

Item 3: Shotover WWTP Long Term Disposal Solution

SESSION TYPE: Briefing

PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:

To outline the strategic approach for responding to the March 2026 Council resolution, which requests a report and final decision in March 2027 on the long-term disposal solution for the Shotover Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) discharge. The briefing will focus on the process & programme for further investigations into alternative land-based and hybrid disposal options, alongside engagement with Councillors, Kāi Tahu Rūnaka leaders and the wider community.

DATE/START TIME:

Tuesday, 14 July 2026 at 2.00pm

TIME BREAKDOWN:

Presentation and discussion: 30 minutes

PRESENTERS:

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ATTACHMENTS:

A	Strategic Approach: Next phase of the SWWTP discharge solution – to be presented by external lead
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SHOTOVER WWTP DISPOSAL OPTIONS

**INDEPENDENT
ENGAGEMENT
FACILITATION**

BRIEFING TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Presented to QLDC | 14 July 2026



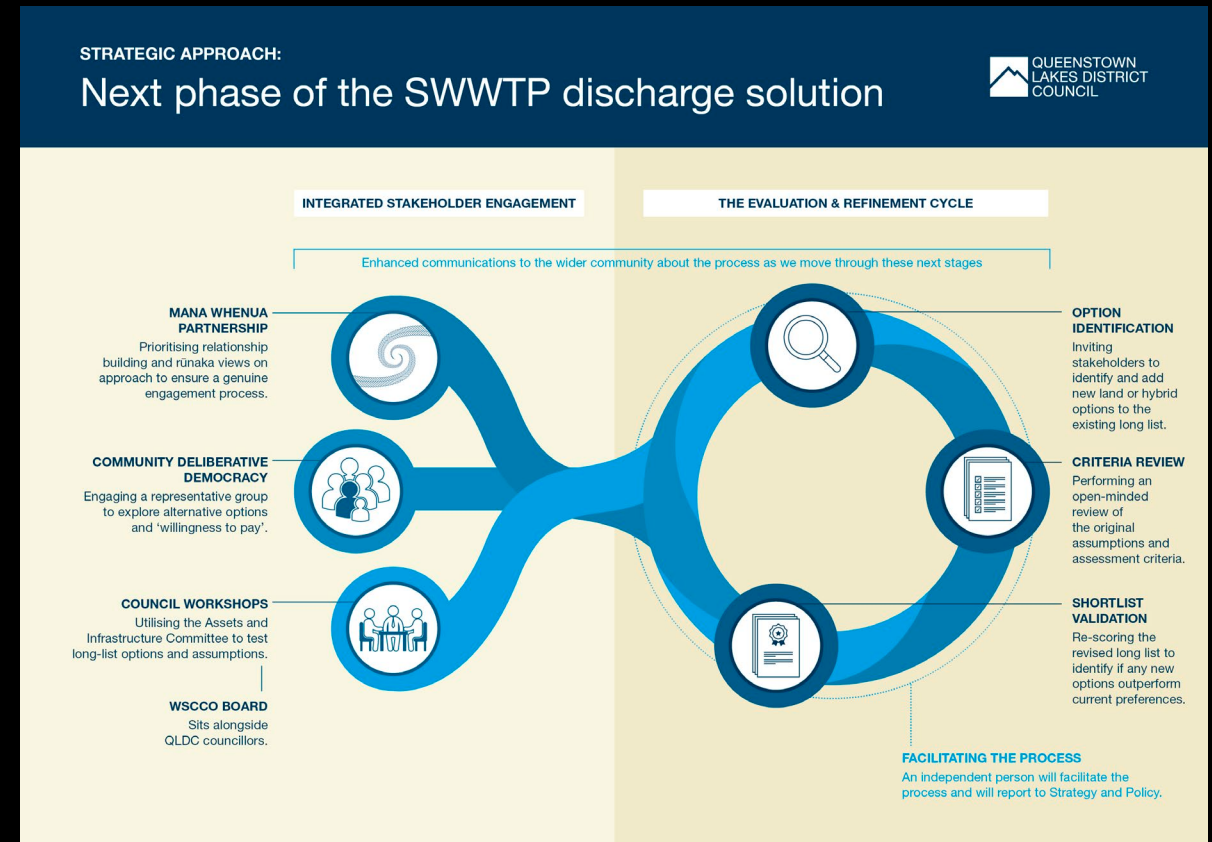


WSP's role

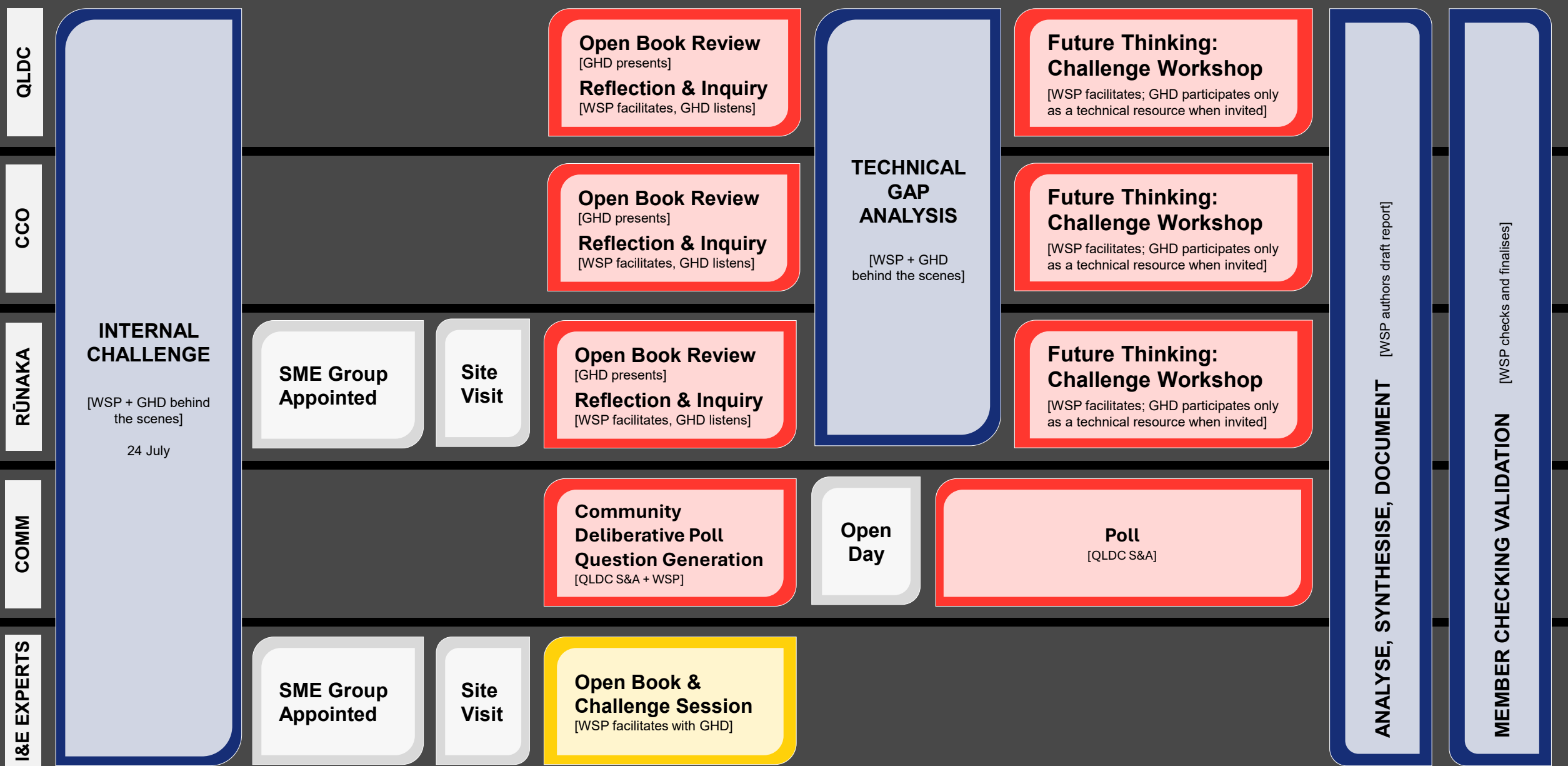
On 19 March 2026, QLDC resolved to:

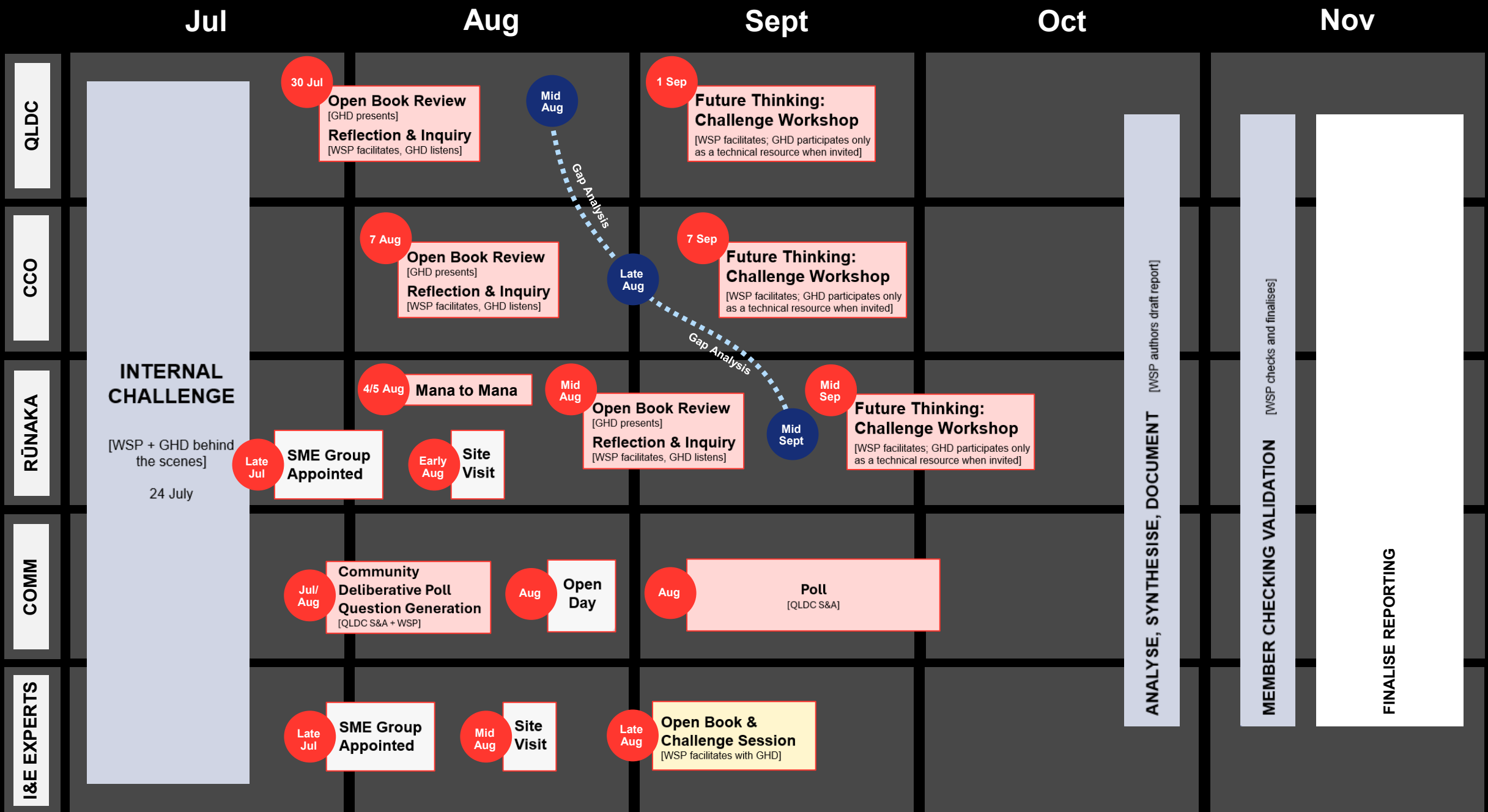
- undertake further identification and assessment of reasonably practicable wastewater disposal options, including land-based and hybrid land-water options;
- undertake hui with Kāi Tahu Rūnaka leaders;
- undertake further community engagement; and
- prepare a further report to inform Council's final decision on the long-term disposal solution.

WSP will give effect to the Council resolution by independently facilitating a structured and transparent engagement process with elected members, mana whenua, and the community to support Council's consideration of wastewater disposal options.



Facilitated Process





Guardrails

<i>In scope</i>	<i>Out of scope</i>
Mana whenua, stakeholder and community input on wastewater disposal options, trade-offs and decision criteria, including: • Disposal options for treated wastewater from the existing Shotover WWTP. • Identification and consideration of reasonably practicable alternative disposal options, including land-based and hybrid land-water options. • Consideration of whether additional disposal options should be assessed before Council's March 2027 decision. • Information gathering and reporting to support Council's March 2027 decision on the long-term disposal solution.	• Broader wastewater strategy and policy matters, including: • Centralisation or decentralisation of the wastewater network. • Future wastewater treatment plant location decisions. • Water Services CCO strategic planning. • Re-running or rebuilding the existing business case. • Provision of recommendations, opinions or technical advice on the business case.