

## Three Waters Sub Committee

### Terms of Reference

#### Purpose

The Three Waters Committee is established to provide governance oversight, advice, and recommendations to Council on the delivery, compliance, and sustainability of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services in the Mackenzie District. The Committee ensures alignment with the Local Water Done Well framework, statutory obligations, and Council's Water Services Delivery Plan.

#### Objectives

- 1) Monitor performance of Council's water services against regulatory standards and financial sustainability requirements.
- 2) Oversee implementation of the Water Services Delivery Plan approved by Council and submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs for approval.
- 3) Oversee the transition of the current water services within Council to the in house Professional Unit (current option approved by Council – awaiting DIA response)
- 4) Ensure compliance with:
  - a) Water Services Act 2021 and Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025.
  - b) Drinking water standards and wastewater discharge consents.
  - c) Taumata Arowai regulatory requirements.
- 5) Provide strategic advice on:
  - a) Infrastructure investment priorities.
  - b) Funding and pricing strategies for water services.
  - c) Risk management and resilience planning.
- 6) Recommend to Council on:
  - a) Significant capital projects for water infrastructure.
  - b) Service delivery models (in-house, CCO, or joint arrangements).
  - c) Community engagement and consultation processes.

#### Responsibilities

The Committee shall:

- Review quarterly reports on:
  - Drinking water compliance.
  - Wastewater and stormwater performance.
  - Financial performance and cost recovery.
- Monitor progress on major water projects and renewals.
- Consider audit and compliance findings and recommend corrective actions.
- Support transparency and community engagement on water issues.

<b>Membership</b>	Councillors Sue Allen, Councillor Mark Adams, Deputy Mayor Rit Fisher, Independent technical advisors: May be appointed as non-voting members if required.
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<b>Quorum</b>	The quorum shall be a majority of the members.
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<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Rit Fisher
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<b>Meetings</b>	The Committee will meet on a monthly basis or as required.
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<b>Delegations</b>	<p>The Committee has authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Request information and reports from staff.</li><li>• Make recommendations to Council on all matters within its scope.</li></ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The Committee does <b>not</b> have authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adopt the Water Services Delivery Plan or set water charges (reserved for full Council).</li><li>• Enter into transfer agreements or structural arrangements without Council approval.</li></ul>
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