

Three Waters Reform - community pulse check

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

21 August 2021 - 19 September 2021

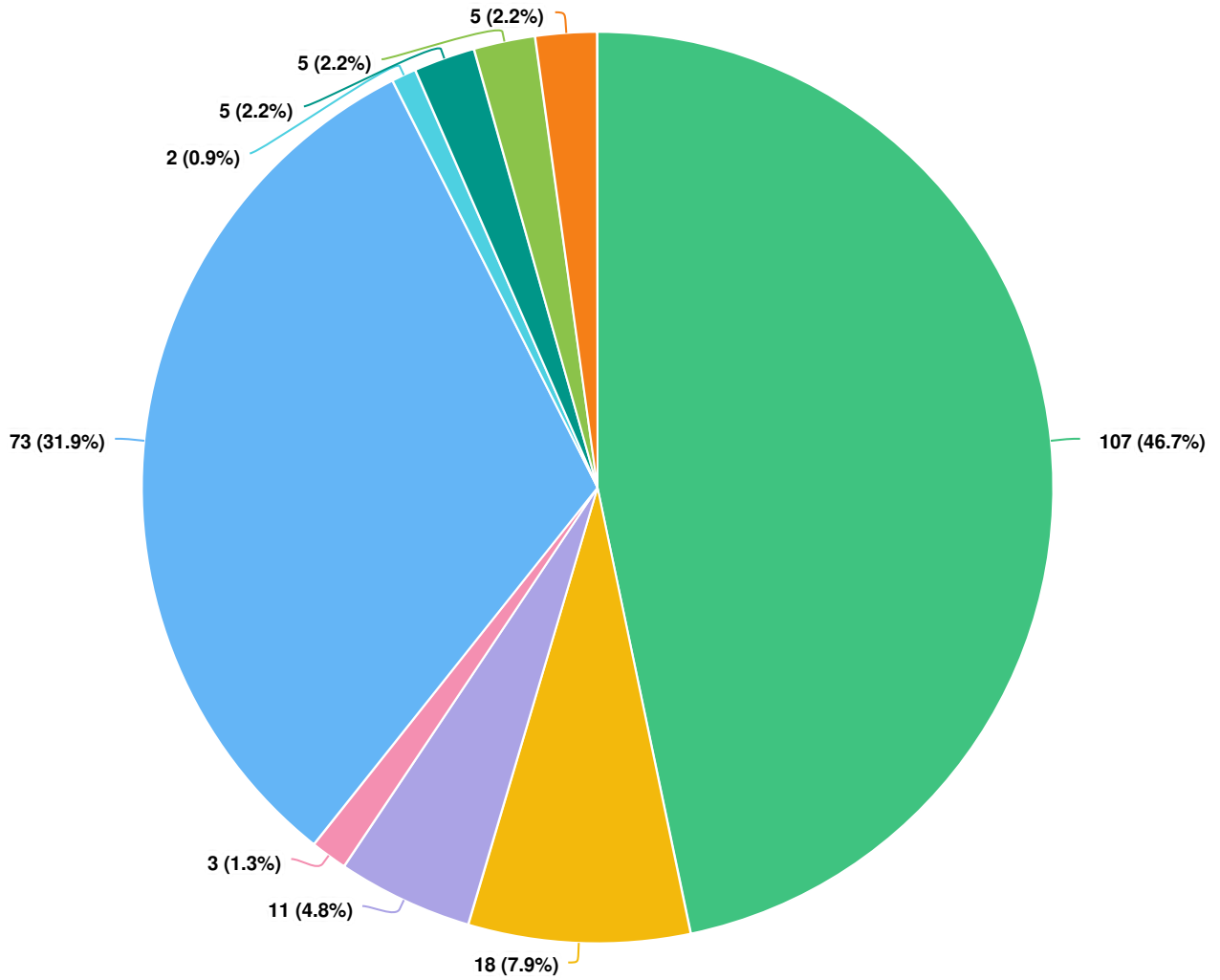
PROJECT NAME:

Three Waters Reform - community pulse check



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Your location

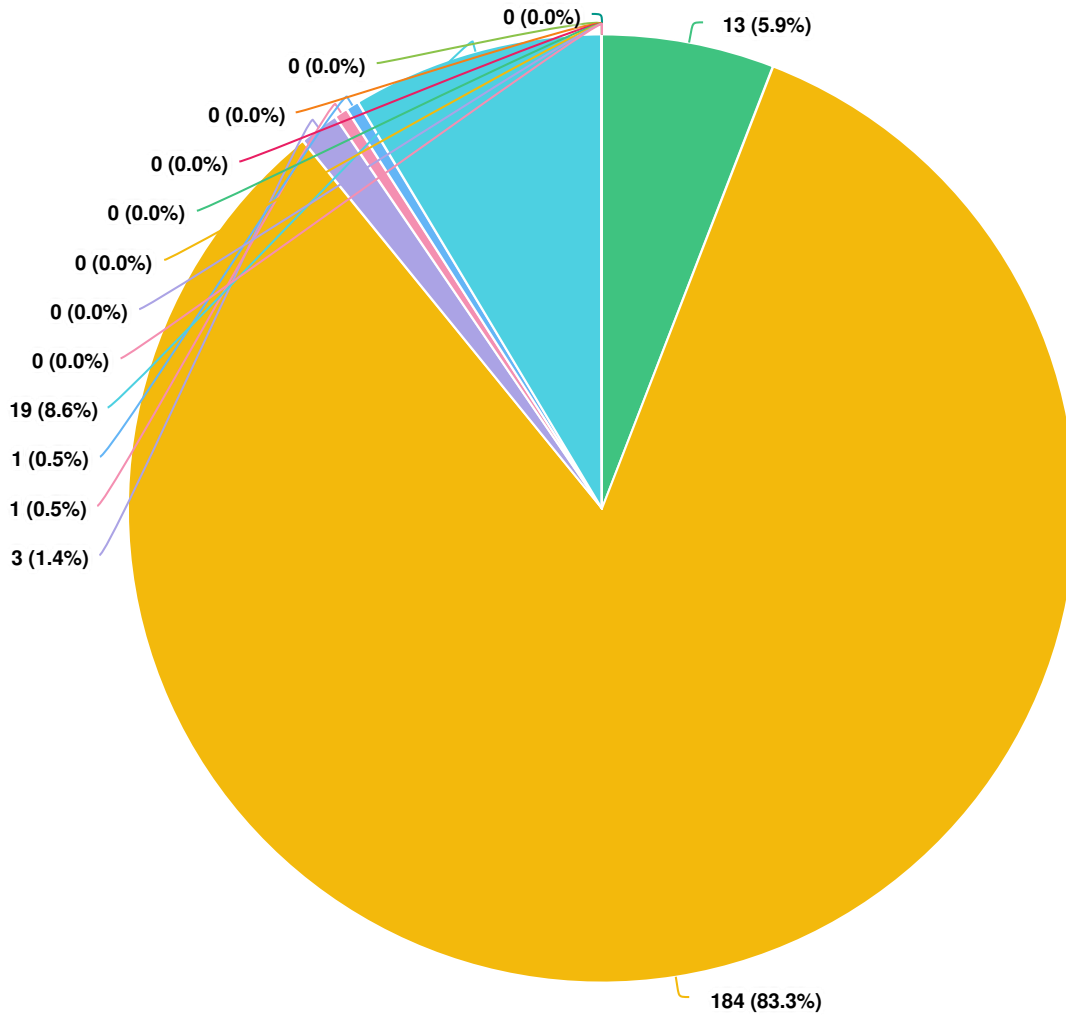


Question options

- Queenstown/Whakatipu
- Arrowtown
- Glenorchy
- Kingston
- Wānaka
- Cardrona
- Hāwea
- Luggate
- I own property in Queenstown Lakes District but live elsewhere

Optional question (229 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q2 What ethnicity do you identify with?

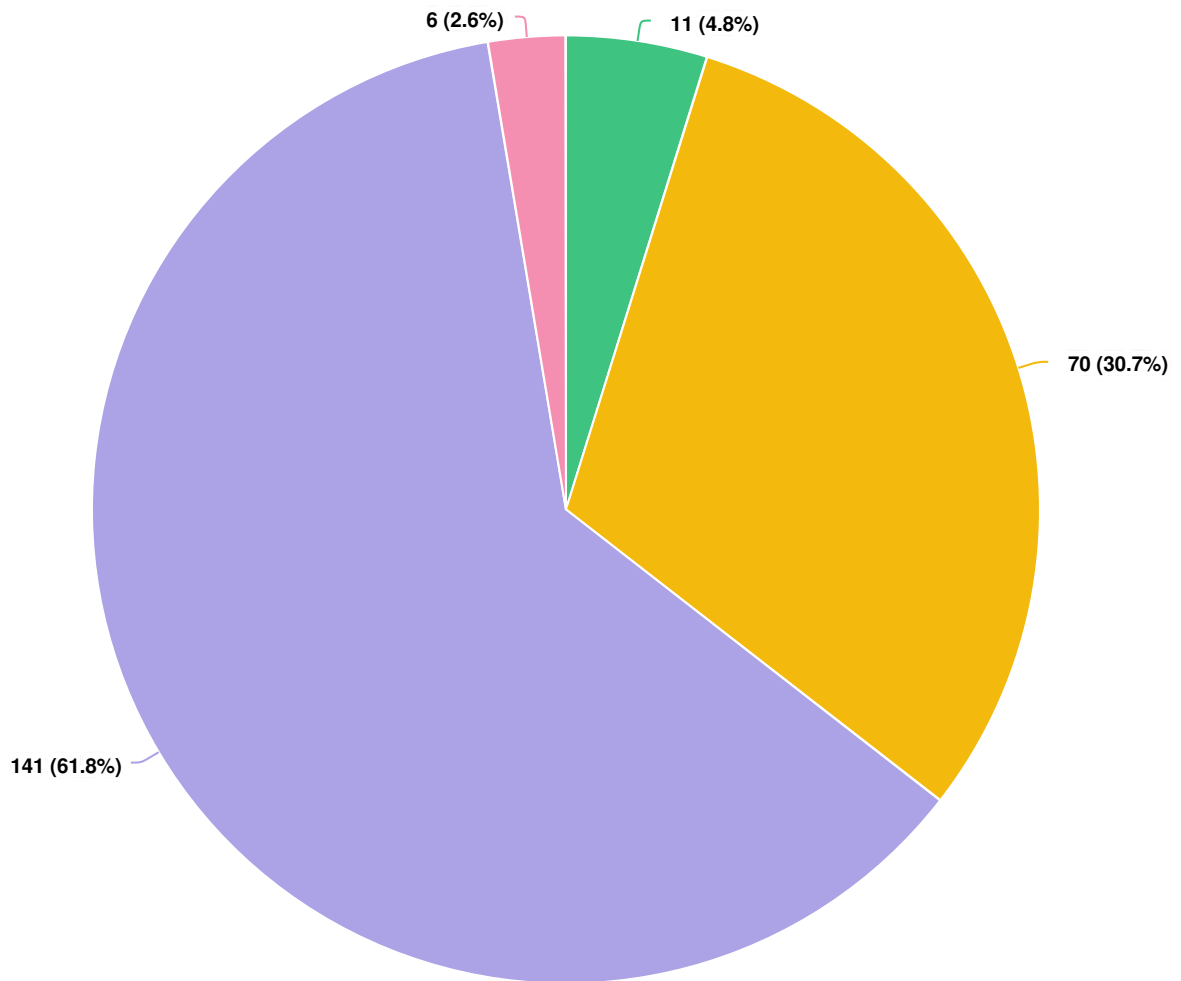


Question options

- Māori
 ● Pākehā/NZ European
 ● Other European
 ● Indian
 ● African
 ● Other (please specify)
 ● Samoan
- Cook Islands Māori
 ● Tongan
 ● Chinese
 ● South East Asian
 ● Korean
 ● Middle Eastern
- Latin American

Optional question (221 response(s), 11 skipped)
 Question type: Dropdown Question

Q3 Your age range

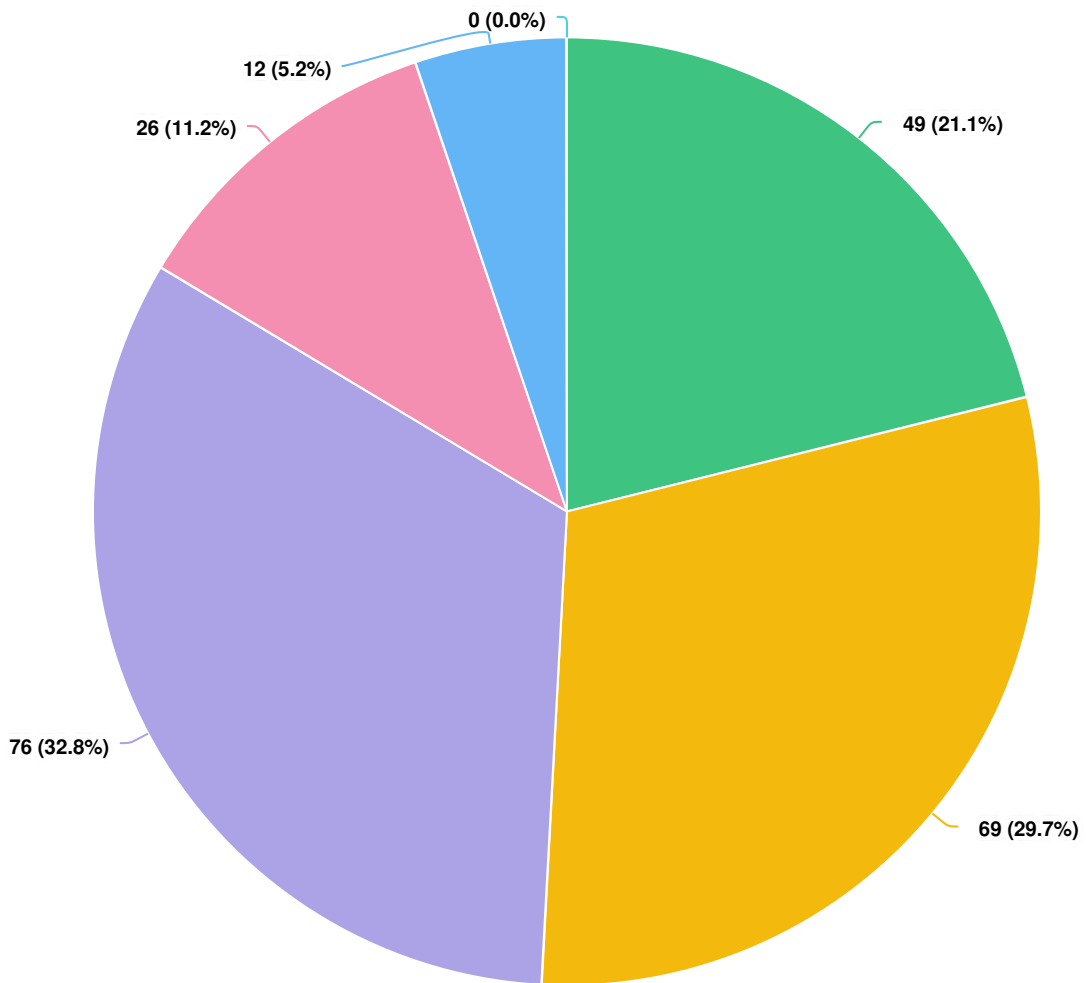


Question options

- 18-29
- 30-44
- 45+
- I'd rather not say

Optional question (228 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 How would you describe your level of understanding about the three waters reform?

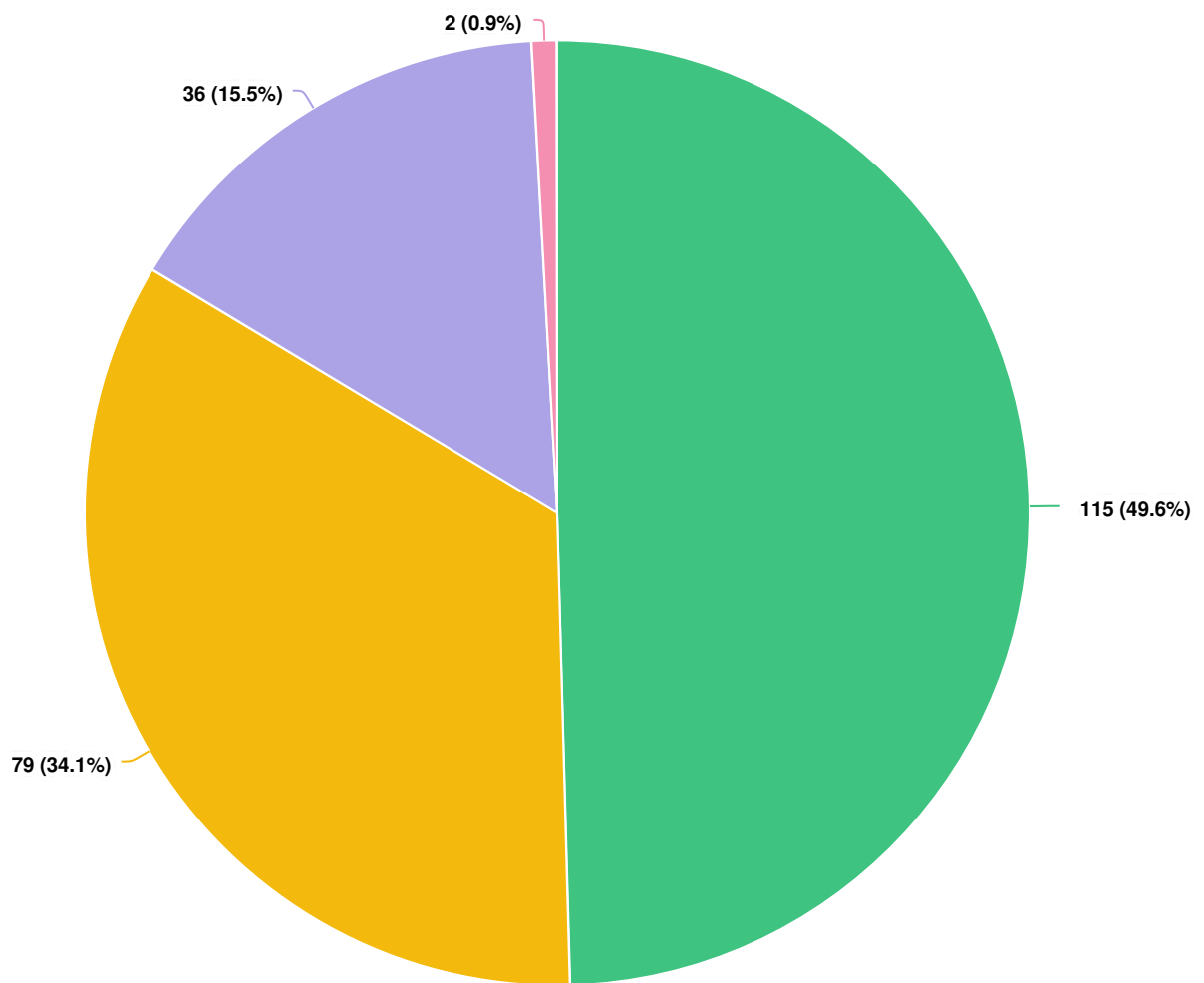


Question options

- Very good
- Good
- Moderate
- Not great
- Poor
- Don't know

Mandatory Question (232 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 Do you know where to find information about the three waters reform?



Question options

- Yes
- Some of it
- No
- Don't know

Mandatory Question (232 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 | If you answered 'yes', or 'some of it', where did you find the information?

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Qldc website

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Media, councils and have read govt announcements

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Internal Affairs website

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Govt websites and documents.

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9/06/2021 11:36 AM

www

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 11:37 AM

Bill papers

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 11:38 AM

online

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 11:38 AM

DIA website

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Online

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www.three waters.govt.nz

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RNZ, threewaters.govt.nz

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9/06/2021 12:04 PM

Internet

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Websites

9/06/2021 12:12 PM

Screen Name Redacted newspaper and internet

9/06/2021 12:27 PM

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9/06/2021 12:33 PM

Screen Name Redacted QLDC website, South Island Mayors letter to the Govt, via social media

9/06/2021 12:34 PM

Screen Name Redacted government websites

9/06/2021 12:48 PM

Screen Name Redacted My dad

9/06/2021 01:07 PM

Screen Name Redacted Internet

9/06/2021 01:13 PM

Screen Name Redacted QLDC website, general news articles

9/06/2021 01:22 PM

Screen Name Redacted Online, government website Also emailed Minister Mahuta

9/06/2021 01:38 PM

Screen Name Redacted Threewaters website

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Screen Name Redacted On line and listening to interviews on TV and radio.

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Screen Name Redacted Internet

9/06/2021 02:08 PM

Screen Name Redacted Public media and local body website

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Screen Name Redacted Internal Affairs website

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Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 03:01 PM	Website
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 03:04 PM	Website
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 03:49 PM	Online
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 03:59 PM	DIA, industry comms, legislation, LGNZ, sector colleagues
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 04:01 PM	Firstly from YouTube of Westland Mayor and then info explaining on line when I did research
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 04:38 PM	From multiple sources including both private and public NZ & Local Government & news media
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 05:27 PM	DIA website
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 05:50 PM	Online government summary papers and case studies
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 06:00 PM	QLDC
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 06:32 PM	From what the government release and what was available online
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 06:54 PM	Information from some media outlets.
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 07:08 PM	Internet
Screen Name Redacted 9/06/2021 07:12 PM	Online. The proposal lacks clarity

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DIA

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Local Body Websites, Central Government'

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QLDC Website

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Various govt reports and docs sourced from the web

9/07/2021 11:58 AM

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Facebook links, online

9/07/2021 12:02 PM

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Internet

9/07/2021 12:29 PM

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Beehive website, Nanaia Mahuta, news articles

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Online

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Provided by QLDC / councillors.

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central and local gov websites.

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Reading newspaper articles

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3 waters.govt.nz dia.govt.nz

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From government advertising and comments from Councillors

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Internet. News outlets . QLDC

9/07/2021 03:57 PM

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9/07/2021 04:09 PM

News - Google - govt

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<https://threewaters.govt.nz>

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9/07/2021 04:14 PM

Internet

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On the net

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9/07/2021 04:28 PM

Online and via other councils.

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Posted by councilor on Facebook

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9/07/2021 04:48 PM

Online

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9/07/2021 04:55 PM

Federated Farmers

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9/07/2021 05:14 PM

Department of Internal Affairs, Niamh Shaw

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9/07/2021 05:33 PM

Newspaper

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9/07/2021 05:39 PM

Council Facebook page

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9/07/2021 05:55 PM

Social media, news.

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9/07/2021 06:04 PM

Government Websites, media

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Government website and local council

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On line

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Personal sources.

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Online

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Online

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Farming papers, online and internet

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9/07/2021 07:28 PM

The Greys District mayor has some good information. The Dept of internal affairs has the details

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9/07/2021 07:33 PM

Social media via a great Councillor doing their best to get the word and information out to people (thanks Nikki)

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He Puapua document, NZ Govt documents, Westland Council

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9/07/2021 07:53 PM

Online.

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9/07/2021 08:10 PM

Westland mayor public speech on you tube

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9/07/2021 08:14 PM

Otago Daily

Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 04:45 AM	Three Waters Government website
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 05:00 AM	media
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 06:19 AM	On line - other councils have already made information available.
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 07:13 AM	Press government
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 07:13 AM	I work in the water space, as a consultant. Our clients are public, private and iwi, and I heard about this from a consultancy agency who is advising the government. I saw this survey on facebook and feel its a good move. I would appreciate if you could provide the QLDC report on costs per household (the report referred to on your three waters reform page).
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 07:20 AM	Commentry on social media from trusted sources.
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Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 01:42 PM	Three waters.govt website
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 02:49 PM	Media
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 03:36 PM	Qldc web site

Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 06:07 PM	QLDC website links
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 07:04 PM	Online
Screen Name Redacted 9/08/2021 09:21 PM	Govt websites. RMA reform, NSP - FM 2020, Taumata Arowai, Te Mana o Te Wai...
Screen Name Redacted 9/09/2021 09:14 AM	Certainly not from QLDC! QLDC has been silent.
Screen Name Redacted 9/09/2021 09:53 AM	Internet pages and QLDC
Screen Name Redacted 9/09/2021 11:10 AM	News, press releases
Screen Name Redacted 9/09/2021 01:14 PM	Most of online and written reports.
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Screen Name Redacted 9/09/2021 03:55 PM	Government websites
Screen Name Redacted 9/09/2021 05:22 PM	Online on several council websites
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Screen Name Redacted 9/09/2021 07:08 PM	Radio and internet
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Screen Name Redacted	Industry forums and email correspondence

9/10/2021 06:01 AM

Screen Name Redacted Govt websites

9/10/2021 02:46 PM

Screen Name Redacted Google ha ha

9/11/2021 09:03 AM

Screen Name Redacted Google

9/11/2021 12:45 PM

Screen Name Redacted My cousin put in whanau Facebook

9/11/2021 06:20 PM

Screen Name Redacted web site, newspaper articles.

9/12/2021 12:46 PM

Screen Name Redacted CODC mayor is giving daily bite size videos. Sheryl Mai from Whangarei has been spreading lots of info. Buller District mayor has information as well. Nanaia Mahuta has been divulging information from time to time. I have been looking at both for and against arguments. MacKenzie District Council is releasing information as they are able.

9/12/2021 04:58 PM

Screen Name Redacted On line research incl the complete proposal as published to date

9/12/2021 06:06 PM

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9/12/2021 06:18 PM

Screen Name Redacted GOVT website

9/13/2021 11:30 AM

Screen Name Redacted Accessing publicly-available reports

9/13/2021 12:46 PM

Screen Name Redacted Water NZ Council Government

9/13/2021 02:26 PM

Screen Name Redacted links via media

9/14/2021 07:48 AM

Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 02:22 PM	The Govt website, plus info QLDC had discussed earlier. TV and digital media
Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 02:24 PM	QLDC Facebook and website
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Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 05:00 PM	Internet
Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 05:16 PM	Government documents and advise from qualified people.
Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 05:40 PM	https://threewaters.govt.nz Presentations at work - external and internal News articles
Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 06:33 PM	Qldc link
Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 06:36 PM	Government channels.
Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 06:47 PM	News papers, on line, social media, what neighbouring Council's are doing on their FB/websites
Screen Name Redacted 9/15/2021 06:48 PM	Media
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Screen Name Redacted 9/16/2021 06:31 AM	...
Screen Name Redacted 9/16/2021 06:33 AM	Face book

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9/16/2021 01:39 PM

Govt site and media propaganda

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9/16/2021 01:51 PM

Papers and online articles I've read

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9/16/2021 02:16 PM

Internet, 3 waters site

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9/16/2021 05:01 PM

Local council's & media links

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9/16/2021 06:43 PM

Govt website

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9/17/2021 05:10 AM

On line

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9/17/2021 07:50 AM

I have read every Council and Government info that's available, read and listened to many experts who have researched the issue carefully

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Govt website

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Published articles in varying platforms - editorials local body

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Work in Rural sector have attended meetings and conferences where it has been widely and hotly discussed

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Council website

Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 01:42 PM	QLDC & threewaters.govt
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 02:05 PM	Digital Media; QLDC ; Govt website
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 02:39 PM	QLDC website
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 03:26 PM	newspapers, online,affected interest groups, and some mainstream media (but the mainstream media is not doing a very good job of reporting without bias)
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 03:31 PM	QLDC website; newspaper
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 06:12 PM	Government documentation, couldn't find much on the QLDC website
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 07:00 PM	Social media
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 07:53 PM	Via QLDC I think or via Facebook
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 08:01 PM	Website is readily available
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 08:08 PM	Reading and listening
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 09:40 PM	Www.Lgnz.co.Nz
Screen Name Redacted 9/17/2021 09:44 PM	Websites, articles, tv, radio, interviews and articles from central government
Screen Name Redacted	Online

9/17/2021 11:15 PM

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I have watched a video by Westlands Mayor on it.

9/18/2021 04:04 AM

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Media, govt websites

9/18/2021 04:47 AM

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Google'3 waters reform', go to the govt page

9/18/2021 05:03 AM

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Widely read about it from media, website searching and government agencies

9/18/2021 06:36 AM

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Government and other sources

9/18/2021 07:57 AM

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Multiple council websites and also government websites as well as many forms of media.

9/18/2021 08:03 AM

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the three waters website

9/18/2021 08:14 AM

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Extensive reading

9/18/2021 08:29 AM

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Television advertising, government website

9/18/2021 11:00 AM

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<https://threewaters.govt.nz/>

9/18/2021 04:45 PM

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internet

9/18/2021 06:43 PM

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Mostly on the web, major news papers do not provide any details that is any way balanced.

9/18/2021 07:09 PM

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Uniquely part of the process

9/18/2021 08:02 PM

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Govt websites, QLDC site, ORC websites and various news paper articles

9/18/2021 08:38 PM

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Social media

9/19/2021 06:53 AM

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On line, google search www.dia.govt

9/19/2021 09:38 AM

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Govt. website, Social media, Mayoral comments

9/19/2021 10:17 AM

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DIA website

9/19/2021 12:00 PM

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Various Govt info pamphlets Media Local meeting

9/19/2021 03:12 PM

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Through work

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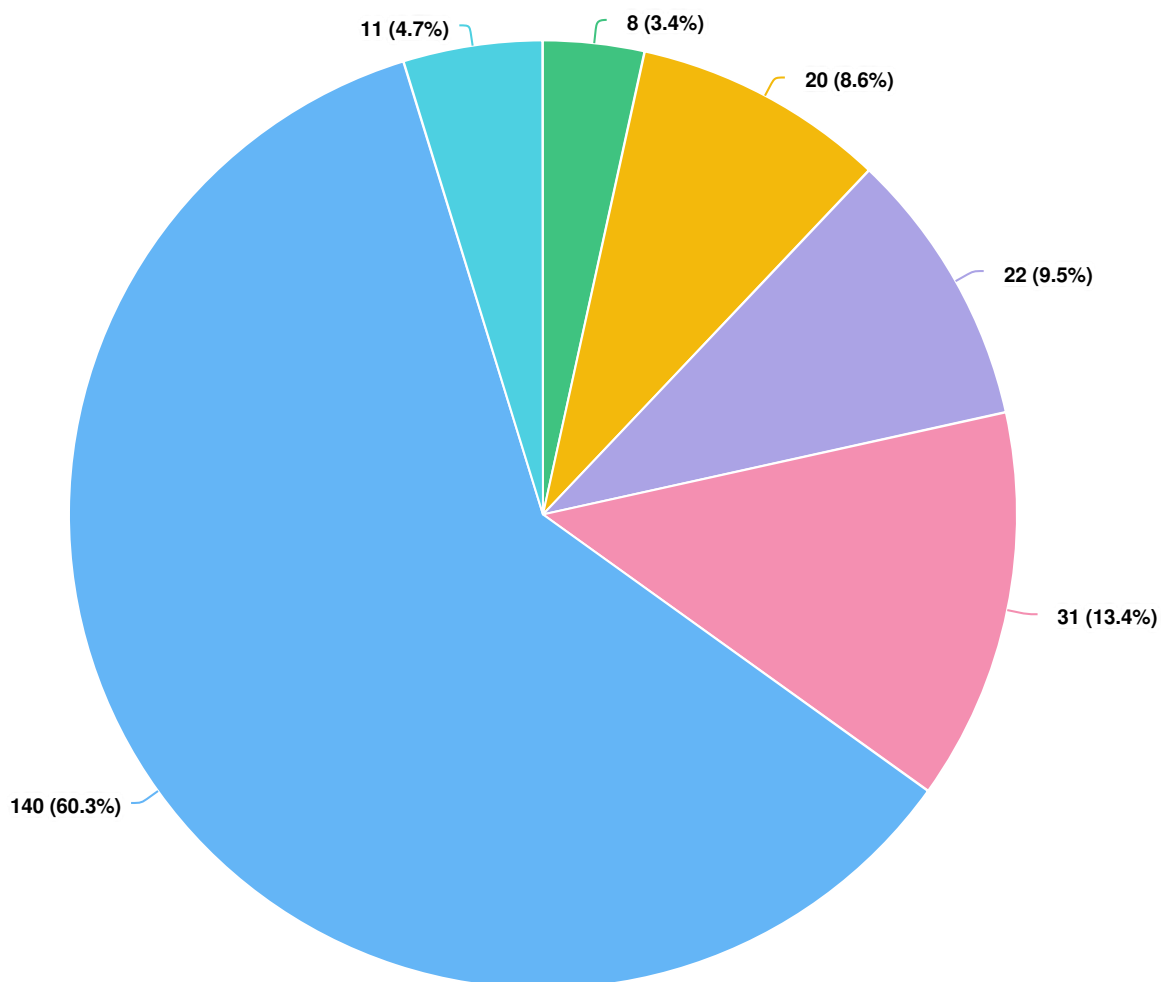
threewaters.govt.nz

9/19/2021 08:19 PM

Optional question (177 response(s), 55 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q7 How would you describe your opinion on the three waters reform?



Question options

- Very positive
- Positive
- Neutral
- Negative
- Very negative
- Don't know

Mandatory Question (232 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 | Can you tell us a bit more about why you feel that way?

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9/06/2021 11:18 AM

Unclear why there is no focus or workgroup looking to educate our people on water harvesting and recycling it through the property to return it back to our land. Yes if by regulating the 3 waters so it's consistent across guidelines etc but where is the empowerment of the people to learn the benefits of harvesting and storing water to use around garden and everyday.

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9/06/2021 11:23 AM

To put the three waters governance for the whole country to a body that has half is members non elected is criminal and should be stopped at all costs. Take into account also the fact than many councils will risk impacting their credit ratings when such such large asset bases are removed from their financial balance sheets. The fix is to tackle the inefficiencies of local govt - not take contrail and ownership.

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9/06/2021 11:26 AM

I think a national standard water management system is long delayed. Local council may not always have the scale to manage all three waters effectively and efficiently.

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9/06/2021 11:31 AM

Removes local ownership of assets. Dilutes accountability at a local level. Opens the door for privatisation. Removes councils ability to gain efficiencies across multiple projects when waters are separated. The govt has not consulted properly on this proposal and also has not weighed up enough options. The Scotland model is flawed and has resulted in environmental catastrophe.

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9/06/2021 11:36 AM

The current 3W situation needs to improve

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9/06/2021 11:37 AM

Control, lack of understanding by most, this governments agenda to manipulate council's

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9/06/2021 11:38 AM

there is no way centralizing the operation & maintenance will save money. the figures being raised by central government span the lifespan of some assets and the ads instill fear in the community. if this goes ahead the roading should be given to NZTA, parks and reserves etc to some other new national entity and the local councils disbanded.

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 11:38 AM

Many Councils have funding constraints as well as a reluctance to increase rates which over time has led to uninvestment in essential infrastructure. This proposal appears to address that. Potential concerns are around the control that is retained by councils as well as the potential for privatisation in the future, however if there was an effective regulatory framework to manage that I would be comfortable.

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9/06/2021 11:39 AM

This is a terrible proposal. It will cost the residents and ratepayers enormously.

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 11:41 AM

Virtual Crown confiscation of ratepayers ownership of water assets with transfer of benefits to ethnically determined groups

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 11:43 AM

I feel the current situation with underfunding councils doesn't work. Councils continue to defer work on water and spend money on firework displays. A dedicated body would work better.

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 11:50 AM

All councils should have the right to control the water. Not one government. I know this will end up being a big problem in the future if we let the government get away with this.

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 12:04 PM

Storm water, wastewater and drinking water are important issues growing towns face. With climate change mixed into the future I am glad there will be a focus on making progress and change easier in these areas.

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9/06/2021 12:12 PM

More communication at all levels should make for a better decision making process.

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9/06/2021 12:27 PM

Lack of information , no evidence to backup financials, very rushed for such a major change , no confidence in the proposed governance and that it will be managed from Christchurch !!

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 12:33 PM

Disadvantages council's who do well. Compensation is way to low. I will dominance/Vito is unacceptable and unnecessary

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9/06/2021 12:34 PM

Water requirements are highly localised and are best managed by local Councils which understand the needs and demands of their community. By giving control of local water assets to one of four national bodies, local communities will lose all control over their water assets and infrastructure. The Govt is not offering anywhere near market value to purchase water assets from the Councils, assets which are owned by the ratepayers. A 50% Maori stake in the proposed water authorities is neither democratic nor representative of the NZ population.

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9/06/2021 12:41 PM

I feel that local bodies have put a lot of resource into the 3 waters and to then have to hand it over to the Govt seems wrong in so many ways

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9/06/2021 12:43 PM

I have had experience with the Gov essential freshwater plans and they are a total disaster in terms of poor outcomes and very poor planning from Wellington. After app 3 yrs of wasted time and money at last they are starting to listen to local expertise but if it was left to the locals in the first place a huge amount of wasted time and money could have been saved. Bigger is not always best and central state planning should only give basic guidelines and rules. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS its the start of central Gov takeover of local councils

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 12:48 PM

Stormwater is very site specific and require site specific approaches (or at least regionally specific approaches for our continental climate). QLDC has specific water quality concerns due to algae which is different to other catchment issues. It is a problem yet to be solved by QLDC but I cannot envisage this being more of a priority on a national scale. Wastewater has already incurred a significant spend by QLDC to update infrastructure, however there is still major infrastructure updates required. Despite this I feel nationally it may be doing better than other regions in wastewater therefore future spending on a national level would put QLDC at a lower priority.

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9/06/2021 01:00 PM

As a Lake hawea rate payer we are expected to pay for our new waste water treatment plant, as this proposal may treat us more fairly than this council

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9/06/2021 01:07 PM

Local ownership and control is important. I do not favour centralisation and the compensation is inadequate. I want local say

and accountability.

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9/06/2021 01:13 PM

Because something needs to be done to sort out the water issues throughout the country.

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9/06/2021 01:22 PM

These assets and their management should be held at a local level as close to the users as possible. These are assets that have been funded by rate payers and should stay in the hands of rate payers and their councils. I urge QLDC to reject this proposal outright as it is not in the best interests of your rate payers.

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9/06/2021 01:33 PM

Local voice lost. Huge risk of selling off later - like power. The issues remain the same but are not worked on locally

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9/06/2021 01:38 PM

The value of assets owned by the community and paid for by the community won't be properly reimbursed. Assets will be out of local control. Centralised systems in NZ fail eg. Our health system and education system. Small water schemes under same standards as large suppliers.

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9/06/2021 01:39 PM

It's pretty difficult to understand the information in the website

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9/06/2021 01:53 PM

Because I don't believe the propaganda being broadcast by the Government. There are too many examples of their claims, both dollars and supposed "facts", that are being shown to be wrong already. So in my mind the whole proposal is far too risky to justify such a major change to the future delivery of our infrastructure.

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9/06/2021 02:08 PM

Taking infrastructure worth billions away from the people and pay pennies is wrong

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9/06/2021 02:11 PM

There is a lack of information. Look at the govt track record on delivery. They just don't. Advertising on tv promoting it before releasing information. Smells like a rat. Less smoke and mirrors more information

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 02:45 PM

I cannot find the detail of how this will work and at what cost to both the tax payer and the household. We are in the country and

not on town water supply - what happens to us. Will there just be more bureaucracy and no more efficiency. Are our rate payer assets being nationalised. Who own the new great big NZ water company or is it a new department of govt. there must be 100's of thousands of people not on town water supply or trying to do the right thing and harvest water from the small house for the garden to the large farm with stock to water - such a big change and no information - very scary.

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9/06/2021 02:49 PM

Think as not based in our area the understanding and care will be less for the customers

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9/06/2021 02:56 PM

Very much want to get more information

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9/06/2021 03:04 PM

We are being told what to do but very little details provide why or the benefits

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9/06/2021 03:49 PM

Why should Maori have 50% voting rights? It shouldn't be rushed through.. it should be a public referendum

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9/06/2021 03:59 PM

Ill considered, based on models that aren't comparable, no strategic direction or imperative, no meaningful assessment of broader social and sector impacts, and no time to assess the effectiveness of a regulator and other new funding models that will help local government respond to historic service deficits.

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No broad consultation. Councils being "asked" to decide on something by 1 Oct 2021 and all details would not be available until Aug Sept...how can they make a decision without the info. A Company Director would be prosecuted for breach of duty if they made a decision of this magnitude without all the info and consultation. Allows no time for consultation with the ratepayers. Water assets have been paid for and built up over time by ratepayers. They will be "transferred" to new body. This new body will borrow billions and this interest charge will be passed on to us in Water Rates so increased costs. Why??? it's a paper transaction revaluing the cost of the asset. Wheres the protection from them selling our water and rights and infrastructure to someone else, to overseas, as is will all be about money and not the consumer, who paid for it all in the first place. Also on that note, if the ratepayers paid for the assets over time then why are we not getting a say on

"selling/taking" our assets. There needs to be discussion and it needs to be evaluated. Also, it is based on a Scottish Model, that was not 4 bodies AND it doesn't work effectively. It really is bizarre so are a lot of things being pushed through at the moment.... and also... what's the big picture... why the urgency.... this is not good business.

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Ratepayers should retain control & representation of their needs as a primary focus, not the economic success of a 3rd party 'gifted' the access which has no obligation to maintain or enhance performance, and has an active conflict of interest while operating the infrastructure they haven't paid for

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The size of the job is large and feel no council can afford to upgrade the infrastructure. It also means we will get some national guidance and standards.

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Do not believe it will improve 3 waters as it says it will

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All water and its infrastructure is owned by ratepayers and should stay with ratepayers. Councils and regional councils are much better at managing our water than a centralised government would be.

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Government will fail and qldc is on not of most things other than the lake snow but there's no way the government or the other 50%share holder will fix that

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In short - the proposal is absurd, undemocratic, and potentially illegal. Why would any rationally minded person (let alone responsible government) effectively privatise NZ's rate-payer funded waters by ceding control through a governance/ownership 'partnership' to iwi? The iwi, by the way, are driven purely by their own financial self-interest. Local councils, and rate paying New Zealanders are being robbed. At the very least the government should put this to a referendum and let the 88% of New Zealander's who don't identify as Maori or part-Maori, to have the final call on this sham.

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Makes more sense to keep control as it is.

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I feel as though the government is bribing local communities to comply. Why can't each community care for their own water supply and the government give each community funding to do so? Why the control and take over? Communities know best what is happening in their area more than people sitting in wellington.

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Lack of information from the Labour Government, very poor TV advert, and rushed consultation timeframe

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The information available is somewhat distracted. From DIA, not enough detail and from our council not enough info on where we are with the current assets held. Ie project Pure, what is the future for that product.

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Some areas have failed to invest in the necessary infrastructure and are suffering as a result Our water is a lung the purest in the world, and we don't need central Govt packing into it

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Because I believe our community should be consulted more on this issue and also the community should be told what the reforms will mean for the community moving forward (in more detail).

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Consult with rate payers before handing their assets over. I don't believe we have seen any public consultation here, it as though it's been done by stealth.

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I am keen to learn about the Three Waters Reform but have yet to see anything in the mainstream media that explains what it is

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Ideological govt creating divisive sectional policies

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As with merging poly techs, it takes away well run operations and area identities.

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Living in a small village that has no form of fresh water, storm water or sewage and operates under the umbrella of QLDC, I feel that I must comment and perhaps local council may act here

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so little detail and seems dodgy

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As with District Health boards, there is little connection in the way the different District Councils operate - each has its own priorities and systems. Councillors do not usually have the skills or experience to manage multimillion dollar infrastructure assets. There has been too many years of inadequate investment in these important assets and ratepayers can't fund the shortfall. In Queenstown Lakes, 25,000 ratepayers are expected to fund the infrastructure needed to support 2 million+ visitors each year. The numbers will never work.

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Can't make up my mind. Maybe a life debate/panel with pro and con Argumenters would give me a better understanding and help me make up my mind...

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It's currently owned by local investment (rates). Only o be taken and given to others which should not happen

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It seems to have come out of nowhere, but we'll planned. I need more information especially on something as important as water.

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There's a lot of noise being made, but not much information on which to make a decision. I place no confidence in forecast cost savings that are 10+ years in the future. The whole thing feels like a power struggle, with 3-waters being part of a larger power struggle between local and national government. Local governments are subject to lobbying by powerful industrial groups, just as is national government. Some local governments are so small that individuals have excessive control. I believe local governments (not just QLDC) have lost a great deal of community confidence and respect because of their poor performances in managing large projects and spending ratepayers' money. Because of this, the national government is looking to remove responsibilities in general from local government and move it to larger organisations which can be better regulated. If local governments want to maintain control of these projects, they need

to start demonstrating a level of professionalism well above what has been the case to date.

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Focusing mainly on stormwater here - QLDC have made an absolute shambles of approving stormwater design, and an even bigger mess of fixing up the errors once they have occurred. I have no faith in QLDCs ability to get this right in the future when they are unable to correct issues that erode our local parks and creeks 3 years after the community began fighting to save them.

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I believe water should be looked after by local administrations, I am uncomfortable with control coming from Wellington. I am also uncomfortable with Iwi ownership of water

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I feel that if we lose independent control of our local water it will be to the detriment of our local community.

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We pay good rates in our own community and have local people looking our best interests. Needs to stay that way.

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QLDC has done a lot of good work on our water systems here and I would hate for that to be dragged down by the need to fix Dunedin or Christchurch problems.

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I feel in general our council does a pretty good job of managing our 3 waters and handing over to such a large entity with little or no local knowledge or empathy towards our ratepayers would be seriously detrimental to our services and I find the advertising offensive and demeaning of the great efforts of our local staff.

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Rate payers in our district have payed alot of money towards our water infrastructure I do NOT want the govt having control of those assets

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I do not believe these reforms are needed. I believe it opens the door for central govt to privatise NZ water like they did to power & telecommunications & in the end New Zealanders pay more & lose control of our own assets

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No need for it, especially joint ownership or management with iwi.

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I think Community assets payed for by the community should remain in community hands!

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It will only increase charges & create quangos 😞. Typical Labor philosophy.

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Don't think there is a need for ratepayer assets to be transferred to central government, should be managed locally, no knowledge on the structure of structure of owing entities, over representation of Maori interests, believe rates will be more than they are now despite a rebate on existing rate bills.

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its too rushed and the public dont have enough information. It needs to go on hold

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It's really unclear how this would benefit us at all... it seems corporate entities are making their way into government and turning our natural resources into a cash cow for them.

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I feel it will be negative for local communities by taking control away from the local area and the people that knows what's best for them. Also every region across the South Island is completely different water wise so how could one rule be good for all

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We supply 2 houses on farm so would become a water supply entity. 2nd house is rented and now tempted to just sell and make them put their own bore down. Not good for cheap rental in QLDC

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I believe local councils (including QLDC) have underinvested in the 3 waters for years, have not ensured residents are getting safe drinking water and that storm water is adequately dealt with (Wanaka and surrounding area has a number of notable problem areas) and I have no reason to believe they would do any better in the future.

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I think it needs to happen

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I feel that every home should have water tanks and practice water efficiency, storm water should be dealt with on site and sewerage treatment should be treated by Council

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I want control of our waterways to stay with local Council, not be controlled by this large corporation. I don't like this at all, very dangerous and once we lose control of our water, we will never get it back.

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I wouldn't trust Jacinda with my family pet, let alone my water.

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Not enough details as to how it will actually work. I generally favour localism but also understand current situation of three waters infrastructure struggling to cope. Surely central government could just support local government more to achieve to their outcomes?

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Govt contr lee asset don't work and will be less efficient than local council. The cost of water will increase

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The management and ownership should stay with local council.

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Don't need or want to be controlled from out of area sources

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It is an undemocratic asset grab

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not enough time, little transparency, no consultation and undemocratic

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The three waters reform taking local water control for a fraction of the costs it has cost us as ratepayers into a nationwide or similiar corpoarte entity is not going to provide a positive solution to anybody but the entity that it is given to. We as ratepayers of the QLDC must control our own water , infrastructure, quality, etc.

Please join other mayors and district councils and reject this reform.

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No one owns our water! Water is not a government or privately owned asset. Liability for cleanup needs to be put onto developers and large commercial ventures. Alarm bells ring when the Govt bribes the local councils to buy into something!

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Do not want a centralised system

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I am a rate payer who believes local autonomy is important and democracy is crucial at local and National level. I believe a referendum is required. Council has been deceptive leaving consultation late to sort out. The fact the water payments will increase for all local rate payers if this is going to go ahead is abhorrent considering how hard bit we have been by covid. You need to listen to the people in the region.

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Disagree with 4 reform areas split on lwi lines and assigned to 4 main lwi. Reform should bring one national govt department, or one entity per island. Or the Government should be more honest with the public about the real reason for the reforms above just the purported financial benefits, and beyond the condescending childish cartoons on tv about safe drinking water - which the vast majority of us already have access to. You would not split DOC (for example) into 4 parallel bureaucracies and then tell people the entire reason you're doing it is to save them money - quoting Nanaia Mahuta 20min video selling the reforms where she only focuses on financial efficiency as the reason proving the case for reform, but fails to mention co-governance and division of entities broadly along the boundaries of the countries 4 largest lwi. Also hard to beleive small communities will receive better outcomes when control of their assets is removed and centralised - at the same time large urban centres such as Wellington will somehow have their infrastructure problems solved at less cost to rate payers compared to without the reform. The advertised cost savings of reform for most communities seems unbelievable at a time we are being told small communities need better infrastructure, and infrastructure in cities is supposedly falling apart, but somehow the reform is suddenly going to get everyone these assets and at a fraction of the cost... doesn't seem to stack up. Does it mean those of us living in areas with new infrastructure, or who live self

sufficiently on rain and tank water, are going to be pulled in to contributing financially to one of these 4 entities and forced to subsidise others? The overall ongoing cost to ratepayers is really concerning at a time we are already being asked for significantly more every year. If we end up paying \$1500 a year to a new water entity, there needs to be certainty about what effect this will have on our local council rates - would these be offset by at least the same amount? Its dubious ratepayers will come out of this better off financially with 3 entities (including Regional rates) to sustain, who will no doubt all attempt to keep ramping up rates bills at multiple times inflation every year. Ultimately, if Council doesn't have the information to consult with ratepayers then we don't have the information to form valid opinions, which indicates this is being pushed through too quickly. Being cynical some might assume the haste is due to some MPs with vested interests wanting to cement the co-governance goals of the reform.

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We SHOULD NOT give control of our assets to a private enterprise, let alone one that is 50% controlled by Maori, who make up 16% of our national population (and have a terrible track record in general for making good decisions on our assets and with money in government). There NEEDS to be better public consultation of this subject, and most people are in the dark about it even happening.

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Assets paid for and do not like Maori race having the power of veto

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I can't support a reform that will cost me more as a ratepayer.
Ibdont see how this benefits my community

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I don't know enough about it

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I feel the true government agenda has not truly been revealed and that this is more about handing some control over water to Maori.

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The govt raids the petrol tax from motorists and will do the same if I pay for 3 waters

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Firstly you state that because the Govt wants a decision by the 1st

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Oct you're not able to fully consult with your constituents - this should be a warning bell for anyone paying rates in our community. Should this scheme go ahead, the water related assets that QLDC -or in other words , the community -own would be gifted to the Govt. for a nominal sum. The community MUST be able to go through a thorough consultation process in order for the council to do this. Secondly - what are the financial implications for rate payers? Until we know this - how can we be expected to make a decision? Work done by other councils has indicated that rates could increase dramatically. At present we have our own set of priorities for what work and maintenance needs to be done for our district - should we become part of the Three Waters scheme - those priorities then have to compete with the whole area and we would have no guarantee that the new (potentially increased) rates we would be paying would even go to address the local needs within our district. How then would local ratepayers have a say?

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Giving our assets away , giving 50 percent to Maori one thing does not suit all of SI

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Locally, I am concerned that there is so little information made available by QLDC. For example, where are the baseline reports regarding our current infrastructure? Reports regarding what has been invested in infrastructure to date, where? What has been the decision making for this to date, including strategic priorities for infrastructure, which is a major responsibility of the Local Authority? Nationally, I support the reform.

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I don't trust Infrastructure NZ involvement in coming up with this plan. I get the feeling the government has thought we need to do something & this will do. Yes I will should be involved but not 50%. This proposal takes over local assets. Like all centralized initiatives they set up bloated, ineffective bureaucracies that don't deliver.

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We need a referendum for something this big. Currently most people's knowledge of this is the ads on the telly and that doesn't explain anything about anything

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Get China to pay for water and free for NZ

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If central Government is prepared to pay millions for the

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management rights of the three waters thus relieving council of the responsibility of having to meet the new criteria I would say go for it. The question mark I have is who sets the rates we then pay and is the money then spent locally or does it go into a big South Island pot then be redistributed.

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There is no way a small region/council area will receive the same service level as the larger cities if water infrastructure is nationalised. At least now if you have an issue the person you call actually has an idea where the location you are talking about is. I don't see how nationalising water can bring with it economies of scale, as the infrastructure is still spread out everywhere with huge variability in type and age etc.

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The district has spend millions of ratepayer funds to provide and protect these assets. I have not seen or heard anything about the Govt paying for these assets. Remote control does not reflect reality on the ground. Splitting the country by population may sound ok but the needs and climate are so different that I would be very concerned if folk in Kaikoura were arranging things for us down here in the mountains. Not enough information and the adverts on tv simply tell one nothing other than how govt can waste money.

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Lack of consultation, and very limited time frame for the councils to consult with the rate payers

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I fully support the concept of improving water systems, but I simply don't believe that establishing a separate bureaucracy and centralising control will deliver any real efficiencies or improve outcomes locally. The forecast savings would require massive bulk purchasing savings and very efficient administration and there's no indication as to how those savings would be achieved. At best I am sceptical of a politically driven and idealistic solution to a complex problem. .

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Non democratic, racist & won't solve any of the issues 'we' New Zealanders have with water.

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I am unclear about how having private ownership will affect the ability for every New Zealander to have access to water in the future as I have heard it suggested that a minority may have the

power to make decisions over the majority.

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This should not be controlled by the government this is a regional issue and should be handled by the councils

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1. Promotes clean, safe drinking water for us and the generations to follow. Also, 30 year projection for the cost of the consumer if status quo is of great concern for all parties involved. Creation of a entity that is fit for purpose

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I have major distrust in the council for ruining our clean drinking water in Arthur's point, adding to child allergies & skin conditions but have further concerns about privatisation

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Our community should not have an incompetent Government taking away council assets for less than they are worth. Less than 50% of people in the lakes district are of Maori descent so I can't fathom as to who the government would give control of our water to. On top of this, it will take jobs and money out of our community and send it north. The mismanagement of covid 19 has already screwed this district and I am not of the belief that the government will do anything good controlling our water. If anything they will start charging for it or sell it off to others.

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Wheres all the information

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The Govt is taking/stealing and confiscating the assets off local balance sheets that have been paid for 100's of years by locals and plumping up the govt and lwi balance sheets - in order to no doubt borrow more money by way of having equity, that they have stolen, by under valuing the very asset that I and all the rate payers own! We need to have a public referendum, that is written by somebody that is intelligent and outside of the QLDC. Somebody that can be available to talk to people that don't have a clue what this is all about, and somebody that is not being paid by the Government nor council. I was appalled, shocked and deeply sadden to receive a phone call last week - from (I will not name the person in this platform).. from Three Waters QLDC, so it would appear that the QLDC have already adopted and accepted the bribe from the government already. I hope that the QLDC will be transparent on how much has been accepted – when is this going

to be announced to the us the rate payer? QLDC, and the public need to wake up that this is a gift to the Māori from our very government. The ability to influence us to think that we will be drinking dirty water if we continue to fund as a local rate payer - this is infact untrue! Promoting the Three Waters paid by the Govt over all the media is to make the unaware think that it must be true, where in fact, this is all about giving control to the Govt and IWI - nothing to do with giving us better water. We already have wonderful water, so tell me, how it is going to get worse??? You can't. Nobody owns the RAIN, but if you can prove to me, in person that the rain that fell outside my home yesterday was created by a certain race, and therefore that they rightfully own it - I welcome you to come and see me. This is being driven by the Māori Caucus - there is a lot of danger in opting into this utter theft or even sitting on our hands and allowing this.

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Transferring our ownership of assets for a small amount and giving a few a great control of the entire country can only end badly, this takes away any local control for the benefit of a few. It is racist and purely a corporate move for Maori only but on the few at the top, the average person on the ground will get done cost wise. This SHOULD NOT happen

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The cost to the rate payer and taxpayer would be horrendous and without ability to question or debate

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The centralization of functions take the decision making away from the communities that are more likely to understand the problem and then the solutions

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This is a major move in the structure of local government in New Zealand. There is very little information apart from some very vague and simple statements from the govt. The time line for a decision from Councils is absolutely outrageous with no info or data to base any decision on. The basics of this is that it is Nationalization. The other aspect of this I believe sits behind this is He Puapua. This Is a very soft way of grabbing assets to pass over to IWI.

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The lack of information from central government, the tight timeframe for consultation and decision making, the figures just don't add up, the loss of local infrastructure. The tv advertisements

trivialise a really important issue and are imply that Europeans have destroyed the quality of water in the country.

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It's quite hard to judge if it will be good or bad until we see it implemented. There seem to be reasonable arguments both ways.

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There's nothing wrong with the current process system we have. A complete waste of money Changing it now

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Undemocratic & racist. Completely against NZ ethos of everyone's opinion being equal no matter what colour your grandparents were.

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Local water should be controlled locally.

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It seems that centralization is a gateway to privatisation. New Zealand's waterways are very unique to their own area and should be managed by a liaisons between the local councils and users who understand those unique requirements. A private company will only be interested in profits. Water costs to the individual will go up and up. Reinvestment in the infrastructure will be minimal.

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It opens the door to big problems in the future and no one should own the water. It should be free to everyone

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The current system has not sufficiently protected the environment. I hope the reform will improve this.

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I hear its a 'thing' ...but its not being widely publized so don't know whats its actually about

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This reform is being fast tracked, typical of the current government, with no time for local bodies to consult it's rate payers. The proposed new ownership of the ratepayers assets is dubious at least and the compensation offered insulting. Costs to ratepayers will definitely escalate under this proposal and it will be doubtful service and quality will improve.

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Don't trust this government

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Impact on primary industries and house holds

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Why not. Environmental protection

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I have a mistrust of the various Councils water standards across NZ. This way the potable water standards will be controlled. Waste water will also be set and handled to a national standard .Storm water across NZ is not controlled carefully enough.... perhaps this legislation will bring national standards to the handling of storm water and negate/avoid some very dubious decisions made recently.

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The government is steamrolling this through. NZ has a very strong history of rushed legislation with good intent that fails to deliver due to lack of timely thought and consultation before passing into law. NZ often does not need legislation; it just needs enforcement of the current laws that are probably written in such a way that they are unenforceable. The politicians are promising that it will never be sold off. From their track record we should be sceptical of this fairy tale they are telling us. The people need to have good drinking water supplies to reduce illness. Sewerage needs to be treated so that it is clean when discharged. Stormwater needs treating to remove impurities from runoff of roads and land; accidental or deliberate discharge of impurities into stormwater. This does not happen at present. A huge increase of rates could come about if we wish to actually be a clean green country instead of a facade. That is not necessarily a bad thing as speculators may run if returns reduce. Thus far the timeframe is too tight to allow the ordinary voter to let their views be known or become informed. The best outcome would be a binding referendum at the local body elections so each district gets to decide by the voters. This would mean that the local body politicians do not get the angst of a wrong decision. Most people do not understand that it is also about rural water supplies to a few households eg Walter Peak, Mt Nicholas in QLDC area. There needs to be more honest discussion without pushing one way or another. The best easily understood

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information so far that I have seen is Tim Cadogan with his videos. Please can QLDC get its act together and have open honest discussion. Mountain Scene, Lakes Weekly, even posters on supermarket doors. Don't waste money on mail drops. Radio discussion could be good. I want more information please.

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Water belongs to all and no part should have more power than another

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QLDC and local ratepayers have paid and funded this asset over many generations no infrastructure assets of this nature should be disposed of or controls given to others particularly central govt. In addition I fail to see how a minority 16% of the population should have voting controls over such assets that are locally owned. This is equivalent to central govt theft. Central govt has never demonstrated and ability to control, cost or spending. THIS PROCESS IS RUSHED WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CONSULTATION WITH RATEPAYERS

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Improvement to the 3 waters supports healthier communities

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Firstly, in the way the report was commissioned and its terms of reference. Secondly, the level of public consultation; third, the implications of this report in terms of recompense and subsequent control of this compensation, and finally, the central government of a public resource.

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Assets that we have brought as ratepayers are being taking by central government and then will be controlled by a 12 member group of which six members will be representing only 17% of the population. Also a 75% majority is required for anything to be passed therefore veto will be present.

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Taking local control of local assets away from those who understand. I anticipate the predicted costs will increase hugely.

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It shouldn't be centralized. It should be managed locally by the council. You already do a good job of managing it.

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We have already paid for the infrastructure through our rates, and now we have to hand it all over to an entity who will dish out maintenance projects and so forth as they see fit. The administration and maintenance needs to remain with the councils of each district.

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as you mention above still not a lot of info about the whole thing

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I have serious concerns regarding a potential for privatisation of the networks leading to offshore ownership and loss of local control including increased costs to satisfy profit expectations of those private companies.

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The proposal from central government lack credibility, lacks integrity and is undemocratic. If Qldc do not have enough information to consult with the rate payers then how can anyone make informed decisions and or comply with the local government act, I am also fundamentally opposed to central govt control of local 3 waters assets. I am also opposed to the control of the assets being 50% controlled by Maori, no one should own the water in NZ.

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Local government - throughout New Zealand - has proven itself over the past few decades to have a total inability to adequate plan, fund and build the key infrastructure that our communities need. Short sighted councillors have shown time and again to care far more about winning or retaining their seat at the Council table than making the important decisions that actually benefit the community they supposedly represent. There is no denying the absolute truth that there has been a woeful underinvestment in our community infrastructure. That underinvestment has been championed by local government for too long. In short, the sooner the critical responsibility of looking after our three waters networks is taken off them, the better.

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NZ has a democratic setup to administer these things. We don't need consolidation nor tribal rule

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Current system needs improving.

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I do not approve of these essential local facilities and services being owned by a centralised organisation. I am concerned decision making will be taken away from local communities.

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9/15/2021 06:48 PM

Local government likely to lose control of assets already owned by ratepayers. The proposed ownership is grossly out of proportion in relation to ethnicity

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9/15/2021 08:02 PM

No way should central govt take assets for a community for a fraction of the value and then entrust our most valuable resources to a non elected body with a race based veto and voting arrangement

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There is nothing wrong with our current water system, it works fine just the way it has run for the last (how many) years??? We as tax payers have already paid for it, from what we have seen and interpret, the govt will have to borrow money to implement this new scheme, which we, as the tax payer, will then have to fund, so its essentially paying for it twice! NOT GOOD. If a farmers water stops, who will fix it ???? As when we ring a govt department now, your'e generally on hold for a good couple of hours, that is in now way sustainable! Also, there will be no one close at had to help remedy the situation, they'll all be in the North Island and some may have never stepped foot in the south, let alone a farm. So, that briefly, is how we feel. Please don't be on board with this idea.

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Because the govt should leave water to councils control

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We don't need it

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Do not have sufficient information

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9/16/2021 07:05 AM

I believe we can manage our water and don't need another level of beaurocratic bullshit . We all want to make our water better so let

us do it

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9/16/2021 01:39 PM

I have no faith in the govt to execute the reform and I do not agree with the governance structure being taken away from the local community.

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9/16/2021 01:51 PM

It is giving Maori 50% power and possession of our water. This is bloody terrible. If they get the other 1% they are in total control of our water. You'll have to apply to your local iwi before you can have a shower at night. This is the most dangerous thing the government could ever do. Plus there is nothing stopping the Maoris selling our Lake Wakatipu water overseas coz they own it. We won't be able to fish or boat or anything. This goes ahead I'm leaving NZ !!!!

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Iwi control of water will be devastating. Water is a basic requirement to life. What will happen to power generation? Supply to farmers? I don't trust the handing over control of waters. Irrigation restrictions? Sales of fresh water? Metered water throughout New Zealand. Control is just the tip of the iceberg. Council should remain in control for fairness to ALL users. I also object to being asked my ethnicity for my opinion.

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Cost blowouts a certain & government have a tract record of poor effectiveness Lots of examples available

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Water should not belong to anyone.

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9/16/2021 07:19 PM

Seems like centralising more and more. And getting away from local councils dealing with local problems and having local insight

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I don't want to see the assets that have been paid for by the ratepayers given away to central governments. There will only be major increases in water rates not savings.

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9/17/2021 07:50 AM

I feel the Government are trying to takeover assets paid for by ratepayers , pay a tiny fraction of their worth as a token , borrow huge sums which we will pay for many times and all the while pay for the use of water and services to an entity that we have no

democratic representation on regardless the IWI will always have the control and ownership even although they are 17% of the population, even less in our areas! It is wrong on EVERY level. The Government has proved themselves to be totally inept at EVERY task they have undertaken. This will not be cheaper for ratepayers rather we will be held to ransom in perpetuity. I believe it is undemocratic to give a minority majority rule and total ownership of an asset we all need and have paid for. The term PART NERSHIP is nowhere stated or implied in the Treaty of WAITANGI document and is now being used as it suits the Government to hand everyone 's assets to IWI who represent a minority of the population of New Zealand. It's not a business decision any person would make of their personal assets and should not be taken by ratepayers assets either. Please don't give our assets away.

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9/17/2021 11:04 AM

It is appalling, logic based on a failed Scottish model, peer reviews are negative. A root to give control of our water assets to central Govt and controlled by Maori.

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as a ratepayer I've been paying/already paid for this asset, which the govt wants to buy from me for cents in the dollar, with money that I have paid them through my taxes and then significantly dilute my ability to have a say in how they are delivered/operated, including providing a 50% ownership for a portion of the population that is below 20%. This has a number of issues from a democracy perspective. This needs to be put to the people that own the assets via a ratepayer vote/referendum

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Water is a natural resource and shouldn't have to be given the rights to certain groups to control and charge for it - we are already paying for it through our rates and service charges apart from the fact we are such a diverse nation as in rural and urban living. To regulate and change for this all the while trying to push this through is very divisive for us as a country - we already have this split happening and this will only charge what is fast becoming a them and us society

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This is a commodity owned by the team of 5 million who have bought and paid for it through the generations and to have to receive approximately 10% of its real value is just criminal Then it will be owned by 4 groups that will go about charging us for it over again so just another way for the government to make more money from us taxpayers

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I don't think one central entity can efficiently serve the needs of all communities in the South Island. More densely populated urban areas will get the bulk of the funding, servicing, and upgrades and more rural communities will not. Just like the Lakes District has barely any access to proper health services because the DHB is not willing to invest in it (even though the community constantly raises that issue) the water situation will be the same if centrally controlled. This reform takes any control or voice away from communities who use the services which is also incredibly concerning with respect to issues such as the debate around fluoridation of drinking water and other issues.

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\$2.5 billion dollars to transition towards a new system (that currently works well for the Queenstown Lakes District) seems like a lot of money that could be otherwise better spent (like investing in water infrastructure in parts of New Zealand where it isn't up to scratch).

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Feels like centralisation is being bulldozed through with no community engagement. Even if there are longer term benefits, I find the government's approach lacks communication, and their television adverts patronising.

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Water needs for each individual region cannot be centralised under one Govt authority. The resources and infrastructure that are earmarked for handover to the Govt from is nothing short of daylight robbery from the ratepayers of the districts and regions. Water needs should be kept under council jurisdiction.

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I do not believe that this plan will improve the situation and it takes the decision making out of the local elected officials' hands. Centralising this will not result in better or more cost effective outcomes.

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It doesn't make logical sense. The Government wants to buy assets under value then basically rent them back to us.

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* there is not enough consultation * one size won't fit all * it is theft of our (ratepayers) investment to transfer to larger bodies where we

lose our voice and control of our assets. * there is no commitment to keeping water publically owned and is likely to end up in private ownership so we (ratepayers) will pay more than just maintenance but also to provide profit to someone else.

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9/17/2021 03:31 PM

I agree with the Mayors & Chairs media release of 25 August that more time needs to be given for information sharing. During the past few months we have been very busy with numerous consultations and this is one that I have not had time to investigate. Also, with so much pressure having been on people during Covid lockdown and level 3/2 there have not been opportunities for QLDC to adequately consult with ratepayers.

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I don't agree with 1 entity being in charge and also the ownership to Maori who are not indigenous to this country.

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I don't want to give control of our water infrastructure to a Central Government entity, I don't want it sold to the Government (for taxpayer dollars) when we've already paid for it as ratepayers, and I don't want to give control over our three waters to a remote board who have no understanding of our unique needs as a community.

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I think it's wrong that this govt is trying to create Apartheid in NZ. And this 3 waters bullshit is just a part of jacinda trying to split NZ into two separate societies by giving Maori 50% rights in not only the water of nz but eventually their own legal system etc etc. ITS CALLED APARTHEID

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It will just be another Bill on top of already increasing rates

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Because I think local councils should look after water for their areas

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I have seen and experienced local municipalities' absolutely negligent management of water first hand (Wellington, for example)

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It's a asset grab by moari

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Government is effectively confiscating assets and transferring part ownership of the assets to groups who have had little or no part in creating or maintaining said assets and they are doing it on a vague promise of providing a better service or quality than we currently enjoy. I don't believe based on promises and results to date that this government should be trusted and suggest that when local government body's relinquish ownership it will be squandered and more than likely fall into the hands of those only interested in lining their own pockets.

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Lack of consultation , handing over local assets and control to govt and iwi which is not great at all!

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This is a strategic asset that needs to stay in the hands of our community. I have zero trust in the intentions of this government and I do not believe that they will or can do a better job looking after our waters. Their plan is flawed and the proposed savings do not add up, their coercive tactics are decisive and undemocratic. Our district knows and understands our needs and is much better placed to look after our three waters.

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The three waters networks need a major overhaul

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Government taken water rights away from councils

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I am very concerned about the way the Government is going about this. Bribing Councils with funding that is a fraction of what our water assets are worth; trying to force a decision without providing sufficient information to allow for informed decision making or community consultation; and effectively stealing assets paid for by the people in order to then sell it back to us at a higher price. I am also concerned about the agenda to give Iwi so much control over our water assets.

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I think the current set up in NZ is inefficient and not delivering good outcomes with ageing infrastructure that's too expensive to upgrade for many areas. However I'm concerned that centralising the system and potentially taking 3 waters off councils will result in loss of jobs, loss of local knowledge and inefficiencies in service delivery, all in the name of cost saving.

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The cost of infrastructure upgrade is beyond the reach of most local govt. Continuity across regions will help efficiency and quality of policy.

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Not for it.

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There is no valid commercial case to support this. It's immoral, dishonest and laced with hidden agendas. It's a shameful proposal and NZers needs to end it immediately.

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These are assets owned by the community and should remain in the community. QLDC in particular has spent considerable amounts of money on projects to upgrade our systems and it is therefore likely that this will only mean that ratepayers are likely to end up paying to upgrade the systems for other parts of the country that have not invested appropriately. Also these assets can be used as security for any borrowings the council may require in the future. Further if the assets are centralised what guarantee do we have that any further work we require will be prioritised accordingly or delayed in favour of work required to upgrade other areas of the country which are lagging behind.

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I feel the process is being rushed and we need more information to make informed decisions and data to quantify the governments claims of cost saving.

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water supply and disposal varies greatly from one community to another and would be best understood by local councils following national guidelines, not by national organisations

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Centralising such a vital piece of local infrastructure will be a disaster - we need to keep it local so that both the council and the local development community can dynamically respond to what is needed

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It is wrong to redistribute assets according to racial bias. Water is owned by every person, not one ethnicity

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Water infrastructure is critical and we need to invest over the long term for safe secure water. Specifically agricultural runoff due to factory dairy farming needs to be addressed

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Because the Reform has not been thought through, it will cost me as I've already paid for upgrading my facilities, this sort of amalgamation rarely is efficient, the decision making will not be democratic as it favours some Maori over other citizens, the premise of "partnership" is not based on the Treaty, it seems it may be a smoke screen for the raising of considerable funds that there is no indication where it will be spent.

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This requires local bodies giving up ownership of assets that the ratepayer have paid for and giving total control of these assets to iwi.

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Rate payers have assets worth billions of dollars, govt offering very little, what has the govt actually delivered effectively?? Why tar QT with same brush as a poorly operated supply in Havock. Make drinking water standards punishable by law with maintainers liable. Problem solved.

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9/18/2021 08:38 PM

Handing over and privatising our water rights, how is that going to benefit the local rate payer? By dividing NZ into 3 zones and QLDC effectively being in the southern zone and most likely being run from Christchurch how is that a benefit to QLDC rate payers. QLDC has an abundance of water it is a growing region with fast development and infrastructure projects on the go. It does not have aging or dilapidated assets so why would we hand these over or in effect sell them to receive a short term financial gain only for the local rate payer in the future pay. Can only see Bill's going sky high. No way, bad deal

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Probably just need more info

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It appears to be a scheme to take a major asset from the community's at a much lower value than the current market value. For little to no benefit for the community, or at least these benefits have not been made abundantly clear. It is also moving at a much faster pace than is necessary as you have suggested

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9/19/2021 10:17 AM

This is another asset grab by the Government. These assets are owned and paid for by us the ratepayers. Unlike as is being portrayed by the Labour Government propaganda team, our water is not "Slime from the tap". Our Local Councils have done a very good job in providing safe clean water to their communities. This asset grab is a complete injustice and must be stopped. Such action is creating nothing but division within our New Zealand communities.

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It will remove control of 3W from councils and give it to unelected boards to run. It will be more expensive for ratepayers. The numbers are not credible. It is a disguise to give control of water to iwi.

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Because there is lack of information to access for residents and how it may affect them day to day ie does it mean we might have to pay for our water usage?

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I see how it may be beneficial to the smaller districts who do not have the budget to retain qualified engineers etc. However, that is not the case with Queenstown so we should retain control of our Three Waters

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3 waters are very local and specific infrastructure. A remote authority is just another cost and bureaucracy with political and slow decision making. Areas with good infrastructure will be paying for areas with poor infrastructure. While the promise is that assets will not be sold off. Who would have thought in the 90s that our electricity infrastructure would substantially be in private and overseas ownership now. Direct ownership will be away from local councils and accountability to ratepayers non-existent. Councils / local organisations will always be the fall-guy with the distant authority blaming systematic errors and with CEOs slinking away to other positions. Government should mandate the requirements, provide the expertise and cash where required and let local authorities get on with it.

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Not going to cater for all

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On one hand, I am not in favour of centralisation of decision making by the nanny state. On the other hand, I have not been impressed by QLDC's handling of proposed new water schemes. Neither is good, and I have not yet decided which is worse.

Optional question (216 response(s), 16 skipped)

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