

# Public Excluded Item 1, Attachment D: Water Services Strategy Review – Analysis & advice from Simpson Grierson

## DATE/START TIME:

Tuesday, 31 March 2026 at 10.00am

## PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

It is recommended that this subject matter is discussed while the public is excluded. This recommendation is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

<i>Section and Grounds</i>	<i>Reason for this recommendation</i>
7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege	<p>Legal privilege protects communications between a lawyer and a client which have been made for the purposes of giving and receiving legal advice. The contents of this document are covered by legal privilege as it contains legal advice for Council on the establishment of a Water Services Council Controlled Organisation.</p> <p>Withholding the contents of this report from the public enables Council to receive confidential legal advice about its position on legal issues without the risk of that advice being disclosed to another party and disadvantaging its position.</p>