback, and cost more.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text (as above) Everything I've heard about 3 waters indicates that the proposed regional boards will be less responsive (and less accountable) to community needs - and cost more. Why is Nelson grouped in with the east coast of the North Island? How will that increase local accountability? The fact that communities will still 'own' the facilities but not 'control' them is political double-speak.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The NCC says it is big on community consultation, but often this consultation and engagement feels like it has predetermined outcomes and that the council is simply going through the motions. In this case, it seems to be happening again. It feels like central Government has made its decision, run into huge public opposition and is now forcing councils to go through this 'engagement' stage. If this is happening now, how much more will this 'hollow' engagement happen effectively if the entities become 'law'?

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text As above, everything I've heard about 3 waters indicates that the regional boards will be less responsive (and accountable) to community needs - and cost more. I'm not at all sure why Maori interests suddenly gain 50% control of Nelson's water/infrastructure - a region where there are even fewer than the nationwide average of (approx) 17% Maori. The fact that communities will still 'own' the facilities but not 'control' them is, as I mentioned, political double-speak.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text No, I believe this is misleading. I can't see anywhere that there is any fear of future privatisation under the current arrangement. In fact, it could be viewed that this '3 Waters' proposal (partially) privatises Nelson's water/infrastructure into Maori/iwi control.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text My understanding is that the 'transition' has not started yet, but already huge amounts of money are being spent on this 'pre-transitional' consultation stage (eg this website). Already 'transitional arrangements' appear to have hit a major snag (public opinion is vastly against '3 Waters') and are costing the Government, NCC (and ultimately us, the tax payer) millions as Government interests try to 'win' the public over.

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text

1) I totally accept the need for NZ's water supply and infrastructure to be maintained (and overhauled - majorly in some areas) and that this will cost a lot of money. However, creating more bureaucracy in order to do it doesn't make any sense - and even less so that Nelson be grouped in with the east coast of the North Island. There must be a more efficient, effective, responsive structure for 'water' in NZ. The Government needs instead to give the money more directly to the councils. In Nelson, we've done well with our 'water' assets/management until now. Let us continue to make good decisions and directions.

2) This Government has a history of being BIG on talk and ideas but in reality has a track record of non/under-delivering (as well as forgotten promises and ineffective social policies). All the more reason not to centralise such an important resource as water.

3) I ABSOLUTELY do not understand why iwi/Maori should have such a huge role in the governance structure of '3 Waters' (Maori make up less than 18% of the population) - or why Nelson is grouped in with the east coast of the North Island. None of the information I've read logically explains why these things are necessary.

So many of the people I come in contact with around Nelson are not just opposed to the details of '3 Waters', they are extremely angry about the Government's (and in turn the NCC's) dictatorial proposal and subsequent handling of it. If the NCC is as committed to transparency and public consultation as it proudly and consistently proclaims then such an important and controversial issue as this needs to go to (local) referendums. The Nelson City Council represents the people of Nelson . Please listen to what the people of Nelson are saying.

**Q14** Name

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Dave Loose

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**Q17** Suburb you live

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Nelson

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text leave our asset in our control

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text we can look after our own assets

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text no

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text nelson ratepayers currently own these assets and should continue to do so

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text these assets should never be put in a position where they may be sold into private ownership

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

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**Q14** Name

Short Text Eric Ingham

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text This whole scheme seems to be some sort of strategy from a source that is maori based . With this in mind its obvious that the hand is out yet again to take control of water all around NZ . There are backroom deals / bribes ( there I said it ) being done enticing Mayors and other elected officials . One of the major problems with the whole scheme is that areas with massive debt currently will be joined with other areas who have little debt . ( Nelson area / Tasman area being a prime example as the Tasman area is currently going down a massive rabbit hole of debt.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text We all know where the ownership is pointed . Maori . Thats what is behind this and thats who wants it . But people are too scared of being called racist to stand up and say anything .

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Its all been said before , with major Govt. owned projects , where they said it wont be privately owned and then the next Govt. just changes the rules and flips it into private hands .

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Its going to be a shambles and we all know that already . It will cost tens of billions in costs that , down the track people will just gloss over .



**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text

This whole scheme seems to be some sort of strategy from a source that is maori based . With this in mind its obvious that the hand is out yet again to take control of water all around NZ . There are backroom deals / bribes ( there I said it ) being done enticing Mayors and other elected officials . One of the major problems with the whole scheme is that areas with massive debt currently will be joined with other areas who have little debt . ( Nelson area / Tasman area being a prime example as the Tasman area is currently going down a massive rabbit hole of debt.

**Q14** Name

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Steve Lawson

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**Q17** Suburb you live

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text I have not seen anything which justifies or will benefit the ratepayers of Nelson as a result of the 3 waters reform. Nelson is well able to manage our own water resources with the council as elected to represent the ratepayers of Nelson

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

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**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text These assests have been paid for by Nelson for Nelson. These assests should not be passed out of Nelson ratepawer control

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text As seen with treaty settlement we can not speak for future generations so no guarantee that it will not be privitized in the future

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text I am totally opposed to the idea of Nelson losing control of a fundamental asset which is owned by Nelson for Nelson

**Q14** Name

Short Text Alison Ingham

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text The people have paid for this infrastructure. It belongs to the living men and woman of Nelson and CANNOT be divested away from our ownership.  
This is NOT for the benefit of Nelson men and woman.

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text The men and woman of Nelson OWN our water infrastructure.  
No contract to change ownership

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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**Q14** Name

Short Text Megan

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Local councils, local people know their areas and although local councils haven't done their proper job in keeping the water facilities maintained and up to standard it should not be handed to people from outside Nelson. Do your job properly Nelson Council and the government wouldn't need to step in. Also I don't agree with how the government went about this and sneakily created Three Waters and plans to implement it without the public's support for the reform. Then in the back of my mind I'm asking myself is this a sneaky way for Maori to take control of New Zealand water. I haven't made my mind up, time would answer that for me. Keep the responsibility with local areas and government should stay out of it. Councils will have to step u to the mark as the government has shown what can happen if they don't in the future.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I like that it will hold those responsible for good water supply in check. Just that it should be local people managing a local asset.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 2

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text No real need for this sort of thing. NCC should just do the job right from now on. If it doesn't then the government should take over. This was never told to us public at the last election. That's when Labour should have thought about consumer interests - so that we could take this into account when we voted. All too sly and sneaky.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 2

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text But can we trust any government after this Labour government? NO! They will write nice words here but they will still have a way of selling off to private companies to manage the water for district in the future. We've seen them change laws within days with the gun laws and Covid. National or any other party could just say they can't afford to keep up the maintenance and sell the water supplies off to private companies.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text They will have thought of a way to get around this should they or any other leaders of government choose to in the future. Keep the water local!! We can't trust any governments.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text More waste of money. Give the money to the regional councils instead for the water management.

**Q13**   **Enter comments here**

Long Text   Keep water local!!

**Q14**   **Name**

Short Text   Anne Cooper

**Q15**   **Email**

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**Q16**   **Phone number (optional)**

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**Q17**   **Suburb you live**

Short Text   Nelson

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text What guarantee do ratepayers actually have that our water bills won't be horrendous in the future and can they guarantee that there won't be any sewage overflows to rivers and the sea

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 2

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text No accountability for ratepayers what so ever from those in charge

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 2

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Are they going to be able to actually listen to ratepayers before going their own way and to hell with ratepayers

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text What ownership, it is taken away and is name only

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 2

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text All that is needed is for government to change the law regarding ownership

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 2

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Government is just taking it over

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text Get rid of it and keep in NCC hands, council need to be made accountable instead of spending on unnecessary projects and wasting money

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Colin Appleton

**Q15 Email**

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**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Wakatu

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text There isn't any provision for the 50% territorial authority membership to be representative, in any way, of the territory's demographics. This is a long-standing Crown failing that continues to prop up the Colonial heritage in every aspect of government.

As Tiriti principles are fundamental to this Act, it would seem important to have also conflict-of-interest provisions to avoid concerns about double-dipping or duplicitous membership of the 'other' side.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text There seems to be no provision for accountability to communities or consumers. In particular, there is no mention of any community- or customer-initiated mechanism to compel an entity to act appropriately, nor to remove its board or staff upon failure to act appropriately.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text "responding to" and "addressing" consumer expectations does not provide for accountability. Accountability would require that the entities actually meet consumer expectations.

There is also a gap inherent in the framing of consumers: we need to have potable water, and safe natural water access, rendered as a human right and as a right of the environment, not only as a commodity. Commodification should be no more than an accounting tool to facilitate the regulation of its appropriate use and care.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

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**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q13** **Enter comments here**

Long Text

How are Nelson's waters in any way related to Wellington's? To respect the mana of the wai, we must surely recognise the the wai of Te Waipounamu is separate from the wai of Te Ika.

**Q14** **Name**

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Two tier governance structure..... more committees, regional advisory panels, professional boards, regional representative groups, all needing to be paid. Waste of money.

We need local governance and representation from those with appropriate skills and local knowledge.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text We need accountability from a locally elected community.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text This is a token gesture. Consumers will have no teeth as final decisions will ultimately be made by the owners ie "the water services entities will own and operate three waters infrastructure and services".

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text If the water services entities own and operate three waters infrastructure and services, locals can not have any substantial impact on decisions made. The final decision will made by the owners.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Privatisation is not the issue here. It is losing control of our local assets.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

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**Q14 Name**

Short Text Maree Dixon

**Q15**    **Email**

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text  
This is appalling. There has until this point been little to no public discussion.  
It appears by all accounts that two members of our council are likely to end up in management roles in a new 3 waters entity and yet they are still involved in the Nelson City Councils decision making process.  
If this rumour is correct how is this an unbiased process ?  
We the public deserve to be heard and the only way this is possible is with a referendum.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text  
We loose our voice with three waters. These are our assets and we need to be in control of them. The new proposal forces us to be subservient to one group that has the right of veto over another. How can this group representing 16.7 % of our population be given control over such an important asset?  
This has been lead by a political party to whom accountability seems to be unimportant.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text  
No

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

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**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

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**Q14 Name**

Short Text Adrian Curtis

**Q15 Email**

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Can't trust anything this Govt proposes

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Can't trust anything this Govt proposes!

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Long Text Can't trust anything this Govt proposes!

**Q14** Name

Short Text Brendon Hart

**Q15**

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text This will create an unacceptably high level of costly bureaucracy. Much of this bureaucracy will not be elected. A small area like Nelson is unlikely to have direct representation with regard to decision making. Regional advisory panels will only add to expensive and unwieldy bureaucracy  
.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Same response as above. Costly and complicated bureaucracy.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Same response as above.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Given the way the Government has forced Three Waters through to this stage without any opportunity for people to meaningfully consult well before this proposal has reached the stage of a Bill before Parliament I have absolutely no faith in the proposed ownership arrangements.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Same response as to Ownership arrangements. No trust in this Government.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Complicated, time consuming and bureaucratic

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text I see no rationale for the way the four entities have been defined on tribal Maori grounds, other than as part of a further Government agenda to allow Maori to own water. It is absolutely non-sensical to me that Nelson is included in a huge geographical area up to the East Coast of the North Island.

We have been denied the opportunity to express our views at an early stage about the fundamentals of Three Waters. Rather we are now being presented with almost a fait accompli with only an opportunity to have a view about details of the structure rather than if it should proceed. This is the death of democracy in New Zealand.

**Q14**   **Name**

Short Text   Evan Price

**Q15**   **Email**

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**Q16**   **Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17**   **Suburb you live**

Short Text   Britannia Heights

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I would prefer to not be in a group with North Island regions - but for population equity I assume it has to be that way.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 5

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Direct accountability to the regional representative group is essential

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 5

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text It will be good to have community input into decisions of the entities

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 4

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The ownership as currently proposed must be enshrined in law and unable to be altered except in extreme circumstances - ie changes to local body structure

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 4

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text 75% is a reasonable amount in a referendum but the same comments apply here as thjose above to ownership.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Local government must retain a major voice during this part of the process, but at the same time the new guardians also need a say.

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text I am totally in favour of the outcome of this legislation. It is obvious that ratepayers won't in the future be able to bear the burden of the costs of water infrastructure repairs and replacement. Pollution, drinking water standards and climate change will all have a major impact on the future of all "three waters" and will be horrifically expensive for a local authority. Even though Nelson taxpayers may be helping pay for an upgrade to, for instance, Manawatu water infrastructure, it will be considerably better in the long term to share the costs.

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Tim Mackay

**Q15**    **Email**

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**Q17**    **Suburb you live**

Short Text    Maitai

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text I am against the complete take over of NCC assets by the Govt. We need reform, but not at our expense. Water should be controlled by locally elected people with the help of some Govt guidelines.

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

Slider 1

**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

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**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text We can not allow our assets to be taken by the Govt

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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Long Text No one race based entity should control the water. It should be done democratically

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Long Text Too many bureaucrats.

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text No confidence that I'd be able to contact someone out of hours to correct urgent water issues.

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Listen to the consumers instead of riding roughshod over them.

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

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**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Keep in local ownership and control.

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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Long Text Keep in local ownership and control.

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Leave things as they are.

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text Listen to your community. We don't want this.

**Q14** Name

Short Text Linda

**Q15** Email

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**Q16** Phone number (optional)

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**Q17** Suburb you live

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Long Text Not suitable. The proposed model removes any accountability to ratepayers that own the assets.

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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Long Text Future governments can change the rules without any input from ratepayers that own the assets.

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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Long Text Leave things as they are. Central Government should step in and help the few Councils struggling with water infrastructure by providing necessary funding and tools.

**Q14** Name

Short Text Steve Thomas

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Long Text

A frustration from the debate about these reforms have been the disingenuous way opponents have framed the issue as a choice between the status quo and the new structure. Three yearly local body elections has been a poor way to manage infrastructure which should last 50+ years. The temptation is to postpone maintenance to keep rates low - effectively moving the cost from the present to the future. On that basis, I support the new Government framework as it will keep spending on a more level keel .

What does worry me, however, is that Nelson and Tasman Councils seem to have been reasonably responsible with respect to three waters infrastructure, whereas other Councils (Wellington is the obvious example) have deferred renewal programmes, and now have a very significant infrastructure deficit. I'd like to see NCC submit on the basis that underspending by various Councils (Wellington is not alone) needs to be funded by citizens that voted for underfunding, not subsidised by Council's that have funded responsibly.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

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**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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Long Text

Not a particular fan of this nominal engagement - entities which engage with their communities tend to get a distorted view of what ratepayers care about. Realistically, it only engages with those who have the time to engage - predominantly the retired community. The busy working community don't have time to attend public meetings, nor provide written submissions. The very young (below voting age) who will have to pay in the future seemingly get no say at all.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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Short Text Robert Cant

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I am entirely against the Three Waters Bill, have no faith in the current Govt to deliver better outcomes, either practical or financial, based on their lack of delivery in every area over the past 5 years, and believe it is a huge transfer of community assets built up over decades by ratepayers, to central Government. I feel the Three Waters Bill is unwanted by the vast majority of NZers and is being used to push a secret and non transparent co-governance agenda.

**Q14** Name

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Justin Eade

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The governance is not democratic and is all about giving control to Maori tribal leaders.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The opinions of local communities will not be heard and will have no influence in the performance or strategies of the water services entity

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Water service entities have appointed members, half of these are to be Maori, this is not democratic, it is not believable that consumer interests will be heard or listened to, this has already been demonstrated by the dictatorial way Three Waters has been forced on the public with no meaningful consultation or referendum.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The ownership arrangements are daylight robbery of community assets to give control to a minority based on the misinterpretation of the Treaty of Waitangi, giving 15% of the population 50% or more control of public assets.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Retaining public ownership of the assets is a fallacy the assets will largely controlled by appointed Maori.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text There are no elected members to influence transitional arrangements and I have no faith in appointed members to manage this transition.

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text To have the four Three Waters entity boundaries based on Maori Tribal boundary's is total madness and sets the Three Waters proposal up for failure from day one, it is racist and undemocratic.

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Brian Hawthorne

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**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text In a career of 40 years in local government i have seen many public built assets handed to local and then central government which have been either run down and then subsequently demolished or extra charges added by a top heavy administration .

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The proposed structure is ownership in name only . If you have no control over decisions and financial outcomes you dont really own something you have already paid to build.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

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**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Transitional arrangements should be deferred until after the 2023 election. It is clear this is an election issue and tax/ratepayers funds should not be wasted going down this track when there is a very real likelihood that this proposal will be reversed

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text I pay \$12000 in rates and have involvement with Local Government spanning 40 years including the reorganisations of the 1980s and know the results,The proposed changes will result in loss of money to the Nelson region. More off site management and contractors sourced from out of region will be funded from the Nelson community coffers. Keep our jobs in Nelson for our families!

**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Graham Clarke

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Putting the most precious resource on our planet into the hands of un-elected centralised bodies cannot be in the best interests of the people at large. Our water has been 'managed' successfully for millennia by the planet. Leave it in her hands, with help from the local elected bodies who can best direct local resources to their communities.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text You only need to look at 1980's Britain to see how badly centralisation of key services is for the country and how poorly those bodies continue to treat the people who work for them, all in the name of profit but under the guise of 'efficiency'

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text If the entity was interested in what the people had to say, they would not be considering this process as the people have clearly indicated they do not support it. Local governments were asked for feedback earlier in the process and their responses (against the 3 waters reform) have been summarily ignored. This behaviour creates no confidence in the 'promise' that feedback from future consultation will be acted upon.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text No-one should own the country's most precious commodity. It gives opportunity for profiteering and exploitation. With great power comes great responsibility and History has shown that humans are rarely capable of wielding this for the greater good, more often for the few privileged elite.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text These assurances carry no weight as the views of the locally elected councils have already been ignored. Why should the people believe this superimposed structure would be any different?

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I do not support this bill in any way shape or form

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text I do not support this bill in any way shape or form. NCC has provided previous feedback to the government on this matter and has been ignored. These reforms serve only to take control of our most precious natural resource by a group of unelected 'invisible' bodies. Keep it local, keep it visible, keep it accountable.



**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Ali Lawley

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Long Text A two tier governance structure is exactly what this is. Control of our essential services by members selected purely by race!

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text If it is anything like anything else this government has done, there will be NO accountability! They break the law - no accountability! Break the law - they change the law to suit! Three Waters Reform is a step closer to less accountability.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text What a joke! Given the government actions do far.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text For reasons previously stated.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text This is all word vomit. There is no difference between privatisation and Three Waters Reform for the public. The outcome will still be the same. Costs will sky rocket and the people will have no control over it. At least, if our water is controlled by our Council, there are more opportunities for conversation and contacting the appropriate person is easier.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Again, too many cogs in a wheel for anyone to be held accountable. This is not in the interests of the the public.

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text The Government is telling the Council that you need to make these reforms. Does this not concern you? They are bribing you to to this. None of this is for the public interest. This is also another example of apartheid, which is rife under this government.

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Sonja Walker

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I am firmly in favour of reform.

I see the reforms as a way to help improve the quality of our drinking water, which ultimately means looking after our sources of water.

The current structures and systems are not strong enough to achieve this.

**Q14** Name

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George Gibbs

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**Q14** Name

Short Text Allan Houlton

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Long Text Co governance with Mori will make privatisation much less likely.

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text It is just creating another expensive government department which is totally unnecessary. There are too many people involved with this who have a conflict of interest. They are making an income for themselves at the expense of the rate payer.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text What accountability? they will be a law unto themselves. A chosen few. They do not have the general rate payers interest at heart.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Definitely not. Every area in NZ is different, you cannot say one size fits all. Many councils have spent millions on their water supply. Some have not, so why should the councils who out laid money, support those who did not. If this goes ahead our water will be very expensive. It is a Free resource.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Definitely Not. No one owns the water. The councils own the infrastructure that supply the water this should remain with the local councils. Where is all the money coming from which they say the councils will get. It will be us rate payers who foot the bill

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Why do they have to privatise, or even consider it. the local councils who had the forethought to spend on the infrastructure should be allowed to keep this asset. Water is free it falls from the sky. The whole 3 waters should be scrapped.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text It should not even be considered, it is theft of our water supply supply to be administered by a few elitist Maori who are trying to make it their gain. Water is FREE

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text Do not submit to this theft of our water resource. Nelson has a good water supply which over the years has cost a lot of money. This is our asset. It should not be allowed to be taken over by some new government entity. It will result in rate payers paying a very high premium for a Free resource. How can a department in Wellington govern the majority of the south Island water with all the towns having a good clean water supply. This has only come about because of a town in the

North Island who did not look after their water. And some elitist people seeing this as a gravy train. LEAVE THINGS AS THEY STAND. DO NOT BUY INTO THIS 3 WATERS SCHEME, which will ultimately cost the rate payer. Leave all the districts to fend for themselves which the majority of them want to do. Our Mayor is on that committee ( a conflict of interest) only 3 Councillors are against this. They are the ones who are not following like sheep, and have looked into the details of this, they cannot see any money which is supposed to be a carrot. Only how it will, not, improve our perfect water supply, and cost the rate payer greatly.

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Susan Harris

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**Q17 Suburb you live**

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Apart from the complexities associated with the issue, two factors stand out. The fact that the 21 million dollars offered to NCC without any tag attached to it is a worry. It is reasonable to suspect that the main reason for the Mayors support for the issue is because she can see her monument in the form of a new library becoming easier to sell to the public. Secondly and much more importantly, the belief that race based management of all New Zealand's basic infrastructure is totally unacceptable. Why is it unacceptable? No society will ever survive if it is controlled by social engineering. In addition, I am not happy with a government that can print \$4.3B to bribe councils into accepting a cunningly concocted, very vague deal. I am also not happy that \$21M has been dangled in front of naïve Nelson city councillors and that \$5M has already turned up. Apparently some of the sum is being used to employ people within NCC to help with structuring the proposed 3W policy. Because I cannot find anything in the proposed legislation that gives me confidence that the same rules governing negligence in the private sector are to be applied to politicians and/or LG staff, it is reasonable to assume that a repeat of the Havelock North disaster will occur. Had all those responsible for the Havelock North debacle been made accountable for their gross negligence (including



Health Department staff), Minister Mahuta would not have had such a glorious opportunity to promote her proposed legislation.  
It doesn't stop there --- alarmingly I have discovered that some victims of the contaminated water are not able to receive help from ACC. The reason? --- if no guilty individual is able to be identified, the Act apparently prohibits a payout. In the Havelock North case only entities were identified, not individuals, and of course, even if a civil servant was identified, the Employment Act governing the Civil Service protects the guilty.

**Q14      Name**

Short Text      Kerry Neal (Mayoral Candidate)

**Q15      Email**

Email

**Q16      Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17      Suburb you live**

Short Text      The Wood

**Q18      You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

Slider 1

**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text The proposed structure is democratic

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

Slider 1

**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text I don't believe the accountability framework allows for adequate community representation.

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text This amounts to theft of community-owned assets

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text I am opposed to the Three Waters Legislation

**Q14** Name

Short Text Ray Weston

**Q15** Email

Email

**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Tahunanui

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text no proportion of the Governance and advisory groups should be based on ethnic background. water is the asset of all NZ

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text regional representative groups should not be based on ethnic background. water is the asset of all NZ equally.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 2

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text these are nelson resident funded assets that we have paid dearly for in our rates.  
nelson city council has upgraded and complied with gov mandates on water quality when many councils didnt.. We will continue to bear the cost of our resource in the paying back of the loans taken out by council to upgrade the nelson filtration and treatment plant for many years while the 3 waters groups will have very little expenditure in the nelson district.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text despite best intentions.. the future of the asset must be locked in perpetuity for the residents of the area only...

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I have no trust in the MBIE being able to fairly govern the transition.  
there is huge dissent among the asset owners of the intention of the 3 waters asset grab.  
No gov dept should hold veto rights over the local resident majority.

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text Oppose this bill as much as you can. do not co-operte with this blantly open attempt to remove individuals right to manage our own assets.

**Q14 Name**

Short Text Michael Raymond Pahl

**Q15**    **Email**

Email

**Q16**    **Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17**    **Suburb you live**

Short Text    Stoke

**Q18**    **You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

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Long Text

It is clear with the new National Water standards that a new national management structure is called for. Doing nothing is not an option. The proposals put forward for this while not perfect are generally suitable allowing for amalgamation, larger scale and professional services and long run cost savings. I recommend the NCC support the proposals as drafted.

**Q14** Name

Short Text

Paul Willis

**Q15** Email

Email

**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Nelson

**Q18** You can attach your feedback directly if you wish

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

Slider 1

**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Multiple layers of unelected structures will not help Nelson ratepayers

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

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**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Our assets will no longer be owned by the ratepayers in any sense of the word. You can't sell or have any say in them

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text There are much better ways of achieving this

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text In order for the betterment of Nelson, it's not in our best interests to lose control of our water assets or water . We will be at the bottom end of a area division which is mostly north island and likely have our needs ignored. From a monetary perspective, our rates are likely to rise with the proposed borrowing. There are no benefits for Nelson in the 3 waters reforms.

**Q14** Name

Short Text Rob Poad



**Q15**    **Email**

Email

**Q16**    **Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17**    **Suburb you live**

Short Text    Stoke

**Q18**    **You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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Long Text

No to 3 waters

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

No to 3 waters

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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Long Text

No to 3 waters

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

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**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

No to 3 waters

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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Long Text

No to 3 waters

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

No to 3 waters

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text

No to 3 waters

**Q14** Name

Short Text

Brett Thornalley

**Q15** Email

Email

**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Richmond

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**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

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**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

Nothing short of communism.  
The decision has been made in complete disregard to what we want. This is purely lip service and you as a council are complicit.

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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Long Text

Irrelevant given our water investments have just been stolen from us.

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text

It is disgusting that you bow to the government on this issue when you represent us. You will feel the wrath of the ratepayers. Hang your heads in shame.

**Q14** Name

Short Text

Anthony Martin

**Q15**    **Email**

Email

**Q16**    **Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17**    **Suburb you live**

Short Text    Enner Glynn

**Q18**    **You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text There are many of us who will vote against any councillor that agrees to this craziness.

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text This is back door privatisation!

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text Simply DO NOT DO IT!

**Q14** Name

Short Text Robert Brough

**Q15** Email

Email

**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Marybank

**Q18** You can attach your feedback directly if you wish

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**Q13** Enter comments here

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**Q14** Name

Short Text steve Holyoake

**Q15** Email

Email



**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Stoke, Nelson

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

Governance is one of THE critical factors in not only ensuring quality water but also protecting the consumer. It must be approached with attention to detail. (Water) consumers cannot afford spiralling costs. Business may be able to build in offsets in price structure but individuals are not.

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

Slider 2

**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

Accountability is the flow on from governance. Again, I believe more attention to detail is required.

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

Slider 2

**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

I think there is a superficial nod to consumer interest. We are the end ushered and must be prioritised.

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

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**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text

**Q14** Name

Short Text

Mike Addison-Saipe

**Q15** Email

Email

**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text The Brook

**Q18** You can attach your feedback directly if you wish

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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**Q13** Enter comments here

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**Q14** Name

Short Text Shane

**Q15** Email

Email

**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Brightwater

**Q18** You can attach your feedback directly if you wish

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The water and water treatment assets of the Nelson region belong to the ratepayers of the Nelson, Marlborough, Tasman region and should not be taken or given to a centralised government body to manage or administer.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The water and water treatment assets of the Nelson region belong to the ratepayers of the Nelson, Marlborough, Tasman region and should not be taken or given to a centralised government body to manage or administer, and the current accountability framework whereby the councils are accountable to their own ratepayers should be maintained.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The water and water treatment assets of the Nelson region belong to the ratepayers of the Nelson, Marlborough, Tasman region and should not be taken or given to a centralised government body to manage or administer, and the current accountability framework whereby the councils are accountable to their own ratepayers should be maintained so that the region's consumers' interests are front and centre and are not diluted by the interests of other regions being taken into account.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text We own the assets now and they have been financed by the ratepayers over many years and must not be given or taken by centralised government bodies.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Privatisation is a separate issue which should be debated by the ratepayers if and when it is ever proposed by individual councils

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text We do not require transitional arrangements if the transition is never allowed to occur.

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text You are our appointed protectors of our interests and our assets and do not have a mandate to dispose of those interests or assets without a full referendum.

**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Margery Hay

**Q15    Email**

Email

**Q16    Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17    Suburb you live**

Short Text    Richmond

**Q18    You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The concept that Nationalisation of community assets because Local Authorities are incompetent is specious. Nelson's water assets have been developed over the last 170 years. They are well managed and cost our ancestors almost a billion dollars ( 2022 dollars ). I have zero confidence in centralisation. Look to NZTA . A completely dysfunctional government department. I fear that this is what we will get.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text NZTA ignores local community input and concerns. Consultation is neither sincere nor genuine.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Genuine engagement by departments ( such as NZTA ) gives me no confidence.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text We should be paid the indemnity value for the assets not \$20M.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Do not have any confidence that these provisions will be subsequently overridden because of "economic necessity."

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

Slider 1

**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text I strongly oppose three waters reform as proposed. There is too much history of Nationalisation trampling over the efforts of our ancestors. Look to what happened in 1910. Central government took all the provinces assets and left the community with the liabilities. (Eg Nelson Provincial Museum ) Central government took two farms set aside to support the museum. There are many other examples such as this.



**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Robin Whalley

**Q15    Email**

Email

**Q16    Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17    Suburb you live**

Short Text    Stepneyville

**Q18    You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

Council should be in control of our (ratepayers) assets. Totally against handing over 50% control to iwi. This is based on race & that in itself is racist

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

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**Q14** Name

Short Text

John Murray

**Q15** Email

Email

**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Brightwater Tasman NZ

**Q18** You can attach your feedback directly if you wish

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

Slider 1

**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Keep maori out of it. They have no expertise in water whatsoever.

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

Slider 1

**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text I actually think the existing setup is acceptable.  
Should remain in council ownership

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text The council should retain ownership

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Once maori can get their nose in the trough. Heaven help the rate payers

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text Nelson City Council is becoming far too woke!

**Q14** Name

Short Text jon lee

**Q15** Email

Email

**Q16** Phone number (optional)

Telephone

**Q17** Suburb you live

Short Text Central

**Q18** You can attach your feedback directly if you wish

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

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**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Councils maintain a role in governance. The structure allows mgt to get on with the job free of political constraints.

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

Slider 5

**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 5

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text In the end "ownership" is irrelevant. The public "owns" the assets. The public still "owns" the assets. Get on with it.

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider 5

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

Slider 4

**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Not fast enough. We need to just get this done.

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text 1 million NZers live with unsafe drinking water. 35,000 people get seriously ill from their drinking water every year. There are dozens of 'boil water' notices everywhere- In New Zealand. It's an appalling state of affairs and an unmitigated failure of the current structure. The opposition is being driven by right wing astro-turf orgs like Tax Payers Union, far Right polities like ACT and is underpinned by deep racism. I was appalled to see Nelson councillors lining up with those racists on their recent "road show" in Nelson. NCC needs to choose it's side - the racists and right wing activists, or ordinary people who want our water issues sorted out. Get on board and sort it out.

**Q14** Name

Short Text Ron Kjestrup

**Q15**    **Email**

Email

**Q16**    **Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17**    **Suburb you live**

Short Text

**Q18**    **You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text

I have no confidence in the plans, while I agree that there is a need to improve the water quality etc in NZ I do not consider this cumbersome structure will work. What not a regional structure of TDC, Nelson and perhaps Marlborough with ownership remaining where it is at present

**Q14** Name

Short Text

David Kenning

**Q15** Email

Email



**Q16 Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17 Suburb you live**

Short Text Nelson South

**Q18 You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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**Q1** Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?

Slider 1

**Q2** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text I dont not support in any shape or form the three waters Bill

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

Slider 1

**Q4** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

Slider

**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text There is ample media coverage with this.  
I hope people say and contribute for what they think is correct

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text I am majorly concerned about what will happen here long term.  
Although all is laid out clearly I feel there is a bigger long-term picture of who will actually own and be given this.  
Then I will be majorly concerned about what financial impact this will have on us as a business

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

Slider 1

**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text As above

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

Slider 2

**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text

**Q13** Enter comments here

Long Text I am a business that received annual invoices of approx 50 k plus waste of approx 15 k.  
This is a major expense for us .  
Bigger is not better in my mind here as a proposition going forward.  
  
I totally disagree re the three waters and what its proposed.

**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Garry Munro

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The governance structure of the water services entities is undemocratic. The Three Waters Plan forces councils to transfer all infrastructure for fresh, storm, and waste water into four massive unwieldy zones. The Plan will give tribal appointees 50% of the 12-seat boards finally appointed to run these four monopolies. Since Maori tribes represent a minority of New Zealanders, this alone is an abuse of our democracy.

Worse still, the requirement of a 75% majority for any decision, in effect, confers on tribal appointees the power to control every decision – this is outrageous in a democracy.

In addition, it is a breach of the Treaty of Waitangi, which conferred equal rights of citizenship on all New Zealanders.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The bill undermines strong accountabilities to communities and consumers. In fact, clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the new Bill specifically withdraws the requirement for local councils to consult with their communities over the proposed confiscation of their water services.

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Clause 14 of The Water Services Entities Bill reads as follows:

Relationship of this Part with Local Government Act 2002

The following provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 do not apply to any actions taken by a local government organisation in order to comply with this schedule or facilitate the water services reform:

- (a) section 95(2) (relating to the requirement for a local authority to consult on significant or material variations from its annual plan);
- (b) section 97 (which requires certain decisions to be taken only if provided for in a long-term plan);
- (c) section 130(3) (relating to certain obligations to maintain water services).

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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Long Text The Water Services Entities Bill – governance, accountability and consumer engagement factsheet says: "The water services entities must undertake direct engagement with consumers on its asset plans, funding and pricing plans, and infrastructure strategies...". This all sounds very nice. But here's how things usually roll:

Entity: "Here's what we're planning to do. Consumers, your thoughts please?"

Consumer majority: "No thanks, here are some changes that may improve the plan, or consider these alternative strategies."

Entity: We're going ahead with our original plan; never had any intention of changing it and there's nothing you can do about it.

The Government claims larger water entities will be more efficient, but the Government's own peer review rubbishes the claimed savings, which don't even consider the financial implications of co-governance. There is no limit on how much the unelected entities can charge for water services, no stopping iwi groups charging 'water royalties' nor is there a requirement for councils to reduce rates to reflect the fact they will no longer supply water services.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text While the Government claims councils will still 'own' water assets, councils will lose their rights of control. Decisions around selling assets, receiving dividends, and setting charges will be made by unelected entities, with no provision for councils to withdraw from the new regime.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text The government has relied on modelling with flawed assumptions and has not adequately explained the financial risks inherent in the debt funding proposed for the Entities. Investment Analyst and Accountant Frank Newman explains:

Nanaia Mahuta says, "The data shows the case for change is compelling. Without these changes DIA modelling shows that even at the more conservative end of estimates, the average household bill for water services could be as high as \$1900 to \$9000 by 2051, which would be unaffordable for many communities... Under our proposal for four providers those figures range from \$800 to \$1640, saving households thousands of dollars."

To explain how the government has made the figures look compelling one needs to understand what a 'Ponzi' scheme is. In essence, it is a deception that generates returns for earlier investors with money taken from later investors.

This is essentially what the government model does. It is shifting the water rating burden from current ratepayers to future ratepayers by accumulating debt that it assumes does not need to be repaid.

Currently, councils are limited to a debt cap of 2.5 times revenue. There is a good reason for that: it reduces the risk of councils accumulating debt recklessly and putting community assets at risk. The effect is that once the debt ceiling is reached the easy money dries up and the financing burden falls on ratepayers as they become the only source of funding. It's a reality check for local councils.

However, the new water Entities will not be constrained by a 2.5 times revenue debt cap. They are assumed to have a debt capacity of 6.25 times revenue. This tilts the figures in favour of the government's amalgamation proposal because the entities can borrow substantially more without having to fund that spending from water users!

It's a fake reality. Borrowing to fill the shortfall can only go on for so long – there will eventually be a day of reckoning – as there is with every Ponzi scheme.

According to the government's modelling over the next 30 years the four Entities will collectively borrow an additional \$51 billion. Of this only \$3 billion is to be repaid (\$100 million a year). The interest on that debt (using the model's 3.5% interest rate – which already seems unrealistic) rises from \$386 million (14% of revenue) to \$2 billion (23% of revenue) over the 30 years.

What is not factored into the modelling is repayment of the \$51 billion they have borrowed – there is an assumption that the debt does not have to be repaid. How many homeowners get that sort of mortgage deal from their bank?

We are also told that these water Entities will be more efficient than local authorities, simply because of their scale. This ignores the fact that local councils gain efficiencies by spreading their administrative cost overheads over a range of council functions. The effect on local council rating as a result of losing what for most councils is a significant income stream has not been factored into the modelling.

Their modelling also has no regard for the additional administrative costs the water Entities will incur to meet enhanced obligations to Maori.

The government says, "The reform provides a step change for iwi/Māori to participate in the delivery of three water services. These include a range of new legislative protections, joint oversight arrangements and mechanisms to enable local expression of Te Mana o Te Wai."

The question is why iwi/Māori need or should be involved in the delivery of three water services? How much will the ongoing active engagement with 180 iwi cost the water Entities? It's a cost that the government's modelling ignores.

The government claims local authorities will continue to own the water infrastructure and communities will continue to have a say in the management of the water. That is clearly not the case.

Clause 166 of the bill tells the true story. It says a "territorial authority... (a) has no right, title, or interest (legal or equitable) in the assets, security, debts, or liabilities of a water services entity (and the constitution cannot confer any such right, title, or interest...); and (b) must not receive any equity return, directly or indirectly, from a water services entity;..." Clause 166: [https://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2022/0136/latest/LMS540277.html?search=sw\\_096be8ed81c2922d\\_166\\_25\\_s](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2022/0136/latest/LMS540277.html?search=sw_096be8ed81c2922d_166_25_s)

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Councils will retain none of the benefits of ownership. It is ownership in name only, not in practice.

Furthermore, it is implausible to claim, as the government does, that a local authority will influence the management of the water assets when it's role in the governance arrangements is diluted by 50 percent to Maori interests in the first instance, and that 50 percent interest is further diluted by the interests of the other local authorities within the Entity.

The end result is that local communities will in practice have negligible – if any – say in the management of local water services.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text As political commentator Ashley Church says, a main weakness of the proposals is the "loss of local democratic control, unwieldy and illogical boundaries and, most alarmingly, the likely creation of huge, bloated, faceless bureaucracies which will almost certainly be less efficient than the bodies they replace. It's also important to note that water is not the same as a utility like electricity where scale provides cost and delivery efficiencies. Water issues are usually quite specific to local communities and require localised solutions based on geography and a unique mix of lifestyle, commercial activity and rural production."

Furthermore, there are no guarantees the reforms will produce the improved outcomes being claimed. Labour's dreadful track record of over-promising and under-delivering, give local communities little confidence that the cost savings would eventuate – or that there would be any avenues for redress.

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Long Text The proposed co-governance arrangements for the Regional Representative Groups and Regional Representation Panels establishes 50 percent iwi representation and 50 percent council representation. This arrangement, however, grossly discriminates against New Zealanders who are not able to register with an iwi, since the proposed number of Group or Panel representatives for iwi would be disproportionately higher than the number of Group or Panel representatives for non-iwi, in comparison to their respective populations.

This Bill is not in the best interests of New Zealand.

It is based on dubious modelling and assumptions, that cannot and should not be relied on.

The estimates of lower prices cannot be trusted and the debt that will be generated will create a huge debt burden for future generations.

In addition the co-governance arrangements are discriminatory and anti-democratic.

Since this discriminates against non-iwi, the Bill is a breach of Section 19 of the Bill of Rights and should be withdrawn.

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

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**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Once the assets are removed from the local people, they will be fobbed off.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Blatant theft.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text More lies

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Theft with a smile.

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With 77% of New Zealand's population living in the north island,. As usual the south island will be missing out on appropriate funding based on numbers. This has been happening historically for the duration of my life, 57 years. With local control, local news can be more adequately met.i believe this will have a negative impact on our product, cost and services.

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The bill itself was not open for debate, it's a given apparently.

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As stated a above, the loss of local insite, control and accountability will be a negative thing for a provincial south island city.

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Long Text I would prefer the status quo. I can see no justification for NCC handing over management of the region's water resources and infrastructure to an authority that is a) an unknown and b) on the North Island.  
The system we have at present has given me no cause for concern and as a ratepayer I have contributed financially towards this over many years. I don't want my Council giving it away.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I don't trust that there will be accountabilities to communities and consumers on the performance and strategy of a water services entity.

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Consumers unlikely to be listened to, and very often consumers don't have sufficient grasp of the issues to be able to argue their case with the top heavy Water Services Entity who will run it how they want to, regardless of public opinion.  
At least while it is in the hands of NCC we can vote out those who don't listen to the consumers.

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q8 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I am, and have always been, opposed to public ownership.

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Q10 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Privatisation has not been an issue before and it wouldn't bother me if privatisation were considered in the future.

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I don't want Three Waters, now or in the future.

**Q13 Enter comments here**

Long Text I feel there is no point raising my objections to Three Waters, or for that matter, any Council proposals, as it has been proved in the past that public opinion is ignored. e.g. Maori Wards.

**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Judy Pittman

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Long Text Not elected members

**Q3** Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?

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Long Text There is no accountability. 3 Waters will do what they like.

**Q5** Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?

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**Q6** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text No accountability

**Q7** Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?

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**Q8** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text Absolutely not. Appointments not based on experience and knowledge are unacceptable.

**Q9** Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?

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**Q10** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text There is no evidence of privatisation of the the Nelson owned assets.

**Q11** Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?

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**Q12** Do you have any comments you would like to add?

Long Text There should be no 3 waters.

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Long Text I would like to express my my opposition to Nelson joining the 3 waters proposal.

I work in building design and have had a number of jobs which involves working with Wellington Water. They are incompetent and are very difficult to deal with. I have an owner doing 3 houses in Wellington and he has been trying to get a solution to providing water to his site for more than a year. Wellington Water has held up previous projects I have worked on and caused unnecessary delays and extra costs. To have Nelson join up with a group that includes Wellington Water would be a huge mistake. I have dealt with Nelson Council regarding an existing sewer on a site. The council staff were very helpful and provide a far better service than Wellington. The larger Wellington Water will have more say in 3 waters and Nelson will be a lot worse off.

There is no reason to change from the existing Nelson Council controlling our 3 waters.

Regards

Clive Lewis

**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Clive Lewis

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**Q1 Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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**Q2 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text Just stop the whole thing, this is being done undemocratically. Taking essential infrastructure that is none of the governments business besides perhaps assisting with money for big infrastructure overhauls. Local infrastructure should always remain in LOCAL hands.

**Q3 Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Q4 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text How is this accountability? It's like saying that the government is accountable to us when they're forcing through taking away infrastructure whether we like it or not. Are we sure that we're even a democracy?

**Q5 Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q6 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text I find it highly doubtful that this was ever done with the mind of us ratepayers and taxpayers in mind. How is adding tens of thousands more employees to bloated bureaucratic organisations going to decrease how much we pay for water/wastewater?

**Q7 Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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Long Text As mentioned before, how is forcibly taking away infrastructure from local control (because that is what a council is supposed to be, is it not? Of locals, by locals, for locals) going to ever result in accountability? Actions always speak louder than words. If we can't even keep the government accountable when forcibly seizing infrastructure against the will of the people who elect the government, how should we expect to keep an organisation accountable that controls our water?

**Q9 Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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Long Text I don't think it'll make much of a difference, if a private company buys who gets the money? Point is if we really expect our water to be sold after all of these reforms, doesn't that say everything?

**Q11 Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Q12 Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Long Text At this point I'm getting a little tired of saying all of this, but since you already should know I'm against the Three Waters reforms because they're undemocratic and unaccountable.  
If they get a different person to review every answer, if you can, please refer to your colleagues for the full picture.

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Long Text Stop it. If you're going to have something that's major enough to change the face of our country and democracy, have a countrywide referendum.

**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Jonathan Clarke

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The future cost of implementation  
Can local councils afford  
You only have to look. At the cost overruns on the dam  
Ratepayers always have to pay for poor decisions

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In my opinion, this change to our water services has been entirely driven by the mayor with a compliant council. It is a testament to her neglect of essential water services, except for the water treatment plant which was installed prior to her time on council. Now she is intent on getting a well-paid position on the new water entity. In the many circles I have social contacts in Nelson, there is only disgust at these developments. We ratepayers have made huge contributions toward our current water services, although some of that money has been diverted to non-essential spending. The water treatment plan alone resulted in large rate rises and borrowing. If these assets are transferred to the new entity, there is no guarantee they will be maintained properly, plus we will be paying the cost of a much larger bureaucracy. The whole exercise is based on hypocrisy and incompetence of the worst sort.

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That water services should be provided by local councils, not from a central organisation.

Democracy must prevail i.e. no favoured groups by ethnicity.

Nelson city council must represent the people of Nelson and should have gone to the people prior to supporting the government's agenda.

The information to date is conflicting and disturbing. The government has failed to listen to the people. Please make sure Nelson city council does not treat local, people in the same manner.

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Please consider that the majority of ratepayers want to keep our 3 water assets  
Most rate payers are against the 3 waters  
Keep our assets don't sell out  
Please join the majority of other councils who are against 3 waters and fight to keep them!

**Q14** Name

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Mark Howard

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Government has shown no justification or benefits that will result from the 3 Waters reforms and Nelson is able to competently manage its water resources under the continuing management of its elected Council.

I strongly oppose this so-called "reform", as it amounts to an asset grab by centralised authority with little awareness of current local needs. It also equates to selling our locally owned assets for well under their real value. Once it's gone, you can't buy it back!

As a member of the Nelson Citizens Alliance I will be demanding that the full Council receives a deputation before any submission is made to the Select Committee.

**Q14    Name**

Short Text    Dharan Longley

**Q15    Email**

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**Q16    Phone number (optional)**

Telephone

**Q17    Suburb you live**

Short Text    Tahunanui

**Q18    You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

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The entire 3 Waters reform proposed by the Government is flawed and therefore I do not think the NCC should be progressing as if this is a done deal. There has been and still is widespread opposition to this entire process, not just in Nelson, but throughout the country.

Why are we as a nation, looking at another layer of bureaucracy, that will cost millions of dollars. Yes, more money is required to revitalise the neglected 3-waters systems, but why not just make this money available to the existing Local Authorities, and let them get on and make the improvements. The Local Authorities know their own specific issues and requirements, they do not need another organisation telling what to do.

**Q14** Name

Short Text

John Macdonald

**Q15**    **Email**

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**Q16**    **Phone number (optional)**

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**Q17**    **Suburb you live**

Short Text    Enner Glynn

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

A national standards framework is essential for rational policy implementation.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

4

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Much better than the present mess!

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

5

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

A safer consumer model.

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The water infrastructure “owned” by each community is essentially an ongoing liability, the views sometimes expressed that they represent an asset that is being stolen is ludicrous!

The threats to infrastructure being made by ongoing climate change needs very careful planning and funding by highly qualified experts at a consistent national level. This is well beyond the abilities of most if not all local authorities.

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

5

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

There is no way a private profit driven system can manage the long term threats that we need to deal with.

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Will see I guess, but change is essential!

**Enter comments here**

The Council seems to have a rational position that should be given support by those who understand the proposals.

**Name**

Dr John Moore

**Email****Phone number (optional)****Suburb you live**

Atawhai



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**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Name**

Desmond Byrne

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Enner Glynn

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**Enter comments here**

I don't agree with the entire Three Waters Proposal. I feel Nelson is in a good position regarding our infrastructure and am not happy about being lumped in together with any other region and in particular the North Island areas who have not maintained their infrastructures.

I do not believe over time that we will be paying less for our infrastructure under this system.

**Name**

Karen Westerby

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Stoke -Nelson

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It should not be centralized at all. Decentralization leads to more accountability and more stability in organization. Centralizing things creates more top down, heavy bureaucracy.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

It strongly distances accountability of anyone with power.

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Our interests are served by having as little bureaucracy as possible, and the management (local council) as accountable as possible. Not Russian doll level bureaucracy some of which is accountable to us and does not directly control it - just vote with selected bureaucrats.

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

In 166 Financial independence it says quite clearly the council has 'No Right, No Title, or interest in the water entities. This is a mockery of ownership. The people managing our assets should be accountable to the people. The council owning shares is meaningless. They can sell them or not, they can borrow against them or not. So what? If we don't like how the people who are managing our water are doing so - we can't vote them out. Our assets will have been stolen and democracy destroyed.

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Privatization should not be an option in the first place. The people living here have paid for and maintained the assets for over a century. For them to be taken without consent (stolen) and given to selected (not elected) parties plus some share thrown like a bone to the elected council - so that they can 'vote' - is absurd.

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

There should not be a transitional period. Because it should not transition.

**Enter comments here**

Please reject it.

**Name**

Zoe

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Enner Glynn

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I think the model being pushed by the government is deeply flawed.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Why be accountable to another remote based central government entity. It is not necessary.

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Again, why add in another complex and costly process?

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Very open to being sold off to private ownership, despite the assurances the government has provided. Europe has been down this road already with terrible results. Now there is a big push to reverse what has been done and return ownership to the local ratepayers.

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

See answer above, and also, a simple change of legislation in parliament, and there it will all go, off to private ownership.

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

It is all going ahead without due process. So very many councils and their ratepayers have voiced their concerns, but they are being ignored.

**Enter comments here**

Please, do not accept that this is a done deal. Stand up to this hard line being pushed by the government. There are better options out there.

**Name**

John Macdonald

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Enner Glynn

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**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Enter comments here**

Stop this now

It is asinine!!!!

**Name**

Jenny Gair bennett

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Nelson

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**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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## **Enter comments here**

Listen to the strong voice of your constituents and say no to 3 Waters.

If our mayor and council ignore the people you you are supposed to represent, you are failing in your obligations,

## **Name**

Rebecca Hope

## **Email**

## **Suburb you live**

Atawhai



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NO...this merely adds more layers of additional bureaucracy and cost that will ultimately be rammed down the throats of taxpayers.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

There is little accountability when govt bureaucrats are involved, Instead we will see yet more waffle, redtape, legions of cultural advisory consultants, and bullshit.

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

This is just a wank-fest of waffle and bureaucracy with the proposals doing little or nothing to improve services. Instead, any changes and supposed efficiencies will disappear down the throat of committees, protocols and consultants.

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

How can our assets be 'owned' by ratepayers when control will effectively be removed to a multi-layered bunch of pen-pushing bureaucrats in safe jobs. MORE bureaucracy WILL NOT result in any efficiencies whatsoever ! The new model should seek to reduce layers of bureaucracy NOT add more!

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

2

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Privatisation would never be allowed by rate payers anyway! This is just scare tactics.

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

It's going to go ahead anyway, that's how Labour does things these days. It is dividing this country based on race and more bureaucracy.

**Enter comments here**

The NCC (and especially the Mayor) are just left-wing Labour Party stooges who have already pre-determined the outcome, and so they will present to central govt a nice warm and fuzzy version of our concerns, ending up with an enthusiastic endorsement of the reforms. The NCC will carefully note that 'there are some minor concerns' but will dismiss those anyway and dutifully support the proposals which will see ratepayers losing control of their assets. This will tip the balance in the next general election and result in a National govt.

**Name**

stephen mazur

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

nelson

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Totally undemocratic.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Local input and influence will be very limited.

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The proposed shares in exchange for confiscated locally-developed assets is a sick joke.

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Silly question.

**Name**

Bob Dellaca

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Enner Glynn

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**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Enter comments here**

This is illegal. The Local Government Act forbids the transfer of assets without ratepayer approval

**Name**

Alan York

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Nelson

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- [3-Waters Bill response.pdf](#)

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1. It is overly bureaucratic and expensive, with four layers of unelected bureaucrats with little accountability to rate payers.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

No accountability to ratepayers and we can't unelect them for poor performance.

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Local communities and rate payers will come last under this system.

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Until they change the rules to suit themselves.

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Skant protection from privatization as rules can easily be changed and democracy side stepped.

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Enter comments here**

Skant nothing on water royalties. How much will we pay when this entity decides to introduce royalties, and it will. Come on be honest NCC and Labour. Honesty and integrity has been lacking from NCC and the government in this whole process, trampling on the democratic process.

**Name**

Ian Faulkner

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Tahunanui

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

No

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

No

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

5

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

No

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

5

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

No

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

4

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

I think that it should be via a public vote with 75% agreement before privatization could possibly go ahead. Personally Im against privatisation .

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

5

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

No

**Enter comments here**

No

**Name**

Michael Marsh

**Email**

**Phone number (optional)**

**Suburb you live**

Britannia Heights



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**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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## **Enter comments here**

It is not worth making any comments at all as you have already made up your minds regardless of what the ratepayers (who voted you in by the way) think. You are supposed to represent the ratepayers in this and have failed miserably and put your own self interests first, i.e. future employment on the Three Waters Board, or those interests of the political party you have affiliations with. Hopefully this election will see most of you removed and a council who is prepared to do what it is meant to do, elected in your place.

## **Name**

Catherine Bishop

## **Suburb you live**

Atawhai

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WRONG WRONG WRONG.

The members appointed should be based on their individual skills and abilities.

NOT because they are Maori

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

WRONG WRONG WRONG

There should be NEVER any opportunity for private ownership - ever

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

WRONG WRONG WRONG

There should be NEVER any opportunity for private ownership

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Using Auckland as an example does not gather any confidence.

We are not Auckland at the top of the south (we even speak differently these days)

WRONG WRONG WRONG

**Enter comments here**

We need a new mayor

**Name**

Penny Lowish

**Email**

**Phone number (optional)**

**Suburb you live**

Nelson Central

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Too many mana whenua representatives, they need to be represented as a percentage of the population of each area eg 25% mana whenua population = 25% representation

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

2

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

2

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

2

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The geographical land area needs to be taken into account, not just population. Areas with a small population but large land area will not be represented well.

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Any possible privatisation via a referendum should be 90% in favour not 75%

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

2

**Enter comments here**

I strongly propose that Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough regions be part of the South Island

delivery service area. This keeps the South Island together as one whole geographic area which is totally logical. Old tribal boundaries are no longer relevant to the 21 Century.

**Name**

Linda Kerr

**Email**

**Phone number (optional)**

**Suburb you live**

Nelson

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Members involved in governance and advisory should not be selected based on race. All positions should be filled by any competent New Zealanders.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

To have ownership, you must also have control which is lacking in this case

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

2

**Enter comments here**

Nelson will be grouped with a number of other North Island areas that have inferior water infrastructure. As a result Nelson will end up subsidising the improvements to these areas at great cost to local ratepayers. The proposed 3 Waters results in Rate Payers assets being given to the new entity for a fraction of their value. The claim of 'continued ownership' is totally false as ownership implies control which will not be present. The planned Governance of this new entity is racist and undemocratic.

**Name**

Ross Holland

**Suburb you live**

Nelson

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## **Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?**

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Considering that the 3Waters reform is based on arbitrary boundaries there is no need to look any further than the way in which other government departments are governed.

The Scottish Water experience supports this approach. When the 3Authority Scottish Water failed to deliver the objectives it was transformed into a unitary authority.

Let's at least learn from their experience.

## **Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

1

### **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

3Water services are best provided based on geographic considerations. The reform does not allow adequate access to democratically elected representatives.

The 4Authority model creates no advantages for individual ratepayers compared to a unitary model where the governance systems are accepted by most NZers. It only adds complexity and costs.

## **Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

2

### **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Compared to the current arrangement the proposed approach will provide less value to customers.

## **Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

1

### **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The proposed approach only makes sense if stakeholders believe that the current 3Water reform is merely a transitional arrangement.  
The ownership should be located with the water authority.

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The protection “against privatisation” in the LGA is more than adequate.

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

4

**Enter comments here**

Considering that a unitary 3Waters Authority will be more productive and efficient compared to a 4Authority option, deliver these services at lower cost to Nelson ratepayers and the fact that the Scottish Water reform transitioned through a multi authority system into a unitary authority, where the governance arrangement is settled, it is difficult to understand how anyone or body that primarily represents the interests of Nelson ratepayers could support the proposed reform.

The cost of services for Nelson ratepayers will be considerably more affordable compared to the proposed 3Water option. (Based on assumptions underpinning 3Waters)

**Name**

Johan Thiart

**Email**

**Phone number (optional)**

**Suburb you live**

Stoke



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Bureaucratic overkill. The multiple layers of management are complicated, have little opportunity of the public to have any real input and an expensive governance system.

"Each regional representative group will consist of between 12 and 14 members, with half of its members appointed from mana whenua within its region, and half from territorial authorities."

Two issues of concern here;-

- a) 50% mana whenua is a blatant race based requirement where by the makeup of the general population is not equally represented.
- b) there is no public input to the "regional representative model" for selection of the local territorial representative

These people are all govt appointments hence question arise around their suitability for such governance work skill and experience should dominate over race.

"Regional advisory panels may be established by the regional representative groups to provide them with advice about how to perform or exercise their duties, functions, and powers"

The appointment at R.R.G level should surely incorporate skilled people with the knowledge and experience to carry out a role without the need for yet more appointees.

"The legislation enables each group to determine their own constitutions setting out their

composition" again indicates that conformity across the country will not be uniform which surely is one of the main arguments for this legislation.

All together a far to complex and expensive management structure with no public input/

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

"The Bill establishes strong accountabilities to communities and consumers on the

performance and strategy of a water services entity."

My reading of the bill fails to indicate where I have any real opportunity to be heard. There are only appointed members hence very little real responsibilities to the public at large.

"The board of a water services entity must give effect to the statement of strategic and performance expectations. It must also issue a plan on how it will take action on any Te

Mana o Te Wai statements it receives within 2 years"

Again indications of race based preference over that opportunity for general public input.

The ratepayer who has provided all the infrastructure to be handed over has no say in accountability that is of real effect.

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

More sweeping statements of intent which generally fail to become reality in any true sense of the word.

I see very little opportunity for consumer interests in such a convoluted management structure.

As with so much govt consultation, a lot of money is spent but very little real notice of public feedback is ever really considered.

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

I fail to see how ownership remains with the local communities who have built the local infrastructure through ratepayers funding when clearly the bill states "Under this legislation territorial authorities within an entity boundary will collectively own the water service entity on behalf of the communities they serve", therefore all resources from each council of a territory will be lost to them.

Where local authorities have been prudent and managed their 3 waters responsibilities well like NCC it seems they will be punished and financing preferences will be given to those less diligent.

Also object to the govt using tax payers money to pay off councils for the "losses" effectively mean we are paying twice for the services. I assume this

payback will be reimbursed to the ratepayers directly.

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

2

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

1

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

"These powers will be used if territorial authority decisions appear to significantly restrict the success of the reforms, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the water services entities as a result of the reforms. "

Obviously the govt are using the D.I A. to ride rough shot over any council which may have reasonable objections to this undemocratic legislation.

It is also very concerning how far the set up and cost of the set up is progressing before the public have any real information on how this effect us at operational level. It is hard to see where yet another huge govt monopoly will provide the stated savings and efficient operation they claim will be provided.

**Enter comments here**

Very disappointed in the NCC with their rush to support this legislation. Massive govt dept have never proved to attract efficiencies surely there is a much better model that can be acheived with a funding model allowing councils to "borrow on mass" the funding we are told will be available to fix all the problems. Money aside there are just not the skilled people able rectify all the issues in any foreseeable period.

NCC's rush to unload responsibilities in this area shows a complete lack of regard for those who have funded and supported them over the cities history. Stand up, be counted and tell the govt 3 waters is not wanted

**Name**

Elwyn Thomas

**Email**

**Phone number (optional)**

**Suburb you live**

atawhai

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I am appalled and opposed to the 3 waters plan. Nelson has historically manage its water resources with costs paid by Nelsonians. Other communities have failed at this. Why set up another layer of bureaucracy to handle something successful within our community. Having one entity to "manage all of the South Island" will cost responsible rate payers more money when we have a successful system. A targeted approach to help failing local entities would solve the situation, permit local control and retain local responsiveness. This system has never been beta tested and could turn out as ineffective as Kiwibuild. Joe Waller, opposes 3 waters.

## **Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

1

### **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Adding a remote level of bureaucracy and not listening objections to find a better option is frightening. This was pushed through with local entities told they could reject the written proposal. BUT, it elements were passed before local entities could input shows the lack of accountability inherent within the proposal. Not much the rate payer can do. This is largely taxation without meaningful representation. The all or nothing position could be as bad as "Teacher pay" where a system was put in play without beta testing regionally. Chaos occurs when accountability is ignored. Joe Waller

## **Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

2

### **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The consumer interest arrangement is a minimal impact arrangement. The newly formed agency is not required to follow any mandate. The agency appointees are not directly influenced by the voters with the power to remove them in any form of democratic process.

It seems to be a hollow promise to listen to the rate payers with only a shallow representative control. Joe Waller

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Quoting the document "The water services entities will own and operate three waters infrastructure and services." And, "greater number of shares (based on population),... does not come with additional influence over the entities". The assets were created by local rates and thus funded by the local population. The Ownership transfer is like stealing the assets from the different communities and eliminates the representation over the asset. Taxation without representation has caused wars. Unacceptable, there are better ways to fix the problem. Joe Waller

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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All shareholders would have to unanimously agree to any privatisation proposal, BUT the following sentence states...a public referendum with any future proposal for privatisation requiring 75 per cent of votes in favour to carry it. This provision does not provide a simple majority opinion to direct the agency. The policy is poorly conceived as it transfers of billions of asset dollars "stolen" from communities and placed in the hands of 12 people. Unacceptable, it is less than not suitable. Joe Waller

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

There are laws against citizens receiving stolen property, with penalties including incarceration. What is the fundamental difference between the government stealing the assets...should the leaders of this organised theft be facing equal jeopardy?

**Enter comments here**

As a rate payer, I abhor the fact that this council has moved to accept the 3 waters edict. Surely there is a better method of improving service. Where are the alternatives? Why give up an asset that is already in place and is functioning? What value is there to our council for this move?

In all respects this is a frightening proposal. It strips away our asset base, with virtually nothing in return. Shame on this councils lack of backbone.

**Name**

Joseph D. Waller

**Email****Suburb you live**

Washinton Valley

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Regional Representative Groups are not democratically elected and do not reflect the population base.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The decision makers are no based on the region and are not accountable to the local ratepayers/users of the water.

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The proposed ownership is not true "ownership" in that the "owners" do not have control over the assets.

**Enter comments here**

I do not believe the NCC is committed to genuine consultation on this issue and has already decided that they support the new legislation. I also believe the Mayor is conflicted in that she has supported the changes without disclosing she will be taking a role in the new entity.

**Name**

Don Laurie

**Suburb you live**

Stoke

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not at all suitable. refer to my submission with comments on co-governance

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

We will lose all rights of ownership.

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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Privatisation will happen whether we want it or not if the proposal goes ahead, especially if we cannot afford the inevitable impacts of high interest rates and inflation, not to mention being unable to afford the expenses already incurred and to be incurred and passed onto ratepayers and water users.

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Enter comments here**

Submission is attached

**Name**

Jacky



**Email**

**Suburb you live**

Stoke

**You can attach your feedback directly if you wish**

- [3 waters bill submission to Nelson City Council.docx](#)

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## **Enter comments here**

If the Governments puerile Three Waters advertisements, featuring in last years media, is a reflection of the the professionalism with which New Zealanders future water services will be managed, then this is a cause for grave concern. Adding layers of bureaucracy, and taking away local control of our three waters assets to

unelected, unaccountable bodies, distantly located with co-governance, will do nothing to improve services and lower costs for Nelson ratepayers.

Generations of Nelson ratepayers have paid for the high standard of water service assets we own, and we expect the present Nelson City Council to protect this legacy.

I totally oppose the Government's Three Waters Bill, and the Nelson City Council's complicity.

## **Name**

Addo Mulders

## **Email**

## **Suburb you live**

Moana

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My wife and I attended a Three Waters public meeting at the Council on the 29th June.

We asked questions about boundaries and governance.

**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Water Entitie "C" is far too big for effective management, and accountability to cover East Cape to Murchison and Wellington's water leaks in the middle.

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

How can there be effective understanding of the issues when 67 Local Bodies have been replaced by only 4 entities.

**Do you think the Ownership arrangements are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Water entities are to have numerous Regional Representative Groups, and now also Sub-Regional advisory groups. Wow !!!

Apparently there is no requirement for Co-Governance at the Board level, nor any requirement for representation by local authorities or Mana whenua.

[Members of the Board would be appointed for their knowledge, skill and experience... this is good.]

**Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable?**

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**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

Local Body Electaral turnouts have always been low; around 40%.

How can a public referendum get a 75% vote to carry any public referendum.

**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?**

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**Enter comments here**

I understand that Nelson's water system is reputed to be a good one. With a good few years left in it, before the new Water Entities Bill moves in and takes over.

This must not be allowed to happen.

**Name**

Bruce Evans

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

The Wood

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**Name**

Ian Henbrtey

**Email**

**Suburb you live**

NELSON CBD

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I object to the establishment of unnecessary volumes of administration workers who produce little worthwhile benefit for the ratepayers and taxpayers, who directly and indirectly have to foot the bill.

The Three Waters proposed legislation is totally unnecessary to deal with the comparatively few under-performing shortcomings currently existing.

NZ needs productivity experts (with clout to enact efficiencies) employed both here in Nelson and Wellington, to cut administrative and on-the-job waste.

Stop this bill right now!

**Name**

Reg Gittus

**Suburb you live**

Nelson

## **Email and Online attachments**

## **WATER SERVICES ENTITIES BILL SUBMISSION**

I strongly oppose this Bill.

As you will know, the Ministry of Health water quality audits and surveillance reports from the ESR, the overall quality of New Zealand's water supplies is excellent.

There is no terrible health risk from water in New Zealand that justifies the scale of disruption and discrimination that would result from the proposed Bill.

All our Councils have proven their ability to address any problems that arise.

Any future improvements to local water supplies can be addressed by local councils as they normally would be.

It is not valid or correct to say that Councils do not or will not have the ability to address problems or to make future improvements as needed.

It is reported that the government's model overstated the required investment and that its efficiency estimates were implausible.

Councils were instructed not to consult with their communities over the reforms, and now clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Bill specifically withdraws the consultation requirements of councils to engage over changes to the way water services will be provided.

This is an effective ban on the ability of local residents and ratepayers to have any say about the reforms, which effectively strip them of assets they and generations of their families have paid for, along with their rights of local control over water services through their elected councils.

The financial risks inherent in the debt funding proposed for the entities has not been adequately considered or explained.

Modelling with flawed assumptions has been relied upon.

The modelling fails to properly account for the \$48 billion in additional debt accumulated over the 30 year projection period by assuming the debt does not need to be repaid.

It also fails to draw attention to the financing risk and the potential liability to water users if interest rates were to rise above the assumed 3.5%.

Inflation is high now and it is not anticipated that the current trend of ballooning inflation will be turned around any time soon.

Reassessment of financial projections urgently needs to be undertaken.

The cost of any debt incurred must also be very carefully considered and the cost/benefit needs to be weighed up properly and to honestly look at the likelihood of water users being able to weather the impact of likely high interest rates.



To subject water users to extremely high risks of the sort that this proposal will bring is totally unjustified, unreasonable and is not taking the full wellbeing of New Zealanders into account.

Water supply is not the only consideration here.

New Zealanders do not deserve to be unfairly burdened financially, emotionally or mentally in the way that implementation of this proposal will bring.

Therefore, the true likely cost to water users is significantly understated financially and the true likely cost to water users in terms of their physical, mental and emotional well-being has not even been a factor for consideration.

A separate inquiry and investigation into the finances must be undertaken before agreeing to support the Bill.

This bill is contrary to the public interest and harmful to democracy.

Communities across New Zealand can have better water quality through a reform model that supports community involvement.

This Bill has serious financial implications that will be detrimental to all New Zealanders.

The Government has already spent \$34 million designing a reform so badly received they plan to bill water users more than a billion dollars to bring stakeholders on board.

Figures released by the Department of Internal Affairs show that the government has spent \$34 million to date on the four mega-corporation model for 3 Waters Reform, with more than \$9 million on staffing and \$24 million on external contractors.

The more than \$1 billion mooted as part of the 'no worse off' and 'better off' funding package being given to councils will be funded through future water charges from the new entities.

A cheaper and more effective option would have been to listen to stakeholders rather than spend millions on expensive consultants.

Understandably, any reform of this type isn't going to be cheap, but to spend \$34 million to come up with a flawed proposal that no one is happy with is not acceptable.

Aside from the flaws, to then mandate a reform that is overwhelmingly unpopular with communities and requires more than a billion dollars in spending to convince councils to come on board, when councils agree reform of some kind is necessary, is an exorbitant waste of money.

This Bill will remove assets from the rightful owners and give them to unentitled, unearned, unelected people who will have no concern whatsoever for any individual or the respective Councils that they have taken them from.

Under this proposal, the council owned property is being expropriated without conceding that it is a 'taking' and without fair compensation being paid to communities for their property.

It is an unacceptable erosion of community property rights.

The Bill outlines the removal of all rights and obligation from asset owners, proposing instead a 'tangible expression of ownership that is recognisable by communities and territorial authorities'.

In reality this 'tangible expression' offers none of the recognisable aspects of ownership.

It is obviously a taking of community property with no compensation.

We have been told that local authorities will continue to own the water infrastructure and communities will continue to have a say in the management of the water. This is not correct.

Refer to Clause 166 of the Water Services Entity Bill which clearly states that a "territorial authority (a) has no right, title, or interest (legal or equitable) in the assets, security, debts, or liabilities of a water services entity (and the constitution cannot confer any such right title, or interest...) and (b) must not receive any equity return, directly or indirectly, from a water services entity;..."

This Clause makes it very obvious that Councils will retain none of the benefits of ownership. It is an ownership in name only, not in reality.

In fact, the very definition of ownership needs to be considered and clearly articulated and if the traditional definition of ownership has been altered to suit this Bill, this needs to be disclosed.

It is clearly not in the interests of any Council or any water user to agree to this Clause and this new definition of ownership.

We have been told that a local authority will influence the management of the water assets when in fact this will not be possible.

A local authority's governance arrangement is diluted by 50% to Maori interests in the first place, and then that 50% interest is further diluted by the interest of the other local authorities within the Entity.

It is very clear that local communities will have very little, if any say in the management of local water services.

The bill indicates this in black and white.

Nelson City Council needs to be concerned with defending fundamental property rights.

While the bill talks about a 'tangible expression of ownership', later it says that the 'owners' have no right, title, or interest in the assets, security, debts or liabilities of the company.

This form of ownership cannot be tangible when it comes with none of the rights and responsibilities that property rights would normally confer.

It is significant erosion, or more correctly, a complete removal of those fundamental rights.

Co-governance, which is proposed by this bill, is discriminatory and anti-democratic.

The Attorney General ruled that a previous Council Bill to create co-governance was discriminatory to non-Maori and in breach of the Bill of Rights.

He urged the Council to withdraw the Bill, and they did so.

In his report he stated, "In a representative democracy, it is important to maintain approximately the same level of representation for everyone.

The proposed arrangements in the Bill would make the number of council members for the Maori ward disproportionately higher than the number of council members for the general ward in comparison to their respective populations.

As the disadvantaged group is those on the General roll, changing representation arrangements away from proportional representation therefore creates a disadvantage for non-Maori as they cannot in future elect to change rolls."

Similar discrimination is being created by the Water Services Entity Bill.

The proposed co-governance arrangements for the Regional representative Groups and Regional Representation Panels establishes 50% iwi representation and 50% council representation.

However, this arrangement grossly discriminates against New Zealanders who are not able to register with an iwi, since the proposed number of Group or Panel representatives for iwi would be disproportionately higher than the number of Group or Panel representatives for non-iwi, in comparison to their respective populations.

Since this discriminates against non-iwi, the Bill is a breach of Section 19 of the Bill of Rights and should be withdrawn.

Nelson City Council has refused to join Communities 4 Local Democracy.

What is the reason for this?

There are 31 Partner Councils of Communities 4 Local Democracy representing 1.4 million people

The Communities 4 Local Democracy is calling for better water reform that works for all New Zealanders.

Surely this is a worthwhile thing for Nelson City Council to be part of.

It more sufficiently cares and caters for local residents than the Council is currently looking like they are willing or able to.

Where is the Council's loyalty to its loyal ratepayers and residents?

The Communities 4 Local Democracy has presented a far more credible effective set of reform proposals that would achieve the desired policy outcomes whilst respecting community property rights.

It is possible to achieve both goals despite the views of the government.

Nelson City Council should be part of this.

## Conclusion

It is not too late to save this reform.

It needs collaboration, not coercion.

This Bill is not in the best interests of New Zealand or New Zealanders.

The modelling and assumptions used cannot and should not be relied on.

Debt that will be generated will create a massive debt burden for future generations.

The forecasted estimate lower prices cannot be relied on.

Co-governance arrangements are discriminatory and anti-democratic.

The Bill needs to be withdrawn.

A separate inquiry into the finances needs to be undertaken.

I agree with Communities 4 Local Democracy 10 Point Proposal for Compromise, as stated below:

- 1 Foundation principle – community property rights in 3 Waters assets are to be both respected and meaningful.
- 2 The government should agree to amend its current reform process and allow time for the revised approach to be reflected in draft legislation.
- 3 With respect to investment decision-making, asset owners should actively seek to initiate authentic discussions with mana whenua at a local level that consider co-design and partnership arrangement that acknowledge and enable Te Tiriti based pathways at a local and regional level.
- 4 In return, asset owners agree to commit to meeting health and environmental standards, once known, within an appropriate time frame.
- 5 The regulatory framework should specify a 'backstop' provision that identifies a set of circumstances which would justify future Crown intervention if an asset owner was not making acceptable progress towards meeting those regulatory requirements.
- 6 Progress should be reported on annually by asset owners and be benchmarked across the sector.
- 7 To further incentivise sector progress, a formal process might be established that requires an asset owner to prepare a plan that would map out the steps it proposes to take to meet the required standards in a financially viable and sustainable manner.
- 8 A process to finance and allocate funds to areas that will require financial assistance be designed that is national in application and independently administered accordingly to objective and transparent criteria (this is consistent with the recommendation of the Productivity Commission in November 2019.)
- 9 This subsidy scheme will be designed to meet investment shortfalls until such time as sufficient progress has been made. At which point the scheme will cease and owners will finance matters on a business as usual approach.
- 10 A sector-wide sector best-practice improvement process be created and membership made compulsory. (in similar manner used to implement successfully the One Network Road

Classification Framework and now One Network Framework in the road infrastructure are, and governed by Waka Kotahi and the Local Government Sector).

I support what Communities 4 Local Democracy have submitted as a positive, workable alternative to the proposed Bill.

The government should be specifying the required health and environmental policy outcomes but it should not be micro-designing how to achieve those outcomes.

Please refer to Communities 4 Local Democracy for further detailed descriptions of practical, workable options to this proposed unsuitable bill.

Your submission to the Select Committee by 22 July 2022 MUST REFLECT THE OPPOSING VIEWS OF NELSONIANS.

Dear Nelson City Councillors,

With respect to the 3-Waters bill, please consider the following:

### **1. The case for change has not been made**

The need for changing our 100-year-old system of water service provision and delivery has not been made.

According to the Ministry of Health water quality audits, and surveillance reports from the ESR, the overall quality of New Zealand's water supplies is excellent.

There is no catastrophic health risk from water in New Zealand that justifies the scale of disruption that would result from the Bill.

While problems do occur from time to time, they are localised and are usually addressed with urgency by the councils involved.

Contrary to the scaremongering claims made by the Government's grossly misleading advertising campaign the system is working extremely well in most parts of the country.

The fact that no such options were considered, indicates that our divisive, destructive and ultra-left-wing Government's priorities with respect to Maori interests, may well be the primary consideration.

### **2. Flawed assumptions have been used to justify the reforms**

#### *Flawed financial modelling*

The government has relied on modelling with flawed assumptions and has not adequately explained the financial risks inherent in the debt funding proposed for the Entities. The modelling fails to properly account for the \$48 billion in additional debt accumulated over the 30-year projection period by assuming the debt does not need to be repaid.

It also fails to draw attention to the financing risks and the potential liability to water users should interest rates rise above the assumed 3.5 percent.

The effect of the erroneous assumptions is to understate the true likely cost to water users.

#### *Ownership and community engagement*

The government claims local authorities will continue to own the water infrastructure and communities will continue to have a say in the management of the water. That is clearly not the case.

Clause 166 of the bill tells the true story. It says a "territorial authority... (a) has no right, title, or interest (legal or equitable) in the assets, security, debts, or liabilities of a water services entity (and the constitution cannot confer any such right, title, or interest...); and (b) must not receive any equity return, directly or indirectly, from a water services entity;..."

Councils will retain none of the benefits of ownership. It is ownership in name only, not in practice.

Furthermore, it is implausible to claim, as the government does, that a local authority will influence the management of the water assets when its role in the governance arrangements is diluted by 50 percent to Maori interests in the first instance, and that 50 percent interest is further diluted by the interests of the other local authorities within the Entity.

The end result is that local communities will in practice have negligible – if any – say in the management of local water services.

### **3. Much simpler alternatives are available for the Government to improve water infrastructure and services – if that was the real reason for the reforms**

The obvious solutions lie in the fair funding of local authorities.

Firstly, central government should start paying for the benefit it receives from local authorities. Around thirty percent of New Zealand's total land area is held by the Department of Conservation, which, like other government agencies, is exempted from rates. With stewardship land making up almost 90 percent of some council areas, if the Government fronted up and contributed its fair share to the cost of council services and community infrastructure, local authorities would be in a far better position to invest in upgrading their water assets.

Secondly, they could adopt a funding model that emulates the 50:50 shared funding arrangement used for roading projects, so water infrastructure could be directly co-funded in partnership with local government – or at least, they could make funds available on terms similar to that which central government itself enjoys.

In addition, many, many councils have suggested innovative ways that they can work together to reduce costs.

The fact that this type of approach has not been taken suggests the underlying motivation for the reforms is not to improve water services, but to introduce co-governance and provide special benefits to Maori that other New Zealanders will not enjoy.

### **4. Co-governance is discriminatory and anti-democratic**

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Since this discriminates against non-iwi, the Bill is a breach of Section 19 of the Bill of Rights and must be withdrawn.

**5. The Bill and the process that has been followed is completely undemocratic because communities have been excluded from the process**

Councils were instructed not to consult with their communities over the reforms, and now clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Bill specifically withdraws the consultation requirement of councils to engage over changes to the way water services will be provided. This is an effective ban on the ability of local residents and ratepayers to have any say about reforms, which effectively strip them of assets they and generations of their families have paid for -along with their rights of local control over water services through their elected councils.

**Conclusion**

This Bill is not in the best interests of New Zealand.

It is illegal and ignores the Local Government Act which requires ratepayer approval before assets can be transferred.

It is based on dubious modelling and assumptions, that cannot and should not be relied on.

The estimates of lower prices cannot be trusted and the debt that will be generated will create a huge debt burden for future generations.

In addition, the co-governance arrangements are discriminatory and anti-democratic.

**This bill must be withdrawn.**

Yours,

Alan York

Stoke



To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to let it be known how disappointed I am about this "Water entities Bill" it is just so very UNDEMOCRATIC, it will be the ruination of New Zealand. Which ever way you look at this Bill it is plain to see that it is just an all out asset grab by Maori, they wanted this right back to when Muldoon was Prime Minister.....he told the Maoris then that it wouldn't happen and that it didn't fit with the treaty of Waitangi, basically get lost. Now that we have a young and inexperienced PM that is in fear of the Maoris in Parliament it has raised its ugly head again all founded on the problems in the Hawkes Bay which was fixed quickly and efficiently. I live in Nelson and we have very good water, a Dam, Purification plant, pipework etc, no problems that I remember over the last 40 odd years, our infrastructure is valued at approximately \$ 1.5 Billion, Mrs Mahuta wants to take our assets out of our ownership for about \$20 Million, how can this be right?? Why isn't she paying market value?? She says our assets will remain ours but she will control them, surely that's not ownership at any level. Our local NCC Engineers have over the years looked after our 3 waters assets very well and talking to them I understand there are no real problems going forward, Nelson is quite capable of looking after our own 3 waters without outside help as we have done for many years. With 9000 new jobs being touted as a bonus where is all this extra money coming from to pay the wages, cars, petrol, rent on a flash building etc??, I'm sure we will be paying a lot lot more per liter of water alone.

If and it's quite likely that National and Act form a coalition party with a clear majority, they have both stated many times that they will scrap the 3 waters system and replace it with something along Democratic lines with similar results, since this is probable why are we wasting all this money on the Mahuta ideology?? NZ is a small country and as times are we cannot afford this frivolity, millions and millions down the drain.

3 Waters is being seen as a Maori driven idea, there is a lot of anger from Ratepayers who have contributed for many years to keep their towns infrastructure in good working order only to have it stolen forcefully. Will 85% of New Zealanders think badly about all Maori, will Maori all be tarred with the same brush, will families be pulled apart, good friendships between Maori and Pakeha become unworkable, will Maori be seen as bludgers, spoilt children, special needs, in a class of their own without earning it, undemocratic ??? It's possible and the sad thing is the average working Maori has had nothing to do with this 3 waters stupidity.. it could be that innocent hard working every day Maori will be grossly penalized which is a totally unfair situation beyond their control, just something that suits the unelected, list MP's in the Maori caucus. In all sincerity I cannot think of one redeeming feature of Mahuta's 3 waters. At my age ( old enough to know better ) I have seen Governments come and go even implode I'm warning you that no good will come of this !!!!

Nelson 27.6.2022

The Mayor of the City of Nelson Hon. Rachel Reese  
To share my view about the 3 waters subject I submit the here following.  
I urge you to read the enclosed article as it concerns so many New Zealanders.  
I do agree with the writer and having paid Nelson City rates since 1952  
i.e. 70 years, I have no reason to complain about the provision of water.  
The article was published in the New Zealand Herald on 11.6.2022  
I hereby ask for your support Not to change the existing rating system.  
Kind regards, *Addo N. Mulders SR* 2/235 Bridge St. Nelson

# The half-truths spinning in Three Waters

**O**n a road trip through much of the country recently, I noticed signs in fields in a number of far-flung localities saying, "Stop Three Waters". There is quite a groundswell out there.

But the Government is pressing on regardless. It has now introduced a bill to set up the four mega-regional bodies that it wants to take over the supply and disposal of water from city and district councils.

If the Government is to be believed, people in smaller communities will benefit most from bigger financial catchments for piped water, drainage and sewerage. Many ratepayers in those places obviously do not believe it, and their instincts are right.

When they hear Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta say in Parliament, as she did again at the bill's introduction, that too many New Zealanders are living under boil-water notices, some will know that is not the whole truth.

If they are living in places like Reefton they know they have been under a notice for the past two years and ignoring it because their water is



John Roughan

fine. The policy on notices changed a couple of years ago. They are no longer withdrawn once an occasional contaminant is flushed through the system, they are being left in place as a "precaution".

The timing of that policy change, about the time the Three Waters reform was starting, makes it hard to resist the suspicion the notices are being left in place to make a case for change.

The Government has spent more than \$600,000 on public relations advice for Three Waters so far and it is trying every trick in the book. Besides half-truths (called misinformation when others do it) we have seen some classic dissembling – the art of changing the subject.

It has tried to pretend the opposition to Three Waters is largely fear of privatisation, which nobody

has ever proposed. This the Government can dispel enthusiastically.

On the tougher issue of Maori "co-governance" it has employed the phony concession. When Mahuta and Grant Robertson called a press conference to respond to a "working group" of chosen critics, they announced co-governance would not apply to the boards of the new entities. But it never did.

The working group that met over the summer was another public relations device. It was set up by the Government and chaired by one Doug Martin who, the *Herald's* Kate MacNamara has revealed, is connected to the consultancy Martin Jenkins, which has received \$2.5m for work on Three Waters.

Even that phony concession on co-governance has turned out to be somewhat misleading. The bill now before Parliament provides for mana whenua influence to go far beyond equal representation on bodies that will appoint panels to appoint the boards of the entities.

The bill's first clause states, "All persons performing or exercising duties, functions or powers under

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this Act – (a) must give effect to the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi/ the Treaty of Waitangi; and (b) must give effect to Te Mana o te Wai. . ."

Te Tiriti, all water workers will need to understand, is not quite the same as the Treaty. The Māori version, scholars have decided, did not cede sovereignty, only government, though I don't understand how you can have one without the other.

But I'm more worried about "Te Mana o te Wai". What is it? The phrase is a constant refrain in the legislation and not clearly defined. It sounds like water is being invested with elements of human status and dignity that might not be compatible with many of its valuable industrial uses.

Under Clause 140 of the bill, mana whenua are given additional power to issue a "Te Mana o te Wai statement" to their water entity and they may do this as "an individual iwi or hapu or a group of iwi or hapu", quite apart from their collective representation on the body overseeing the water entity.

Clause 141 states the entity must respond with "a plan that sets out how it intends to give effect to te Mana o te Wai".

All this may be just verbiage that will have no practical effect on the supply and disposal of water in this country, but that is true of the entire Three Waters reform.

Read this bill and it is hard to see what the entities and oversight bodies will do except write reports for each other. There will be statements of intent, asset management plans, funding and pricing plans, infrastructure strategies, statements of service delivery performance, paperwork for Africa.

And we will be paying for it without the voting power we have over councils. Those signs in the countryside are right, Three Waters must be stopped.

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## Feedback

**On the Government's Water Services Entities Bill.**

**Deadline for feedback is 5pm Monday 4 July 2022.**

## Governance and Advisory

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A summary of the Governance Arrangements can be [found here](#).

**Do you think the Governance and Advisory structure is suitable?** Not suitable

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The governance structure of the water services entities is undemocratic. The Three Waters Plan forces councils to transfer all infrastructure for fresh, storm, and waste water into four massive unwieldy zones. The Plan will give tribal appointees 50% of the 12-seat boards finally appointed to run these four monopolies. Since Maori tribes represent a minority of New Zealanders, this alone is an abuse of our democracy.

Worse still, the requirement of a 75% majority for any decision, in effect, confers on tribal appointees the power to control every decision – this is outrageous in a democracy.

In addition, it is a breach of the Treaty of Waitangi, which conferred equal rights of citizenship on all New Zealanders.

## Accountability

The Bill establishes strong accountabilities to communities and consumers on the performance and strategy of a water services entity.

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**Do you think the Accountability framework is suitable?** Not Suitable

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The bill undermines strong accountabilities to communities and consumers. In fact, clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the new Bill specifically withdraws the requirement for local councils to consult with their communities over the proposed confiscation of their water services.

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Clause 14 of The Water Services Entities Bill reads as follows:

Relationship of this Part with Local Government Act 2002

The following provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 do not apply to any actions taken by a local government organisation in order to comply with this schedule or facilitate the water services reform:

(a)

section 95(2) (relating to the requirement for a local authority to consult on significant or material variations from its annual plan):

(b)

section 97 (which requires certain decisions to be taken only if provided for in a long-term plan):

(c)

section 130(3) (relating to certain obligations to maintain water services).

## Consumer Interests

The Bill outlines that the Water Services Entity must engage with Consumers, via Consumer Forums, and an annual stocktake of consumer engagement.

A summary of the Consumer Interest arrangements can be [found here](#).

**Do you think the Consumer Interest arrangements are suitable?** Not Suitable

**Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The Water Services Entities Bill – governance, accountability and consumer engagement factsheet says: "The water services entities must undertake direct engagement with consumers on its asset plans, funding and pricing plans, and infrastructure strategies...". This all sounds very nice. But here's how things usually roll:

Entity: "Here's what we're planning to do. Consumers, your thoughts please?"

Consumer majority: "No thanks, here are some changes that may improve the plan, or consider these alternative strategies."

Entity: We're going ahead with our original plan; never had any intention of changing it and there's nothing you can do about it.

The Government claims larger water entities will be more efficient, but the Government's own peer review rubbishes the claimed savings, which don't even consider the financial implications of co-governance. There is no limit on how much the unelected entities can charge for water services, no stopping iwi groups charging 'water royalties' nor is there a requirement for councils to reduce rates to reflect the fact they will no longer supply water services.

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The Bill sets out the ownership, governance, accountability arrangements relating to these entities and includes essential provisions for ongoing public ownership and engagement.

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While the Government claims councils will still 'own' water assets, councils will lose their rights of control. Decisions around selling assets, receiving dividends, and setting charges will be made by unelected entities, with no provision for councils to withdraw from the new regime.

### **Protection against privatisation**

The Bill outlines the safeguards against future privatisation, so that public ownership continues.

A summary of the Protection against privatisation arrangements can be [found here](#).

### **Do you think the Protection against privatisation steps are suitable? Not Suitable**

### **Do you have any comments you would like to add?**

The government has relied on modelling with flawed assumptions and has not adequately explained the financial risks inherent in the debt funding proposed for the Entities. Investment Analyst and Accountant Frank Newman explains:

Nanaia Mahuta says, “The data shows the case for change is compelling. Without these changes DIA modelling shows that even at the more conservative end of estimates, the average household bill for water services could be as high as \$1900 to \$9000 by 2051, which would be unaffordable for many communities... Under our proposal for four providers those figures range from \$800 to \$1640, saving households thousands of dollars.”

To explain how the government has made the figures look compelling one needs to understand what a ‘Ponzi’ scheme is. In essence, it is a deception that generates returns for earlier investors with money taken from later investors.

This is essentially what the government model does. It is shifting the water rating burden from current ratepayers to future ratepayers by accumulating debt that it assumes does not need to be repaid.

Currently, councils are limited to a debt cap of 2.5 times revenue. There is a good reason for that: it reduces the risk of councils accumulating debt recklessly and putting community assets at risk. The effect is that once the debt ceiling is reached the easy money dries up and the financing burden falls on ratepayers as they become the only source of funding. It’s a reality check for local councils.

However, the new water Entities will not be constrained by a 2.5 times revenue debt cap. They are assumed to have a debt capacity of 6.25 times revenue. This tilts the figures in favour of the government’s amalgamation proposal because the entities can borrow substantially more without having to fund that spending from water users!

It’s a fake reality. Borrowing to fill the shortfall can only go on for so long – there will eventually be a day of reckoning – as there is with every Ponzi scheme.

According to the government’s modelling over the next 30 years the four Entities will collectively borrow an additional \$51 billion. Of this only \$3 billion is to be repaid (\$100 million a year). The interest on that debt (using the model’s 3.5% interest rate – which already seems unrealistic) rises from \$386 million (14% of revenue) to \$2 billion (23% of revenue) over the 30 years.

What is not factored into the modelling is repayment of the \$51 billion they have borrowed – there is an assumption that the debt does not have to be repaid. How many homeowners get that sort of mortgage deal from their bank?

We are also told that these water Entities will be more efficient than local authorities, simply because of their scale. This ignores the fact that local councils gain efficiencies by spreading their administrative cost overheads over a range of council functions. The effect on local council rating as a result of losing what for most councils is a significant income stream has not been factored into the modelling.

Their modelling also has no regard for the additional administrative costs the water Entities will incur to meet enhanced obligations to Maori.

The government says, “The reform provides a step change for iwi/Māori to participate in the delivery of three water services. These include a range of new legislative protections, joint oversight arrangements and mechanisms to enable local expression of Te Mana o Te Wai.”

The question is why iwi/Maori need or should be involved in the delivery of three water services? How much will the ongoing active engagement with 180 iwi cost the water Entities? It’s a cost that the government’s modelling ignores.

The government claims local authorities will continue to own the water infrastructure and communities will continue to have a say in the management of the water. That is clearly not the case.

Clause 166 of the bill tells the true story. It says a “territorial authority... (a) has no right, title, or interest (legal or equitable) in the assets, security, debts, or liabilities of a water services entity (and the constitution cannot confer any such right, title, or interest...); and (b) must not receive any equity return, directly or indirectly, from a water services entity;...”

Clause 166:

[https://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2022/0136/latest/LMS540277.html?search=sw\\_096be8ed81c2922d\\_166\\_25\\_se&p=1](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2022/0136/latest/LMS540277.html?search=sw_096be8ed81c2922d_166_25_se&p=1)

Councils will retain none of the benefits of ownership. It is ownership in name only, not in practice.

Furthermore, it is implausible to claim, as the government does, that a local authority will influence the management of the water assets when it’s role in the governance arrangements is diluted by 50 percent to Maori interests in the first instance, and that 50 percent interest is further diluted by the interests of the other local authorities within the Entity.

The end result is that local communities will in practice have negligible – if any – say in the management of local water services.

## **Transitional arrangements**

The Water Services Entities Bill provides for transitional arrangements for the new Water Service Entities over an establishment period.

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**Do you think the Transitional arrangements are suitable?** Not Suitable

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As political commentator Ashley Church says, a main weakness of the proposals is the “loss of local democratic control, unwieldy and illogical boundaries and, most alarmingly, the likely creation of huge, bloated, faceless bureaucracies which will almost certainly be less efficient than the bodies they replace. It’s also important to note that water is not the same as a utility like electricity where scale provides cost and delivery efficiencies. Water issues are usually quite specific to local communities and require localised solutions based on geography and a unique mix of lifestyle, commercial activity and rural production.”

Furthermore, there are no guarantees the reforms will produce the improved outcomes being claimed. Labour’s dreadful track record of over-promising and under-delivering, give local communities little confidence that the cost savings would eventuate – or that there would be any avenues for redress.

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The proposed co-governance arrangements for the Regional Representative Groups and Regional Representation Panels establishes 50 percent iwi representation and 50 percent council representation. This arrangement, however, grossly discriminates against New Zealanders who are not able to register with an iwi, since the proposed number of Group or Panel representatives for iwi would be disproportionately higher than the number of Group or Panel representatives for non-iwi, in comparison to their respective populations.

This Bill is not in the best interests of New Zealand.

It is based on dubious modelling and assumptions, that cannot and should not be relied on.

The estimates of lower prices cannot be trusted and the debt that will be generated will create a huge debt burden for future generations.

In addition the co-governance arrangements are discriminatory and anti-democratic.

Since this discriminates against non-iwi, the Bill is a breach of Section 19 of the Bill of Rights and should be withdrawn.

**Name: Andrew Clarkson**

**Email:**

**Suburb you live: Stoke**



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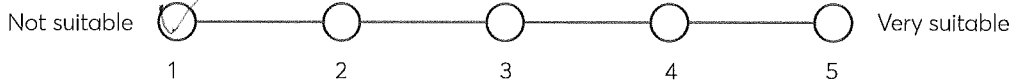
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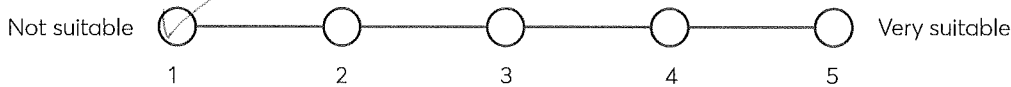
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**Do you have any other comments that you would like to make to assist Nelson City Council in their submission?**

Look up Peter Williams talk on Three Waters for Grand Swell - that should answer all your questions!

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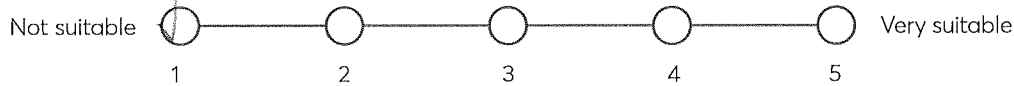
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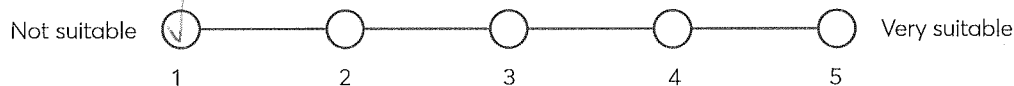
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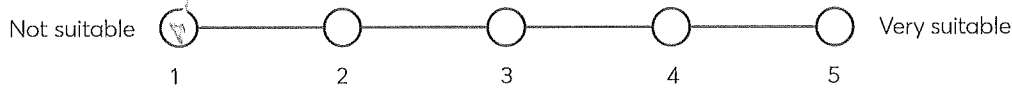
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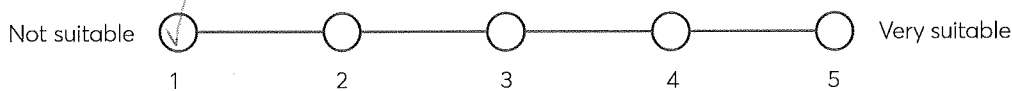
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ONCE AGAIN LOOK UP GROUND SWELL +  
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NO THEY HAVE NOT LISTEN TO THE RATE  
PAYERS OF NELSON OR NZ

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NELSON RATE PAYERS WANT A REFERENDUM.  
THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR POOR  
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THEY SHOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY RATEPAYER MONEY  
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Name: D. ALFORD

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# Feedback on Water Services Entities Bill

## Governance and Advisory

There are concerns that with a Regional representative group limited to 12 to 14 even with a 50/50% split between mana whenua and territorial authorities may mean that not all community regions will be represented. Entity C of which Nelson City Council is a shareholder, is made up of 20 territorial councils. Therefore, up to 8 councils, or regions, will have no opportunity for representation at a strategic level within the new Bill and the proposed Entity governance.

The Governance and Advisory structure appears to be well intentioned, but at a local regional level, we believe that good governance is already being delivered by Nelson City Council taking a strategic view on water quality and investing in to areas of need. This has been successfully managed by recognising and partnering with mana whenua..

At an operational level, water services entities will be able to appoint independent professional boards to manage and oversee maintenance and renewals of infrastructure. At this stage there is a lack of information as to how these boards and other service professionals will be appointed and procured. There is a risk that existing professional relationships and service continuity may be jeopardised and current opportunities lost.

## Accountability

Establishing strong accountabilities to communities and consumers is a given. Nothing less would be expected. However, there are questions around how an entity that covers a much larger area will be able to successfully set a strategic plan, engage with and remain accountable to the larger group of consumers and communities in regions that will likely have vastly different needs.

Again, the correct level of representation at a Regional level is questioned.

## Consumer Interests

The increased layers of governance and advisory groups will inherently add cost of engagement and delivery of services across the entity due to varying expectations from the regions.

Without the right level of representation of the region, we believe that consumer interests being met are at risk.



Nelson City Council will already have this type of consumer and community feedback process in place and already know how to respond to needs and address concerns.

## Ownership

Shareholding voting is discussed in the factsheet for protection against privatization. Does 1 representative 1 vote model apply to all decision making in the regional panel governance?

Our earlier comment that governance representation is limited to a number that is less than territorial authorities also applies in ownership and accountability. Ownership is only ownership when all have a voice.

The outcome is TA's will likely be bound by strategic decisions set by others.

We recommend that Regional Representative Group is made of a representative from every territorial authority i.e. Entity C has approx. 20 TA's, therefore the corresponding representation should be relative.

## Protection against privatisation

The Act talks of consensus decision making where if not able to be reached, a 75% passing will be implemented.

However, in the case of privatisation, legislate that this cannot happen or that only consensus be required to give full protection against privatization. Alternatively legislate privatisation is not able to happen.

Even the concept of privatisation goes against the principles of Treaty governance and will be seen by the public as removing the community from the equation.

## Transitional arrangements

Transitional arrangements need to ensure that Service continuity is maintained for delivery of design and construction through Professional Services Panel or any other existing contract for Consulting Services.

## Other

### **1 – Water Entities Procurement of Consulting Services**

CGW has provided continuous professional services to NCC for more than 2 decades in relation to operation, maintenance and renewal of the regions existing 3W infrastructure.

It is fair to draw conclusion that the 4 entities could conceivably procure services for maintenance and renewal work through Entity specific Professional Services Panel. Many of the large

consultancies are already actively involved at an advisory level for 3waters. Our fear is that these Large consultancies have experts, resources and marketing to ensure they are appointed to those panels and create a form of monopoly.

How will procurement of professional services be managed without having a negative impact on CGW or other similar sized businesses in this region?

## **2 – Local Knowledge and Skills Retention**

The Minister speaks of the importance of and ensuring that construction is completed by local people to see that spending flows directly into the communities those services support. This language also should extend to management and design of those services. This concern is predicated from above Monopoly concern.

## **3 – New Public Assets created through Subdivision**

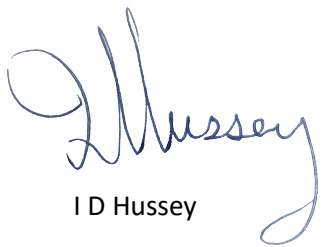
While this may not be relevant for this submission, could this new model lead to centralisation of services design of new public assets being created through the subdivision process? Will consultants be relegated to the design of 'private infrastructure' if they are not on the Entity approval panel.

The lack of detail from an operational aspect is not yet clear.

Prepared by:

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Director

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Principal

**From:** [Bruce Scott-Hill](#)  
**To:** [Engage](#)  
**Subject:** MY SUBMISSION ON THE WATER SERVICES ENTITIES BILL AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL  
**Date:** Monday, 4 July 2022 9:51:28 am

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is my submission I intend to send shortly to Parliament with regards to your Council's recent request to seek ratepayers opinions. Will you kindly pass this on to the person responsible for collecting these within Council.

Many thanks,

Helen Marie Scott-Hill,

.....SUBMISSION  
TO PARLIAMENT

Dear Sir/Madam,

**I oppose completely the Water Services Entities Bill and the Three Waters reforms.**

The Select Committee should go on the road and hear oral submissions face to face in the communities directly affected by the Bill. Three Waters is a uniquely local issue that warrants genuine local consultation, especially in light of how local councils were denied the opportunity to conduct their own local consultation last year.

Three Waters will result in higher water costs. The Government claims the larger water entities will be more efficient, but the Government's own peer review rubbishes the claimed savings, which don't even consider the financial implications of co-governance. There is no limit on how much the unelected entities can charge for water services, no stopping iwi groups charging 'water royalties', nor is there a requirement for councils to reduce rates to reflect the fact they will no longer supply water services.

This Bill requires that mana whenua representatives make up half of all appointees to both the regional representative group and the regional advisory panel for each new water entity. This doubling down on co-governance will further diminish accountability and adds yet another layer of expensive bureaucracy that will

increase costs for water users.

Co-governance is for me an unacceptable concept within the Bill that has no mandate whatsoever. It is undemocratic. Such a change would surely require a referendum.

Despite the Government's claim that councils will still 'own' water assets, councils will lose their rights of control. Decisions around selling assets, receiving dividends, and setting charges will be made by unelected entities, with no provision for councils to withdraw from the new regime.

Labour did not campaign on these reforms during the last election and is now forcing councils to support the complex, far-reaching reforms without time for local consultation. This is despite 76% of New Zealanders believing that those responsible for the provision of water services should be directly accountable to voters, as revealed in a scientific poll commissioned by the Taxpayers' Union in June.

These reforms will add multiple layers of unnecessary bureaucracy. Ratepayers will be separated from the new water entities by four layers of bureaucracy. Council representatives will join with iwi to appoint a regional body, which will appoint a selection panel, which will appoint the entity board. That is madness!

**I ask that the Committee recommend to the House that the Bill not proceed.**

Regards,  
HELEN SCOTT-HILL  
[brucehelen77@gmail.com](mailto:brucehelen77@gmail.com)

**First and foremost in this submission, I vehemently oppose this bill in its entirety for the following main reasons** (justifications follow these, in detail)

It is unacceptably undemocratic favouring Maori at the expense of all non-Maori. Also, it breaches the Human Rights Act of NZ, whose main principle is “equality for all” - not privilege just for Maori. Also, in any case elected members of Councils can already competently deal with any pollution aspects locally without the need for this Bill or involvement by unelected iwi entities, who have no experience in water management/control whatsoever, or right to be involved in water assets owned legally by ratepayers.

Major aspects **which follow** are completely unacceptable, to myself, and no doubt many others.

- **The Co-Governance aspects** I find completely unacceptable, as there is no justification to involve the four entities at all, as they add nothing to the mix and this seems a deliberate ruse by the sponsor of the bill, Hon. Nanaia Mahuta to involve members of her own race who have no expertise whatsoever in water management (There is already evidence of considerable nepotism in her background towards even her own family, let alone favour to her own race). In an autocratic manner unknown in New Zealand until now, she disallowed any suggested changes to the Co-government provisions within this Bill.

In contrast, all Council members have existing proven competence in these matters acquired by long experience and constant work plus contracting fully qualified civil professional engineers to deal with all matters associated with water management.

Nor is there a need to source Council finance above current levels, as cost sharing with other Councils is already used e.g. Nelson Council. In addition, Central Government could easily and in a vastly simple way, provide guarantees for any of the large finance 3 Waters based projects which might be involved in the future, without involving iwi's.

Co-governance is a major change intended here - outrageously without discussion or agreement by citizens throughout New Zealand. **Demands for a referendum** have been ignored. Instead the PM has offered a “discussion” - which (as usual) has never eventuated. Co-Governance, an inherent part of this Bill *without a referendum*, would seem to be an attempt to introduce it by stealth. All of which is absolutely undemocratic. In addition, Section 19(1) of the Bill of Rights Act 1990 affirms the right to freedom from discrimination on the grounds set out in the Human Rights Act 1993. On 21 April, the Attorney-General presented his report under s 7 of the Bill of Rights on the Rotorua District Council (Representation Arrangements) Bill. He reported that the Bill drew a distinction on one of the most prohibited grounds of discrimination – namely equality for all. Likewise this Bill destroys the rights of all non-Maori in giving iwi/Maori greater rights than all other ethnicities in New Zealand – the opposite of equality.

- **Stripping ratepayers of their water assets** is to be incorporated by fiat as a form of shares held by Councils. This is completely unacceptable and unnecessary (see above) and can be regarded as nothing other than a form of theft, as legally, assets cannot be seized without discussion and the owner's consent. Moreover, for the same reason, shares simply cannot be said to be owned by Councils themselves, when they are already owned by ratepayers. (That is clearly farcical, as under such an arrangement, ratepayers lose any control of these assets they own).

The following are further concerns of importance as bullet points (one could write a book),

- Jacinda Ardern and the Labour Government have no mandate for her Three Waters proposal. While Labour's election manifesto stated, "Labour will reform New Zealand's drinking water and waste-water system and upgrade water infrastructure to create jobs across the country", it did not specify control would be delivered to iwi business entities. Nor did it signal that local government would be stripped of major assets **and a core role**, with communities **no longer able to have any say in the delivery and pricing of water services**.
- Our local Council and rate payers would have *imposed* upon them, a water services Māori entity which has **no democratic accountability** to them whatsoever through **elected** representatives. This is completely unacceptable, **New Zealand citizens fought two world wars to retain democracy which is now under threat, seemingly (incredibly) without concern by the Labour Government.**
- The concept of sharing of control of 3 Waters with 4 regional iwi entities is clearly based on Andrew Little's monstrous falsehood. fabrication and assertion that the Treaty is a "partnership". (Despite this, the reality is that one can never have a co-government type apartheid relationship with the Queen, as Hon David Parker has said repeatedly, nor obviously can one have a partnership with the Crown. See: <https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2021/07/senior-labour-mp-david-parker-rules-out-separate-m-ori-house-of-parliament-court-system.html> ).
- The proposal is **so toxic** for the majority of New Zealanders such as myself - for the reasons listed above and others, that if this labour Government foolishly allows it to proceed, Labour will undoubtedly lose the next election, and possibly riots such as occurred in Parliament may well occur also Civil disobedience by Councils to do otherwise.

**(Unnecessary racial divisions and favour** such as this, always leads to rancour, dissention (even hate) – as is self-evident with the continual tribal wars and slaughter amongst Māori themselves prior to 1840.)

### **Summing up.**

This can be seen as deliberate ruse by the Hon. Nanaia Mahuta to attain a massive shift of power and control away from the elected representatives of our people to four **non-elected Māori entities**, presumably to fulfil the current radical Māori mantra sovereignty aspirations, “By Māori, for Māori” (and the Te Puapua report).

It is difficult not to see the plan including the four iwi business entities, as a cover for transferring ownership, or control, or cashflow to Māori, all without any mandate from the people to do so and without the consent of the ratepayers and water users who have built up the assets over many years with considerable financial sacrifice.

Also, Māori already have the ability to influence Council decisions like anybody else, by applying for Council positions, without the extra ability now to be enshrined in law - to have *unelected* iwi entities *as well*, take an undeserved and vastly privileged position in oversight/controlling of all 3 Water Management in New Zealand.

Therefore I object to the Bill in its entirety

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I am opposed to the 3 waters plan. Nelson has been able to manage its water resources to date with the costs paid by Nelsonians. Apparently other communities have failed at this. What is the justification for setting up a bureaucracy to handle something that has been successful within our community. It will cost all rate payers more money when we have a successful system. Kay Pastorius, rate payer

Kay Pastorius Waller  
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## Submission to Nelson City Council on the Proposed Three Waters Reform

For those who don't know me, I was Chief Financial Officer, (or the equivalent), at Nelson City Council for 21 years. I therefore know a bit about infrastructure.

There has been much debate about the pros and cons of the proposed Three Waters Reforms. The main issue appears to be the proposed ownership of the new Entities. I do not intend to debate that issue, as many others who are more qualified than me are doing so, although I must agree that there are reasons for the concerns. I would refer Councillors to Zoe Byrne's verbal submission on 29<sup>th</sup> June on ownership, which was very impressive. I must add that I am not in principle against some form of reform and agree that all Councils should have to reach a certain standard. This reform appears to have arisen from the contaminated water at Havelock North. Surely it would have been logical for Government to have forced Hasting District to upgrade their water, (and any other local authority that was not performing), rather than take over all the Tree Water infrastructure, and force Council who have good standards to subsidise poor Councils.

I have two main concerns.

**Firstly**, I am concerned with the data being provided to justify the reforms. I have major concerns which appear to undermine the whole reform process. Scottish Water provided the proposed costs per household for each local authority in New Zealand as at 2051. I would query the basis of these costings, and their knowledge of infrastructure costs in New Zealand. As I live in Nelson, I will base my comments on the figures provided for Entity C, (the Lower North Island and Top of the South.)

The figures quoted show that without the reforms the average household would pay \$3,730 per year for their Three Water costs by 2051. The projected average costs range from \$8,690 for four local authorities on the East Coast of the North Island, (and \$6,760 for Tasman), to \$2,330 in Porirua and Nelson. Scottish Water says the costs in 2051, after the reforms, will be \$1,260 per household for all authorities in Entity C. This works out at one third of the costs of local authorities continuing to have control, i.e:

average cost per local authorities – \$3,730

average costs per Entity C - \$1,260 = **34%**

There may well be some cost savings due to economies-of-scale but can anyone really believe that the new organisations will be able to carry out these functions at one third of the cost that the local authorities currently can. The bulk of the costs in the infrastructure area are finance costs, as most of the work is funded by loans. The new Entity may be able to borrow at slightly lower interest rates than local government, but at nothing like one third of the cost.

Someone in government, (or someone promoting the proposed change), should explain how these low costs can be achieved. I have questioned the Nelson City Council, and the Government, but the only answer I can get is that the costings were done by Scottish Water, not whether they are correct. It appears no-one has questioned whether the figures are correct. Could they possibly have made a mistake in their workings? **The costings quoted are simply impossible to achieve.**

Could it be that Scottish Waters and the Government are working on the basis that by 2051 no one will have remembered what was promised in 2022. I won't be around then, (or not in a fit state to evaluate the charges), but I will be checking the figures in the next few years to see how the figures work out. This appears to be another example of where costs are quoted at a ridiculously low level, to justify a project, which then blows out when the work gets under way. There have been a number of cases like this in Nelson City in recent years, and the Lee Valley Dam is a classic example in Tasman District. I have not been able to find what the costs would be in the years from now

to 2021. Perhaps they are planning to have huge increases in the next two decades and then bring them down by 2051.

**In Summary, Scottish Water claim that the new entities will do more than the local authorities currently plan to do, there will be no staff losses, and that they will cut the costs by 66%. Anyone that believes that must also believe in Father Christmas and the tooth fairy. I do not.**

In fact, since writing this I was on google looking at another Three Waters issue, and I noticed where they claim that the reform will create 6,000 to 9,000 new jobs. How can they cut the costs by 66% when there are many new levels of bureaucracy, and 6,000 to 9,000 new jobs. (I have attached a copy of the statement regarding new jobs to be created.)

**The second issue** I have is that all local authorities in one Entity would be paying the same amount, i.e. \$1,260 per household in Entity C. In other words, an authority that has not maintained its infrastructure will in future be paying the same rate per household as those that have. The four authorities the North Island will save \$7,430 per household, whereas Porirua and Nelson will only save \$1,070, and so Porirua and Nelson would be subsidising many of the other authorities. You may say that at least Nelson City ratepayers will save \$1,070, but however, based on my comments above regarding the reliability of the figures provided, these savings are unlikely to be achieved and Porirua and Nelson may end up paying more than their current plans show for 2051. i.e. I accept that due to economies of scale, the new Entities may be able to make savings of say 10% - 15%. Assuming they are able to make savings of 15%, Nelson would end up paying an average \$3,213 per household. This is \$883, (38%), higher than they would be paying if Nelson City Council was to continue providing the service. **Nelson ratepayers would not be happy!**

I would note that if the quoted savings were correct, (and I don't believe they are), and if there was no cross subsidisation, Nelson Three Waters charges would only be \$792 per household by 2051 compared with the \$1,260 quoted in the proposal. This is a reduction of \$468, or 37%.

As noted above Porirua and Nelson have the most to lose if the proposed reforms proceed. I happen to know some of the history regarding Nelson City Council spending on infrastructure. Nelson has in the past spent considerable funds to bring their infrastructure up to standard. They built a major dam in the late 1980s so as to ensure an adequate supply of water, and then in the late 1990s they put in a filtration system so as to ensure that the water was up to the highest standards. They have also spent large sums upgrading the wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. The ratepayers have had to fund these works through higher rates over the last 30 years. While it is quite reasonable that the government is trying to bring all local authorities up to a satisfactory standard, it is inequitable that the authorities that have already spent considerable amounts upgrading their infrastructure should now have to subsidise those authorities that have been irresponsible and have not upgraded there's. I am surprised that I have only heard one person publicly raise the subject of cross subsidisation. I suspect that most of the public, (and possibly MPs and councillors), have no idea that this will happen.

It is interesting that the person who mentioned the cross subsidy on Q&A said that Nelson would be subsidising Wellington, and yet the figures given show Wellington's costs are only slightly higher than Nelson. Surely these can't be right when Wellington is always quoted as having major water problems. This simply raises more questions regarding the accuracy of all the costings being used to justify the reforms.

Why can't the Entities charge each local authority the actual costs of what they carry out in that local authority? Every commercial business has to charge each customer for what they do, why can't the Entities do the same, and so cease the cross subsidisation.

It appears that the Government is concerned that some of the smaller local authorities, (mainly rural), cannot afford to bring their infrastructure up to a satisfactory standard, and so wanted others to assist them. Surely it would have been fairer for Government to set up a contestable fund that the smaller local authorities could apply to for a subsidy.

I raised my concerns regarding this cross subsidisation at a meeting with my local MP. She was unable to answer my questions regarding the Scottish Waters costings, **but I was amazed when she commented that as she is also MP for much of Tasman District, she was quite happy with Nelson City subsidising Tasman District. I'm quite sure the ratepayers of Nelson are not so happy!**

**Conclusion:**

- a. I cannot support the Three Waters Reform, and neither should the Nelson City Council, until the Government has justified the costs quoted in the proposal.**
- b. I also cannot support any scheme that penalises the Councils that have attained a high standard in its infrastructure, in order to subsidise other Councils who have not maintained their infrastructure to a reasonable level.**

I have attached a summary of the costings for Entity C.

Chris Fitchett

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	<b>Est. Without Reform 2051</b>	<b>Est. With Reform 2051</b>
Gisborne	8,690	1,260
Wairoa	8,690	1,260
Hastings	4,530	1,260
Napier	2,540	1,260
Central Hawkes Bay	7,260	1,260
Tararua	8,690	1,260
Masterton	4,890	1,260
Carterton	4,860	1,260
South Wairarapa	8,690	1,260
Manawtu	5,840	1,260
Palmerston north	3,210	1,260
Horowhenua	2,960	1,260
Kapiti	2,630	1,260
Upper Hutt	2,570	1,260
Porirua	2,330	1,260
Lower Hutt	2,380	1,260
Wellington	2,440	1,260
Tasman	6,760	1,260
Marlborough	6,560	1,260
Nelson	2,330	1,260
	<u>98,850</u>	<u>25,200</u>
Average	4,943	1,260
Weighted Average	3,730	1,260
		34%

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**Subject:**

FW: Submission presented NCC Thursday 30 June 2022

My name is Judy Crowe. Many of you know me, I have lived in Nelson for almost 50 years. My deceased husband Eugene and I raised 7 beautiful children in this community. Over those years I have been involved in community health education, prior to serving as an elected member of the NMDHB for 15 years, which is 5 consecutive terms.

I will not dwell on the financial details as many before me have done this with great skill. I will also not labour on the unnecessary and costly levels of bureaucracy that this proposal entails. I am obliged to mention the financial absurdity of squandering our paid-for water scheme for a pittance of its actual worth and imposing a completely unnecessary liability on us and on many generations to come.

It is not our business nor are we big enough or rich enough to support other communities in New Zealand with their water schemes.

Yet out of the blue we are being asked to surrender our freedom to manage and control our own affairs, resources and destiny.

Those pushing the scheme most certainly do not have our best interests in their minds, little alone in their hearts. Surrendering control of our water is second only to giving up your air, your right to breathe.

To date what has happened is that the residents of Nelson have trusted the people in this building but in return for that trust those people have horse-traded our very life blood in shady deals that we the people know nothing about.

To highlight this at a personal level, yesterday I was refused entry into these hearings. I was politely bullied by staff and dismissed with a meagre apology. This is yet another indication that this hearing, like this invented scheme, is in fact a scam.

We are being robbed!

No member of the public should ever be excluded from this building. Nothing that goes on in this building should be hidden from the public.

You, community elected Nelson City councillors and you NCC management are here not to act like thieves in the night, you are here not to hijack previous generations' investments and deprive us and future generations of their benefits. You are here to demonstrate courage, truth, and integrity in serving and protecting the citizens of Nelson!

I am absolutely dumbfounded to understand what is going on in your heads when you agree to participate in these invented scams. After all, you are one of US, or are you?

## **Three Waters Public Forum – staff notes – Day One 2.00pm 29 June 2022**

### **Council Chamber**

**Chair:** Deputy Mayor Edgar (Acting Mayor)

**Other elected members present:** Cr Rainey, Cr Courtney, Cr McGurk, Cr Brand, Cr Noonan, Cr Bowater (partial)

**Staff present:** Pip Jamieson, Jane Borren, Paul Shattock, Nicky McDonald, Laura Bruce

**Speakers:** Kerry Neal, Stephen Gray, Zoe Byrne, Bruce Evans, Les, Chris Fitchett, Rick Irvine, Gaire Thompson, Jane Evans, Ian Barker, Pauline Kent

(Notes on points made by elected members or staff are in italics).

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The Deputy Mayor explained the purpose of the forum: Council is putting a submission together on the government's proposed Three Waters Bill - this is an opportunity for the public to speak to help form the submission. Council is also taking other forms of input.

### **Kerry Neal**

- State control of lives.
- Havelock North water contamination – public servants not held accountable. Local government is shielded from liability. Three waters reform creates more distance and further protection.
- Reduced democracy and local government's role.
- Reference made to a report by Dr Sarah Monod De Froideville, on Havelock North, and points in the report on 'enquiry and silencing', and legislation preventing people coming forward.
- Liability – it is a system of organised responsibility, dispersing the risk of failure, no one party will shoulder the fallout. It incentivises actors to take chances.
- The speaker acknowledged that they had not read the Bill.

### **Stephen Gray**

- Support for the reforms.
- Nelson has done relatively well with its water but is under capitalised.
- Small entities won't have the expertise/capital to do major works.
- National infrastructure is generally antiquated and not keeping up with growth.
- Increased ability to borrow makes economic sense.
- Don't understand the view that we're giving away assets, this is a misnomer.
- Accountability issues need to be commented on so citizens have input when a problem/disaster occurs.
- Appreciation for Council going into the detail on the Bill.
- Community discussion needs to be a focus for the future. There is a lot of misinformation.
- It's challenging for Council to respond to government work, but also an opportunity to identify our needs and how we and the country adequately address issues going forward.

### **Zoe Bryne**

- 'Ownership' doesn't seem to have meaning. Need ownership to mean something, control of own assets, accountability not bureaucracy.

- Bill (clause 166) financial independence – ownership means no rights, title or interest. If the taxpayer doesn't have this, how can it be ownership?
- Ratepayers have paid to maintain their own water assets and management, so should be locally accountable rather than multi-layers of bureaucracy.
- Having shares isn't management, control, or real ownership.
- Need for engagement process, and clarity sought on Council engagement or consultation process. It was confirmed that this is engagement.
- Ownership of assets means having control over how the assets are managed, ability to vote out those managing them if there's a problem. Need a democratic process to affect change, there's no path to do that in the reform, and the bureaucracy may go outside New Zealand. Need the people controlling to be local, and accountable.
- Addressed a current court case with three councils.

### **Bruce Evans**

- The entity Nelson is part of will include some of the North island, and noted parameters. *This was described. Referred to the fact sheets on Shape Nelson. Havelock North will be part of Entity C.*

### **Chris Fitchett**

- Pointed out there is a court case occurring with regard to 'ownership'.

### **Rick Irvine**

- Opposition to the whole bill.
- Three waters belong to ratepayers of Nelson, who have invested more heavily in three waters than others and are doing it well. This is the biggest land/asset grab since the land wars, assets belong to the ratepayers.
- Anyone supplying water to anyone else must chlorinate, questioned how practical this is for farms, etc. DOC would need to be involved.
- Why didn't the government invest into Havelock North rather than places like Nelson which have been looking after their three waters?

### **Gaire Thompson**

- Noted incomplete elected member attendance and the importance of the issue.
- Socialistic and unfair piece of legislation.
- Issues can be sorted locally without adding bureaucracy and governance, and 50% Māori. Locals who have funded three waters will have no say.
- Will be cost increases, to keep same staff numbers and wider control.
- Already hard contacting and discussing issues with local councils.
- 'Unbelievable' area of group C, no synergy.
- Nelsonians would be subsidising other areas.
- Nelson's water has been operating well, considerable investment in infrastructure.
- Council hasn't represented ratepayers well, should have talked with citizens if representing citizens. Should have joined other councils in leaving the process.
- Confiscation of assets needs to be stopped.
- Will hinder borrowing for other projects with Council's asset base reduced.
- Disappointed that the submission process wasn't earlier.

- Costs of staff and the Mayor's travel for Three Waters meetings.

### **Chris Fitchett**

- *Question – How can citizens express control, other than voting in the elections?*
- Citizens express control through submissions to Annual Plan, but the main way is through the elected members. No control at all with reform.
- *Questions around assets and debt noted. Asset value and debt are separate. This will be the same in the entity.*
- *Who will have ownership?* Board members of entity C and iwi reps.

### **Jane Evans**

- Question on the structure, the boss, government department etc.
- *The Bill describes four water services entities. They will each employ a CE (tbc), who employs the staff. They report to an appointed board, and a regional representation group, as it is over 50,000 in population Nelson would have two seats on the Entity C board. One vote per 50,000 people, so we get two votes.*
- Question on who decides who the Nelson reps will be.

### **Ian Barker**

- Clarification on process.
- *People can formally submit to Council before 4 July to help Council form its submission. The Select Committee deadline is 22 July, which is outside Council control. Individuals can submit directly to that process also. Council's meeting to discuss its submission is 12 July, the report will be public.*

### **Pauline Kent**

- Disappointment in the number of councillors present and why local iwi weren't present.
- Council should tell the government we need longer.
- Ownership goes to central government and we get shares – ratepayers don't have control over or have a say in how those shares operate. Handing assets over worth \$626 million.
- Nelson has good water infrastructure. Our entity will include a wide area. Nelson has good assets, and will be helping fund the poorest assets in the country.
- Four layers of bureaucracy – which layer is Council in?
- *The regional representation group (around 23-24 people) – we'll have two regional reps, and probably an equal number of iwi reps.*
- The Prime Minister noted that waters reform would not be mandated, but Minister Mahuta says it is now mandated. Alleged Ministerial conflicts of interest.
- Nelson City Council has gone in with three waters.
- Wanted a referendum. Asked how many Council members voted for a referendum.

### **Les** *(note takers did not catch his full name)*

- Noted only eight seats in the gallery, asked why people were being turned away.
- *Council has covid regulations for social distancing, and no-one who wanted to speak was turned away.*
- Who owns the water infrastructure in Nelson?



- *Majority council, some private and rural*
- *Council assets will go to the entity, all of them will be regulated by Taumata Arowai (a different entity, started in Helen Clark's govt and has had cross-party support for years) and an economic regulator.*
- Will smaller entities go into the scheme?
  - *There are differences in how/when this will happen for smaller schemes.*
  - *There will be change one way or another.*
- Why is change needed?
  - *E.g. the location of our low-lying wastewater ponds, Bell Island estuary limited resource consent, we need changes in future, big discussions, and would potentially be very expensive for us. There are many reasons around the country.*
  - *National analysis has found significant underinvestment.*
  - *Nelson's pipes need replacement and to be bigger.*
- Is this a management issue?
  - *Partially, also a funding issue, accumulative environment issues, legacy from 60s and 70s.*
- Central government doesn't have the answers as it's a local issue. Solutions should be made locally. No-one will have any say anymore.
- Why no referendum?
  - *It's central government's reform, Council doesn't get to make decisions. The government put out a draft and asked for comments. We have an opportunity to ask for changes, and are now gathering views for Council's submission for the Select Committee stage. People can also engage with the central government select committee process.*
- Why is this being rushed?
  - *Council can't comment on central government timeframes. We have moved quickly to give this opportunity for people to speak.*
- Removing assets from ratepayers who have bought and paid for them, and being given to the government. Theft? Government is stealing it from the ratepayers.
- Many people don't have time to attend public forums as they are experiencing hardship.

### **Ian Barker**

- Council owns the assets, but only represents the ratepayers. Strong criticism, councillors will be accountable for these decisions. Could suggest to the government that a referendum should have been included.
- Ratepayers have paid a lot to get here, and dealt with three waters problems, and growth, so are not prepared to pay up for other areas in the country that have not invested in their assets appropriately.
- Undeliverable area of Group C - no synergy to Tairāwhiti, Chathams and Greater Wellington.
- LGNZ will just be a puppet.

### **Bevan Thompson**

- Questioned if Council obliged to go along with the process, e.g. this submission?
  - *Noted if we didn't submit, we can't say what we think. We are bound by legislation.*

- Referred to health system, going to be run outside of our country, and so nothing stopping the government farming waters out to any other entity in the world.
  - o *Fluoridation and water standards are MOH's decision. There are aspects we get to control, e.g. pipe renewals.*

*Closed at 3.40pm*

## **Three Waters Public Forum – staff notes – Day Two 2.00pm 30 June 2022**

### **Council Chamber**

**Chair:** Deputy Mayor Edgar (Acting Mayor)

**Elected members:** Cr McGurk, Cr Noonan, Cr Brand, Cr Courtney, Cr Bowater, Cr Skinner (partial)

**Staff:** Pip Jamieson, Jane Borren, Paul Shattock, Laura Bruce

**Speakers:** Henry Hudson (Nelson Citizens' Alliance), Chris Fitchett, Brian Wilke, Sue Gibbons, Paul Mathieson, Megan, Judy Crowe

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### **Henry Hudson – on behalf of Nelson Citizens' Alliance**

- The NCI has presented many ideas on three waters over the years.
- Requests that the matters mentioned here and those realised in writing will be incorporated into Council's submission on the Bill.
- Value of Nelson's infrastructure assets – have found that the infrastructure valuation provided in July 2020 was incorrect, actually \$1b to \$2b. As at 30 June 2021, over \$1b. (OIA response to DIA through Council).
- If this reform follows electricity reforms, assets will belong to enterprises which will charge citizens for use of their assets. The 3% return equated to \$1b of value would cost citizens \$31.5 million per year just to pay for assets they owned. Double that if the value is closer to \$2b.
- Nelson citizens will not gain from the reform.
- What value will reform place on the assets? And for these entities securing loans? Questions the legality of this, have asked Council what Crown Law advise about returns on equity (haven't had a response). NCI now asking the Select Committee what the legal advice is
- Questioned if the Select Committee will amend the Bill to prevent the new entities charging on a return to assets that belonged to ratepayers.
- NCI also concerned about the legislated motion about Council retaining ownership. Working group recommended mention of ownership with shareholding but it's unclear how this is incorporated and how it applies to common law principles. Thinks it doesn't confer benefits to ratepayers.
- Questioned what advice Council has had on the concept of dividends and shareholding, Crown Law's opinion on what that means. Believes Council hadn't asked the question.
- NCI have asked whether transferring ratepayer assets without approval of ratepayers is consistent with the LGA. Says Council's response was haven't asked for that legal advice (OIA request).

- Questioned what Crown Law advises, whether Council can override LGA requirements for consultation without a law change.
- Council is starting preparations for the transition in 2024. Says this will mean changes to the LTP. What is the legal advice on changing the LTP without ratepayer approval?
- Sep 2021 – asked the Mayor and others about water ownership property rights with regard to iwi groups around country – reports no follow up from Mayor.
- Question remains – financial implication for water users. Uses other than consumptive use, such as hydro scheme, will they charge due to iwi rights?
- Simple message on behalf of citizens – there's a widely held view that Nelsonians will lose everything and gain nothing from this Bill. We have high quality assets now, and a good working relationship with TDC. How will we share with Wellington etc? The logic of the entity being efficient is untrue
- Please listen to citizens and say no to this Water Services Bill.

*Question of clarification – an email from NCI has come through. Points requested to include in the submission, are these clearly marked? Yes.*

### **Chris Fitchett**

- There has been debate on pros and cons, and the ownership of the new entities, there are good reasons for these concerns.
- Not against some form of reform in principle, all councils should reach a certain water standard.
- This reform seems to have come from Havelock North, more logical for the government to focus on Marlborough.
- Concern that reasons to justify the reform are not valid.
- Queried the basis for costings – projected average water cost per household, currently \$3,730. 2051 with reform – this cost is projected as only \$1,260. Do we believe this is realistic? Need explanation from government. Link to Scottish Water. Danger of low quoted cost to justify a project, then a cost blow-out. Waimea Dam is a classic example.
  - o Scottish Water claim that the entities will do more, and have no staff losses. Cutting costs to consumers by that much seem unrealistic. They say this will create 6,000-9,000 new jobs – how does that make sense with the projected cost decrease?
- Questioned the idea that all people will pay the same in NZ, in areas which have historically maintained their assets well, and in those who haven't. We have spent lots in our infrastructure in the past – dam, filtration plant, wastewater. Funded through higher rates in last 30 years. Nelson would be subsidising other authorities, this is inequitable.
- They say Nelsonians will save money, but is this likely? Likely to end up paying more than they do now.
- Why can't entities charge at cost like a commercial business? Has raised this with an MP.
- Cannot support the reform and neither should Council, unless the government can justify the costs quoted, or stop penalising councils which have a high standard of infrastructure (cross-subsidisation).
- A written submission has been sent in also.

*Noted – the issue of cross-subsidisation was raised at meeting last week with Minister Mahuta.*

## **Brian Wilke**

- Thanked Council for convening the meeting, expressed disappointment that not all elected members could attend.
- Heard an initial webinar, a bureaucratic presentation, emailed Council and both Mayors and received replies.
- Communities elect a mayor and councillors to plan and manage infrastructure for benefit of all, in return we pay bills and service loans.
- Recalls the debate raised when an upgrade of water quality in Nelson was discussed (\$25m at the time), now we have quality water. Doesn't think we need upgrades now - we have some of best quality water in NZ and ratepayers pay for it. This is a great example of what councils are capable of when concentrating on the essentials
- Government comms insults our intelligence. This morning's newspaper: says "upgrades are beyond what ratepayers can afford" – is sure we could afford it if we kept to the essentials.
- Ratepayers pay for work, you can see it happening now, e.g. continuing work on sewage and stormwater in Nelson.
- Layers of bureaucratic oversight will not be efficient or keep to budget.
- Reports that disposal of waste and grey water in Scotland is not great.
- Asks Council not to accept an asset grab, and to keep the assets for benefit of the community.

## **Sue Gibbons**

- Opposed to the Bill, disappointed that Council wants to proceed. Describes it as theft of our funds.
- Auckland 1990 – Auckland water supply was to be sold to the Japanese, but didn't go ahead because they didn't have a river. Council pulled the plug on two dams, and there were water shortages. This kind of sale is what will happen.
- There are too many conflicts of interest in government and councils, corruption.
- Surprised that the Mayor isn't here today. Appreciates the councillors in attendance.
- Ratepayers don't want this. Survey the ratepayers, phone them, send out a message asking 'yes/no'. If most people are saying no, say no in the submission.

## **Paul Mathieson**

- As an ex Councillor and Deputy Mayor had a strong interest in building the water treatment plant.
- This is not right, on principle. We have a good system for our waters assets, have looked to the future and have a great maintenance programme.
- This government doesn't have the right to take this and give it to control of others who supposedly know better, it's insulting. We won't have any say or influence, it borders on theft. Doesn't want control of assets in Wellington, we paid for it.
- Expects Council to push back and say no to the government, that we are keeping the assets in our ownership. Will be disappointed if Council doesn't say no.
- Smaller towns need help to upgrade their infrastructure. Suggests a contestable fund for funding their upgrades.
- A \$20 million handout when our water treatment plant is worth \$1b is not right.

- Discussed the treatment plant at Tantragee, was a big investment, controversial with ratepayers at the time, it had the support of the government of the day.

## **Megan**

- Opposed to the Bill, the assets belong to the people, who've paid for it over generations, the Bill is theft.
- New entities are organised on tribal boundaries, who decides on the members of the entities? If they go 'rogue' what sort of structure/rules are in place for conflict? We don't have a say. High iwi share.
- Do we need more debt? Who would we be in debt to with new debt?
- Alleged Ministerial conflicts of interest.
- \$21m funding tranches, there's a gag order saying Council can't disagree with the government.

*Clarification: there is no gag order attached to the funding. Tranches are contingent on phases of legislation passing. If the Bill is legislated, Council will be bound by it as by any other piece of legislation.*

## **Judy Crowe**

- 50 year resident of Nelson, raised a family here. Has been involved in community health education, and an elected member of NMDHB for 15 years.
- The proposal entails unnecessary and expensive levels of bureaucracy.
- Financial absurdity of squandering our paid for water scheme for far less than its worth, this is an unnecessary liability on us and generations to come.
- It's not our business to support other communities in New Zealand with their water schemes.
- We are asked to surrender our freedom to manage and control our affairs, resources, destiny. Surrendering control of our water is only second to giving up your right to air. We are being robbed. Doesn't understand Council's thinking when it agreed to participate in the 'scam'.
- Those pushing the scheme don't have our best interests in mind.
- To date, residents of Nelson have trusted Council, in return it has made deals that the people know nothing about.
- Questioned the validity of the scheme and this hearing. Was not given entry to yesterday's hearings. The public should never be excluded from the Council building or have anything hidden from them.

*The Chair personally apologised to Judy for the entry issues she experienced at the previous session on 29 June 2022.*

- Elected members and Council management are not here to be thieves, or hijack previous generations' investments and deprive them of benefits. They are here to demonstrate courage, truth, and integrity, serving and protecting the city of Nelson.