

THREE WATERS INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - TERMS OF REFERENCE / NGĀ ĀRAHINA MAHINGA

Chair	Councillor Cotter
Deputy Chair	
Membership	The Mayor and All Councillors
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.
Meeting Cycle	Monthly
Reports To	Council

Delegations

The Council delegates to the Three Waters Infrastructure and Environment Committee authority to monitor and make decisions on:

- Water supply, conservation and quality.
- Receive regular updates from the Water Management Zone Committees.
- Stormwater drainage including the Land Drainage Recovery Programme.
- Natural environment, including the waterways, aquifers, ecology and conservation of resources.
- Natural hazards protection, including flood protection and river control.
- Solid waste collection, processing and disposal including landfills.
- Sewage collection, treatment and disposal.
- Applications to the Biodiversity Fund.

Bylaws

The Council delegates to the Committee authority to:

- Oversee the development of new bylaws within the Committee's terms of reference, up to and including adopting draft bylaws for consultation.
- Oversee the review of the following bylaws, up to and including adopting draft bylaws for consultation.
 - Trade Waste Bylaw 2015
 - Waste Management Bylaw 2009
 - Water Supply, Wastewater and Stormwater Bylaw 2014

Submissions

- The Council delegates to the Committee authority:
- To consider and approve draft submissions on behalf of the Council on topics within its terms of reference. Where the timing of a consultation does not allow for consideration of a draft submission by the Council or relevant Committee, that the draft submission can be considered and approved on behalf of the Council.

Limitations

- This Committee does not have the authority to set project budgets, identify preferred suppliers or award contracts. These powers remain with the Finance and Performance Committee.
- The general delegations to this Committee exclude any specific decision-making powers that are delegated to a Community Board, another Committee of Council or Joint Committee. Delegations to staff are set out in the delegations register.
- The Council retains the authority to adopt policies, strategies and bylaws.

Chairperson may refer urgent matters to the Council

As may be necessary from time to time, the Committee Chairperson is authorised to refer urgent matters to the Council for decision, where this Committee would ordinarily have considered the matter. In order to exercise this authority:

- The Committee Advisor must inform the Chairperson in writing the reasons why the referral is necessary.
- The Chairperson must then respond to the Committee Advisor in writing with their decision.

If the Chairperson agrees to refer the report to the Council, the Council may then assume decision-making authority for that specific report.