

Water Services Entities Bill

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Public submissions are now being called for Water Services Entities Bill

The closing date for submissions is 11.59pm Friday, 22 July 2022

The Chair of the Finance and Expenditure Committee is calling for public submissions on the Water Services Entities Bill.

This bill is the first of a suite of bills to reform New Zealand’s drinking-water, wastewater and stormwater services—the “three waters” services. Currently, these services are mostly provided by local councils.

The bill would create four publicly owned water services entities that will provide safe, reliable, and efficient water services in place of local authorities. Each water services entity would take on responsibility for delivering water services to a specific geographical area, from 1 July 2024.

The bill sets out how the water services entities would operate, and how they would be accountable to the public.

The committee is interested in understanding the public's views on local government ownership of water services and the governance structures of the proposed water services entities.

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