

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 39

Name: Monica van de Weerd

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Water is free to everyone No one should own the water Stop 3 Waters. Keep it fully in the hands of the people Do not go ahead with 3 Waters

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Water belongs to the people No profit to be made on it No boards talking to other boards - making money off water. Local council only

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

No government reform No 3 waters No extra boards Local level only No profit from water

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

100% against No profit to be made Water belongs to all people in NZ

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Wrong Has to be non profit Belongs to the people Local council only

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

No to 3 water No to government reform The water belongs to the people Non profit Local only

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Name: phil haizelden

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

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What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Supportive of central government position.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Fully supportive of central government position.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Fully supportive of central government position. Local government not competent enough to manage water in the future.

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Name: Mano

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

My only concern is that Water is an asset that belongs to the ratepayers of the local Councils. Ratepayers pay local Councils to look after the water. Remember in Hamilton we used to pay just one rate to Hamilton City Council and a small proportion of the rate was for the environment. Then the Government set up Environment Waikato Council later this became Waikato Regional Council and now we pay two rates. Duplicated the work we have two sets of Councillors two mayors both councils look after the bus service. Three waters will later become another Three Waters Council and we will have to pay another rate for the Water Council Mayor and Councilors. Three waters will also come up with water meter ideas. Public Health and the environment had been good under the present system. Leave it as it is.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

We do not need a Water Council coming up with another rate to pay for the third Mayor and a set of Councillors who will get the support of political parties.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is how the Government started Environment Waikato and now it had become Waikato Regional Council. It is duplicating the work of the Hamilton City Council. Now they are starting three waters later we will have another Mayor and Councillors for three waters and we will have to pay another rate. Hamilton City Council puts up the rates by 8.9 % and 4.9% and Waikato Regional Council puts up the rate by 7.7 %. Leave the water as it is.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The community is struggling to live due to the high cost of living. Privatization will be disastrous. See Auckland private water company residents are so angry.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am not in favor of it, learnt the lesson once.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This is another way of creating a Mayor and Councillors and forcing the community to pay for them by duplicating the systems causing hardship to the voters.

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Name: Paul Daborn

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

They make sense

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

A good idea

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is a sensible approach

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Adequate and sensible

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Investing more, and sooner will pay dividends in time. Again, a good idea.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I fully support this initiative.

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Name: Craig

Organisation: Ministry of Style Ltd

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

They have some merit but councils who have not kept up their maintenance such as Wellington shouldn't be reimbursed anything at all

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I wouldn't trust a word of what the government comes up with in this department , taking into account inflation you would probably expect it to cost gouge hikes as much by 2050

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It's rubbish , ownership means you get to have a clear say in running things even if it's only an AGM once a year , race based appointments are rubbish and if the government agency providing the services to us is anything like the immigration , education or the health ministry we will have more luck finding water if we move to the Sahara

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Rubbish

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Plenty of unanswered questions and specifics on regards actual sums

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It's theft , we need a better level of compensation for the investment in Hamilton while those who have been too busy building unused cycleways in the likes of Wellington and not looking after their water pipes etc because that's not a pet legacy project should actually get a bill not a payment. The race based nature of the controlling entities is not democratic and will be another cause of a severe conflict in society. It should be about who is best to do the job , not what colour they are

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Name: Roger Davis

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This is a definite NO from me. Leave the system as it is, owned by the rate payers who paid for it, and the local city council to run it No iwi involvement!!

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Produced to favour the 3 waters movement I take no Factual information from it

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Racist toward Non Maori. I reiterate. leave it to the democratically elected City council. Will be a shambles if Maori involved.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am not in favour of the govts position

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Produced to show a favour to Govt. The numbers paint an incorrect picture

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The govts reform is idealist. The real issue behind this, is taking an asset and giving it to IWI. Nothing to do with environmental or any other issues. Any perceived improvement's can be done via local Govt

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Name: Dennis Aplin

Organisation:

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SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally against all aspects of the reforms and bill now being pushed through Parliament.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Council Waters should be kept in councils 100 per cent ownership.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Totally against these structures.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The majority of council's are delivering excellent water and services already. The one or two that are not should separately be financially assisted by government to improve their service. This would save an enormous amount of money.

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Name: Average citizen

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Māori should have no bearing on any decision. Decisions or positions given because of race are racist. Māori are no more special than any other no citizen. We all have equal chance in no Māori are deluded and self entitled

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Keep going as we are. In no way should co governance be introduced. Māori are no more special than an other no citizen and have he same opportunities.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Māori deserve nothing they have had plenty. Co governance is a joke and cannot go, ahead it is blatant racism. Māori have the same chance as any other no citizen they are deluded and self entitled and are causing racism in New Zealand

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It is a pipe dream

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Makin jobs liKe increasing bureaucracy is a labour incentive. Labour will be gone next vote as will Māori favoured over all other New Zealanders

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It's theft. It's just another way they are trying to hand the country and power to Māori. Co governance is blatant racism in favour of Māori it's **** and needs to be stopped

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Name: T.M.Hoy

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with collective model

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am totally opposed to privatisation and agree with collective ownership.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Agree win win

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Our area takes in Waikato and Whanganui catchments which seems logical.

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Name: Donna Luxton

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I had to look at the Māori dictionary for the meaning of mauri which said - life principle, life force, vital essence, special nature, a material symbol of a life principle, source of emotions- and example - if the Māori bewitches these things, they will be destroyed and disappear, no matter how big these things are, if a spell is cast upon them they will disappear. This seems a very strange principle for a water reform and open to all sorts of interpretations

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think this is scaremongering and trying to convince people with figures. It seems interesting the regions are Māori tribal regions.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This seems crazy, making a huge organisation out of something that is already managed well by individual councils. Are any of these people experts in managing water? I noted mana whenua is at the top, then noted that they have no ownership, then in the Māori dictionary that word means authority over land or territory, so doesn't that contradict itself?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It looks like council will only be given shares meaning they will have minimal input over an asset they own and have been maintaining for many years.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I would prefer HCC to look after and keep control of our water, I do not want to pay a separate entity.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not want the Three Water Reform I would like the council to remain in control of the water for the city.

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Name: Allan Thomson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Misguided, unclear and an unusually strong grab at control over resources not expected from a NZ Government.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Under researched like most government estimates of recent years. No real and valid proof, hearsay from apparent experts with no real unbiased individual studies done.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Over the top, unnecessary.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Lacking.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Leave it to the local/regional council. Unnecessary power play from a weak government.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Loud, **** *

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Name: Manish

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Public health matters and environment too. But we don't want another bill to be added on to us as we are already paying high rates and Waikato regional charges. We don't want another Bill. So stop collecting more tax and worry about people, you have enough money in your damm pockets.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

We don't want another cost to be added on to our budget, nz has enough water under the earth and we have the rights to use the water what our Mother Earth gives us. So for god sake stop another bill.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This labour govt doesn't think about people, one of the **** govt ever. So tell govt to **** off. Tell them to reform them self and their party and **** off. **** rip offs.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

We don't want any privatisations. We want to leave it as it is with the councils.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This govt just want to keep everything under their control so that they can use our money for renovating their offices and buy them nice cars. So stop this **** labour. We don't want any other reforms.

Overall – what are your views?***Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?***

We don't want three waters reforms that's it. End of the storey and labour this time you are out and will never come back no matter how much ever money you give people to vote you. You have screwed up the whole economy to fill up your pockets. Get out simple. We don't want a govt like you.

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Name: TIMOTHY H SMITHSON

Organisation: AGM INTERNATIONAL GROUP - ASSESSCO GENERAL & MARINE

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There are sixty-eight Rating Zones , Council-managed zones; Council manages these zones on behalf of the Rate Payer , the ratepayer that owns their Districts infrastructure assets by way of a legal contract. Generations of Rate Payers have paid for the infrastructure assets; the assets are purchased off the Rate Payer once a Rate Payer's advocate holds a Referendum and a decision is made to sell, so Three Waters Reforms hands of the central government. Public health is defined as the science of protecting safety and improving the health of communities through education, policymaking and research for disease and injury prevention. Examples of public health efforts include educating the public about healthier choices, promoting physical activity and fitness, preventing disease outbreaks and the spread of infectious diseases, ensuring safe food and water in communities, preparing for emergencies, preventing injury, and treating water with fluoride for improving and protecting the present and future generation of people young and old. Regarding the environment is about educating the public about healthier choices and promoting physical activity and fitness for human beings and animals alike.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton households are charged a flat rate for water based on property value. This means the average household is charged approximately \$140 per year or \$2.67 per week for their water supply. The projected reform cost is \$1220.00 plus per year, which equals \$23.4615385 per week for their water supply.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The present individual Council model is the correct model. The local Council manages the infrastructure on behalf of the owners of the city's infrastructure assets, the owners of the assets are of the Ratepayer in each Council District. What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform? complete and utter nonsense so scrap it.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The present individual Council model is the correct model. The alleged Three Water reform model is the privatisation of water make no mistake about what is proposed by the present Central Government.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform? On review completely negative. The Three Water reform will just be another level of central Government control of local Ratepayers Assets . Presently we have two Council tires: - 1} Local HCC Council 2} Waikato Regional Council 3} The Three Waters alleged reform would make another tire that of a system of privatisation governance. Which is a negative in my personal view.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the alleged Government's Three Waters Reform? Central Government has no proof of physical evidence that the Three Waters reform would be better over time than what presently exists within the management governance of local Councils. Local council governance provides historical evidence that Ratepayers ownership of its assets has a proven historical record. Hamilton households are charged a flat rate for water based on property value. This means the average household is charged approximately \$140 per year or \$2.67 per week for their water supply. The Three Waters alleged reform model would be theft of private property rights ownership. Where it is proposed to be purchased by central Government, it should be purchased at its true value from the Ratepayer who owns the assets. The Three Water alleged asset grab proposed by central Government is not democratic, as no Ratepayer referendum has been undertaken.

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Name: Garry phillips

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe the government reform will take all the benefits of expertise away from individual councils and rate payers to the detriment of common sense, logic and overall health and wellness, in the meantime making no benefits to the environment what so ever.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe service will decay and costs will escalate as in nearly all centralized government operations.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe there is not the expertise among the governance selection And they can't possibly be able to focus on every region equally.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't believe anyone can guarantee against that happening in the future.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I feel that the rate payers who have invested heavily in very successful outcomes will have been robbed and for who's benefit apart from the egos of the ones taking them over.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I believe it is a crock and a big con to become part of a control take over and to take away our rights and freedoms. I feel this is part of their agenda to further erode our democracy.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

While clean water is a must and care of discharge this is a need of everyone and not specifically requiring separate ethnic input

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

While costs will increase and need to be accounted for such as multi builds on present single dwelling sections by the developers paying appropriate fees and costs. My concern is the reforms will see too much money siphoned off for officials running it and not sure there would be proportional distribution of funds across areas for upgrades

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Against. Theft by central government by legislation and bureaucracy

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Should remain under council control. No privatisation of essential services

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Don't agree with them

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The whole thing has been poorly handled and rammed through by a minister with her own hidden agenda.

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Name: David Wise

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Racist reform and is not wanted

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Racist service and is not wanted

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Racist governance and as a ratepayer I am saying is not wanted and is about time this council listened to the ratepayers

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Government has no protection against privacy based on their horrific past

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Waste of money No to the reform

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a racist and money wasting exercise

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Name: Wayne Thomas

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not want 3 waters reform to go ahead

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am happy with costs as they are

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I want governance to remain as it is

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I want it to remain as it is

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I want it to remain as it is

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

it is not what we need

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Excellent idea, I hope it is adopted and embraced by all of NZ

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

In the long term it will provide a lower cost service.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Local government do not have the right experience to manage 3waters. Qualified board members is a far better option

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Legislatively it cannot happen. So why is this a question?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton City cannot afford to provide a robust service in the future. The country needs larger entities that have greater ability to borrow

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This has to happen, Hamilton Councillors who are creating negative publicity need to spend time reading the Bill and associated documents to fully understand what this is about

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Name: Jack Henderson

Organisation: John Gerard Henderson

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is clear that public health and the environment will benefit from government reforms. The health of our waterways is extremely bad under the current system.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I applaud the cost savings to me and all water users as a result of the government reforms.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

While this will depend on the quality of the candidates, it is certain that they will be better suited to the governance role than elected members with little experience in the sector.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think there should be more protections against privatisation by any government in the future.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I support the new structures, which will save ratepayers money.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

i strongly support the move to include Maori as part of the governance of Three Waters. I support the introduction of professional managers instead of parish pump priming local body grandees. I see nothing in this legislation that will mean less control over the resource for the average resident or ratepayer.

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Name: Susan Thomason

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the three waters proposal as it provides a comprehensive approach to water care for health and for the environment. Water management will increasingly become a priority as we face changes to climate behaviour. We need to think big picture rather than selfishly. I want the council to support the proposed changes

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The important thing is to protect our fresh waters and the costs must be met to do so. If there is a saving long term of our clean water and environment then we need to pay for future generations. We have stuffed up so now need to clean up

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Bigger picture thinking is needed as opposed to small thinking in small communities. Self interest can be a motivator in councils

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

These are important as future governments could privatise if changes are not protected against it

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Trust these are appropriate

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

[Go for it - support and action reforms please](#)

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Name: Mark Servian

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with them.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with them.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with them. Co-governance is essential across all elements of government in colonised countries, and opposition to it is just a desperate attempt to retain Pakeha privilege.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

A VERY VERY good idea, something that should have been put in place 35 years ago. Corporatisation is worthwhile for the business discipline it introduces, but the taxpayers through the Government should be the beneficiary of that reform, not lose it to the shareholders of a private company. If you want to pay less taxes, you have to let the Government own surplus-generating entities and not fantasise about 'smaller government'.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Appropriate and worthwhile. I am both a rate payer and a tax payer, so am I am not losing anything via this reform.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The Three Waters reform is desperately needed, and while I generally support localisation and this proposal is not perfect, in this case the water infrastructure is so essential and Aotearoa is so small, that local control is being sufficiently retained. As I said earlier, I am a ratepayer and a taxpayer, so all this reform does is move my ownership of a public asset from an annoying invoice to the painless PAYE system. NOTHING IS BEING STOLEN FROM ME, and anyone who claims the contrary is being disingenuous and conspiratorial. Frankly, the main problem in this situation is that so few people vote in local body elections when compared to general elections. So the HCC only truly represents under 40% of the city's population and the councillors interests are served by keeping it that way. Whereas 80% of the voting age population vote in General Elections, so central Government is simply more legitimate, even before you get to constitutional questions. If the HCC spent MUCH MUCH more on the Democracy part of its budget, like 10% at least, it would increase its voter turn-out and by doing so have more legitimacy and ability in opposing central government policies. When I was working for the HCC Communications Unit, I saw more resource go into the promotion of the consultation on the new kerbside recycling regime (including a dedicated staffer hired for the specific campaign) than was going into promoting HCC by-elections. Good that the waste reform got enough resources, but in doing so it clearly showed what is lacking in the main democracy space. Please, by all means push the Government to tweak details around the edges of this, but otherwise get over this idea that we're losing control, cos we are not.

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Name: Campbell Wood

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There are no assurances whatsoever that a centralised water management model will better enable services to be delivered (more effectively from a health and environmental perspective and cost effectively) to local rate payers.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

A smaller regional entity would be more reflective of the needs and community of Waikato/Bay of Plenty. Councils must retain planning and financial control over entities delivering services and controlling costs for the delivery of our waters.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

No particular racial cohort so be given a skewed level of influence over the governance of our nation's water assets and water services delivery. Legislative authority, voting/veto strength at decision making tables must be equal at all levels - one person one vote taking into account all perspectives fairly and equality not giving the voice of some an inordinate advantage over others. Additionally, there are (even at a glance) an unnecessary number of governance levels. This appear to be a move to disguise the fact that co-governance (which is clearly and overtly instantiated under the proposed model) will be in effect and will most certainly have an egregious effect. It would stand to reason that adding layers of bureaucracy to not in any way help to deliver better services to our regions or more cheaply.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Based on their track record with other issues, I have no reason to believe that in spite of the safeguards against privatization that appear to be suggested (on the previous slide) that the government won't back track on this and privatise anyway. Many, not just I, have lost faith and trust in our government to stand by their promises and water is too big a thing to gamble away.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This all sounds really woolly ... Under the reform, water users would pay water services costs to the new entities, instead of through their council rates. Each entity will decide the best way to recover these costs for their region. Charging could be on a capital value rating system (like Hamilton's rates now), through a standardised charge, through metering as for business customers now, or through a combination of these and other mechanisms. Those decisions are yet to be made. In previous paragraphs there is a lot of 'may' and 'could' ... This indefinite language does not offer much confidence and assurance of what WILL happen. I feel and believe many others do too that a far greater degree of financial certainty is needed before we will be confident that this structure will not 'talk a good game' but actually deliver nothing or worse drive costs up.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I fundamentally disagree with them, don't want this proposal in any way shape or form to go ahead, and feel that actually the government are being disingenuous and dishonest about what they claim will be its effects should it be implemented. The assurances they suggest in your above statement (excuse the pun) don't hold water.

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Name: Martin oIM

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is some what obvoius that the systems need to be maintained and have not been suitably attended to by local authorities over the years. We are told by our rates demands that 30.8% of our rates go to water management which is the highest proportion of the distribution of any of the items listed, budgeted for. If 30.8% of the rates is being taken for water services , that is a massive amount of money and one has to ask where is it going when connection fees are charged for new properties and a given area of land attracts a greater rates contribution when built upon. With this in mind it is essential that a system is in place to keep the water supplies in a potable state when delivered to homes under a social contract to the public to maintain U.N standards The 'health' of the water is far more complex than just what the question asks, asside from who administers it.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I really think that there has been some severe massaging of the figures, stating huge 'Wish List' ideals into the upper figures then reducing them to what is a normal cost of livig increase over the period discussed. Water pipes and drains are not sexy and the proposals even though required are seriously inflated in the upper zones and in reality create no difference or benefit to the average householder, who has 30.8% of his rates, going to support the water reticulation systems now. Water comes into my house now in a potable condition, I poloute it and send it back for recycling . The rain I have no control over but has to be dealt with and is somewhere in the 30.8 % of my rates . If the local authority does not have the ability to manage the systems as they are, one can only conclude that 1] there must have been mis use of funds and 2] a new Quango with several levels of beurocracy 'policing' other parts of the beaurocracy , with no losses of jobs from one system to the other where will the savings come from ?? Labour is always a large part of any enterprise .

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The governance aspects of the whole concept is really the worst part of it. with the two governances being Mana Whenua , having been re-named from what it was originally, Iwi and local authorities with a restriction to 50,000 people per entity , with the opportunity for Mana Whenua members to become local authority members and influence the balance of the directorship when racially divisive tactics could come to bear, this is not confined to water reticulation, it applies to whole of governance and is disproportionate to population statistics being that 83% of the population do not identify as Maori. The 'Treaty' is being observed by Maori having equal access to the reticulation systems as the rest of the population who are these days diverse and cosmopolitan and ALL subscribe to the finances of the country , including the water systems. No. The governance aspects are not suitable.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The opportunity for privatisation are manifold with members of a selected race occupying half of the regional representative group, and, with a smart bit of manipulation a controlling vote could be influenced onto the other half of the body, privatisation could be very easily achieved, not this year, not next year but some time in the future. Also why would privatisation be desirable if a section of society had control, why is the initiative being put into 'entities' and having a board, directors and so forth which is the structure of a 'private' corporate body, if privatisation is not a long term goal. What has been said here can be identified as racist, it is because the proposition is racist, it is racist against the 83% of the population that do not identify as Maori and the 'We were here first' argument does not work here because 83% of the population have contributed 83% of the funding for the PUBLICLY OWNED systems which the 17% have complete, unfettered access to and are asking for 50% control over. This is a concerning initiative and normal diplomat processes should not have allowed this to have got to this point. This is not a matter to be established on an ethnicity basis when we are such a cosmopolitan society

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Finance has been in place for the past 200 years and local authorities have been taking 30.8% of the rates to cover the service and to complete their contract to the public . If local authorities need assistance they can apply to central government who take over 65% of the GDP in revenue, for a grant to enable them to complete their contractual responsibilities to the community. There is no need or desire by the majority of the population of this country to create an organisation that is based upon sectarian principals that is based upon a six form debate topic, and, has a great opportunity to manipulate the control of a basic need for life by a small section of the community

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Undoubtably there is a need to modernise and maintain the water reticulation systems in this country. Water is an a nessential for life and we all need it for servival, but, there is little appetite for creating a huge leviathian that has racial preferance and the opportunity to be controlled and 'farmed' by an elite proportion of this country. The Three Waters initative is flawed in many ways and should be exposed for what it is, which is an asset grab from the majotity of the population by a small group who haave dubious motives for their intent.

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Name: Thomas Beuker

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We do need fresh water and be assured of the quality for our use. As with many changes the Government is proposing, like improve quality of living in healthier homes, it is rushing these proposals through without proper consultation. No, this is not consultation what is happening now, it has already been decided by the Minister and the Labour caucus. Because of strong opposition from the construction industry in regards to healthier homes without consulting the industry, it has now been delayed. Further more, the industry is not ready for it yet. Look at the crisis with gibboard and other materials. The record of this Government in regard to managing assets and follow up on promises is a complete disaster. Look at our housing shortage. The proportion of Maori in New Zealand is around 20%, yet they will have as many seats as the rest of New Zealand, Europeans , Afrikaaners, Americaners, Asians etc.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The Government is not prepared to listen. I have years ago proposed to install rainwater tanks with every new house build. Nearly all my designs included flushing toilets with rainwater. Washing machines connected to rainwater. Laundry, outside watertaps etc. My waste water designs in the country did have two tanks. One for foul water and one for grey water. The grey water was filtered and used for irrigation. The cost will in the long run be more expensive and its the rate payers who face the bill. Councils who never maintained their water system and rate payers who did not contribute have the best outcome. Councils who spend milj. over the years have every thing taken away without compensation.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Unacceptable. Local representatives need skills and quality. Maori does not need anything.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is a proposal. Any Government can change this whenever they want.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Government has not yet calculated how it will pay or compensate for water infrastructures. It first want to go ahead and then, when ever it suits them, look at payments etc. Typical Labour.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

A poorly constructed idea with no consultation and proper explanation. It is a rush through job which they want to wrap up before they might loose controle with an election.

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Name: Craig Stevens

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I oppose everything that the current Labour government is proposing, they are systematically making New Zealand a worse place than when they started. Any inequity for Maori health outcomes should have been prioritised within the existing health system. The previous District Healthboard system was broken and was inefficient, and wasteful, so change was required, but not during a pandemic.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't believe that the government costing is accurate, I expect the three waters proposal is trying to solve a problem that is better solved by local councils. The three waters proposal will result in a worse service for users that will cost considerably more than current costs. I don't believe that the government has a mandate to push through these reforms which they did not propose to the public before the last election. Three waters is asset theft. I don't believe in the partnership management structure with Iwi.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposal to co govern with iwi I am fundamentally opposed to. This government promotes division over unity

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't trust anything the government proposes, they are liars that operate using deceit and corruption

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I completely oppose the reforms, the financial structures will put some councils in a terrible position by diluting their balance sheets

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

If the government gets away passing this legislation it should be repealed. It's straight out asset theft, it's undemocratic and won't even achieve the water goals it seeks to achieve.

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Name: Jane Bougen

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that intervention in water should only occur AFTER there is a public health concern raised. Do not intervene and use up resources if systems are working

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't believe central government should be involved in local regional supply. I believe our local council has skin in the game and accountability to make the needed decisions

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally opposed to Governance changing. Water should not fall under central government. I oppose any Māori governance that is separate. NZ is one, and solutions should be regardless of race and promote best and sustainable outcomes for all

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am opposed to governments proposal full stop. Private contracts should be considered if in the local interest for best and sustainable outcomes. Water should never be owned by anyone

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Leave under local control. There is accountability and dynamism when considering local solutions

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally opposed to the reforms

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Name: Gary Vincent

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not consent to the 3 waters program.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not consent to the 3 waters program.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not consent to the 3 waters program.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not consent to the 3 waters program.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I do not consent to the 3 waters program.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not consent to the 3 waters program.

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Name: Alister Arcus

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I fully support these this country deserves a fully functional 3 waters system and even though some councils are doing well, collectively we are not. It seems to me that we are in this together not 67 odd different systems. I seems like it is a lottery when you travel around the country and drink the water or swim in a river. A centralised co-governing entity seems the best option to me

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It seems to me that being able to fund infrastructure with lower interest loans, with a centralised organisation that can negotiate upgrades using economy of scale and consistencies of service delivery make a lot more sense than 67 different delivery mechanisms. Some do well, some not so but we all deserve the best

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that co- governance is an excellent way forward. I am disheartened by the raciest and unfounded rhetoric by politicians and other dog whistlers who are whipping up unfounded hysteria. I full support the model

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I feel that the fear of privatisation is a scare tactic. CCO's such as Aucklands Watercare seem to me to be run like a private business and there are plenty of examples of problems of delivery or accountability such as a revolt by developers over delivery of connection services and seemingly little opertunity to escalate and see meaningful action

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I support the financial structures mooted. Lower borrowing cost country wide and an ability to reduce Council debt is desirable. I have no doubt that the staff affected will find positions in the new entities. The mahi still needs to be done, in fact, an accelerated work program will require an expanded workforce in the industry. I have spoken to a water engineer at a local council who anecdotally informed me that at a recent waters conference approx 90% of waters staff supported the change, which is interesting

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Fully support the proposal. There is always room for improvement and I am sure this will be the first tranche of what should be an ever improving system. I am disappointed is some council leaders around the country who are using personal attacks against Govt people -seems like they have no argument. I see a lot of the nonsense comments as nothing more than patch protection, scare mongering and racism

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Name: Nigel Reid

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Good aspirations, however, the current government's record shows they are seemingly incapable of following up with positive action that gains results.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Reforms do not necessarily require a change in the ownership of the Council's water assets. Reforms can be carried out by Councils with innovative thinking and more funding from central government.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Already explained in previous comment.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protections have not worked in the past with electricity, rail services, prisons, etc.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Further bureaucracy regarding financial structures is not required, when the simple answer is more funding from central government to allow Council's that already exist to carry out reforms.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This government, in particular, has not been a great instigator of reform which costs less. They have, however, increased costs greatly in propaganda and PR organisations, providing a lot of talk but not much action. Better to keep existing ownership and operation, which we know works in principle, but does require more funding input from central government.

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Name: Sharleen Iles

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I absolutely disagree with it, but my opinion means absolutely nothing to Nanaia Mahuta....she is forcing her ideals on everyone, whether they like it or not.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This government couldn't organise a **** up in a brewery, so I don't know how they can confidently come up with these future figures quoted...total guesswork

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Iwi do not need 50% say over EVERYONE'S water. There is nothing wrong with them having a say...just not 50%!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The government have got no idea

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Government has not yet confirmed how it will calculate the amount of water's debt which would transfer from Hamilton City Council to the new entity. There are a lot of unknowns when it comes to 'negatives' associated with these reforms....however they somehow have accurate figures when it comes to the positive aspects....classic salesman talk

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Totally disagree with the fact that nanaia mahuta and her associates are so keen to push this through...regardless of what the majority of councils and nz people actually want. It makes me (and alot of NZ) wonder what is going on in the background that we dont actually know or hear about.

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Name: Tom

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Every person in NZ deserves to have the highest standard of drinking water. Councils should be thinking big picture and not being patch protective.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This is not about looking out for just your own council. This is about providing for a country. No one council can afford to borrow to provide, improve and maintain the necessary infrastructure there is economy an efficiency in scale. Just get on and do this.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Get on board and do it. Too much scaremongering by councillors. "We haven't had time to consider." Yes you have.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No worries about this. I just want to be sure every person in NZ has access to the highest standard of water. No distinction between "post codes" so to speak please.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Just get in and do it. Too much scaremongering by local councils who cannot individually afford to provide, maintain adequate water infrastructure.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Go for it. Economy of scale, efficiency of operations and high standard of water for all who live in NZ. Get over yourselves Hamilton councillors and look to the good of the country not just your own back yard.

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Name: Cassie

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Sounds like great ideas and would love for the government to implement this reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Sounds great, would like this reform to go ahead.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Good.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Good. Very important.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Sounds great.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Very happy with the proposed reform and hoping it goes ahead. Lots of benefit to not only us but our children in many years to come. Nationwide services make sense and less burden on

council.

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Name: JL Roberts

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

As a ratepayer and taxpayer for more than 30 years in Hamilton, a big NO to the 3 waters reform. My household drink water from the tap everyday..tastes good and never any issues. No issues either with storm water or sewerage in central Hamilton..extremely happy. My son has no dental fillings either at 27 years old from drinking tap water in Hamilton all of his life. Some councils might need help..Hamilton does not. To me this government proposal is theft from ratepayers. Government should fund the regions who need it.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

We will end up paying for beaurcrats wages that dont improve our water services and that cost will be passed on to ratepayers. Water will be more expensive.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Good luck trying to notify them of a problem! Like waiting on the phone to Vodafone. At least I can easily talk to Hamilton City Council on the phone quickly.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

They'll sell us out..no trust at all.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

That is called a rip off from ratepayers..simple

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Ah abig fat NO..to 3 waters. Hamilton City Council is doing a great job. **** off government.

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Name: Kerrin Sawyer

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton City can manage our water without input from anyone else Also, please take the fluoride out of our water, it makes it less healthy. SAY NO TO 3 WATERS.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton City manages our water brilliantly I don't understand why you would think anyone else can do it better

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely stupid if we give our water rights away. We can manage our water on our own and have done for decades

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Bad idea to privatise

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Scrap three waters and manage our own water

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

You don't need to be an academic to realise that selling our water rights is a stupid idea

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Name: N Berntsen

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Why don't they help the councils work through a reform rather than selling our important life force/water management to these "entities" that can't even be named. Government governance over as much power as water ways is a dangerous act, in the worst case in ways the world is going for the past 2yrs. This does not bring hope to the people knowing the government can control our water. I am highly against the governments control.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If there were no people to govern what would the government govern? Water should be the exception over roads why isn't money coming from the government to help with these costs

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree with the governance of the governments reform. With the councils there's a relationship and responsibility with their communities and the people unlike an entity with no real connection.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not believe bigger organisations are the way to go when dealing with the people, communities and cities. There tends to lack the empathy for the communities and people themselves and their needs. The government can change bills without consent and this is a dangerous power for them to have.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The governments should be spending money towards water infrastructures to help the councils provide fresh water storm water and waste water.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

There definitely is need for change in all the priority places and funding and there should be more the government does to help this reform but I'm councils control. I do not believe the government should have control of governance over such power as water for our people. I think this is a dangerous decision to go ahead that maybe regret in the future. I can't believe how the government isn't doing more to help make this reform happen when it is much needed more than any highway!

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Name: Harry Bowkett

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Improvement is needed. Councils have my been looking after their core business

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Maintenance service needs to improve. Councils prioritisation of works need to improve.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It could only improve.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I'm in favour of keeping it a public asset.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The incumbent staff should NOT transfer across. The new agency needs to employ competent staff.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am in favour. I work in Land Development and am sick and tired of dealing with incompetent

staff who cannot make sound engineering decisions. Things need to change. Costs for development need to drop. Incumbent staff should not transfer across to the new authority.

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Name: Mark Oxborough

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree standardts need to be set nationwide and keep.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This will cause higher costs and blow outs and the opposite to what is intended. Centralized funding maybe a good thing for some but others will loose out. New entities will soak up funds and not make it to where it is needed

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Any race based governance or co governance is completely un helpful and un wanted in my view

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There should be no privatisation.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There should be no assets transferred. Funding raised in our region should stay in our region

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a waste of time and money at this stage of the government. All opposition parties say they will reverse it once in power. So sure put it forward as a plan for if reelected but no action should be taken until then. Take race out of the equation. THE meaning all people of New Zealand should be the only group of people represented or governing.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 205

Name: Quentin

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Not necessary

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

A load of rubbish - nothing but scare mongering. Stop wasting out rates and money elsewhere.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Organisation information lacking. No oversight. Racist. There is NO need to have separatist mana whenua involved.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Completely lacking in any trust.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Lacking details

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I vehemently oppose it.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It will cause increased costs to the homeowner as separating water rates from council rates will see both entities increasing their rates under the guise that the homeowner will be able to afford it. This is what happened with rates when environment entities were formed ie Environment Waikato which is now Waikato Regional Council. Now the homeowner bears two hefty rates bills and I see adding a third one becoming just as hefty and causing hardship for homeowners.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This is reclaiming water assets by stealth for Maori when in fact it should be for all New Zealanders. Note I said New Zealanders and not Aotearoans which seems to be where this country is headed with Maori wanting Te Reo to be the no.1 recognized language.

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Name: Jeremy

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Rubbish, absolute drivel, the numbers have been proven wrong, but the government is just using made up numbers about kiwis getting sick to force their centralised power over all of new zealand. I understand the need for government oversight and possible control for water systems which have been mismanagement and may lead to public health issues, but councils like HCC have been very prudent with both health of citizens, and also the environment (eg imposing water restrictions even though they legally can draw more water from the river, etc).

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

More made up numbers. Sure the price will be going up, but I absolutely do not believe introducing 4+ layers of ridiculous bureaucracy (of unelected people) will reduce cost. Also I doubt that cost is even like for like, it might be cheaper under their proposed system, but does that include unmetetered water as the city currently has? No.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I'm 100% against it. Its racist and undemocratic, and adds completely unnecessary bureaucracy. The council owns the infrastructure is completely **** when unelected and people chosen based on race actually decide what happens with the infrastructure.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

A publicly traded company owning and managing the infrastructure is probably more democratic than the governance model the government is proposing. At least I could buy shares in the company to have some say in how it operates.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Reducing the cost on the council and transferring it to central government doesn't help me, a citizen of Hamilton in anyway. so the city might have less debt and operating expenses, but the central government debt and operating expenses go up instead. This isn't somehow magically removing debt and cost, we still have to pay for it through other taxes and new levies being forced on us, but we get less say in how the system operates. No thanks, not even slightly interested.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The central government wants more and more power, while reducing the local citizens power. Citizens will no longer have any say in the matter if 3 waters goes through. The proposed governance plan is racist, undemocratic, and introduces unnecessary bureaucracy. I don't believe operating costs will be reduced, the average citizen will not be better off under this system. The council reducing operating expenses by transferring responsibility to another agency doesn't mean it's cheaper for the citizens, we'll just have to pay someone else. Water is one of the main things I expect a city or regional council to operate. The city Council shouldn't be throwing millions of dollars away on vanity projects like theatres, buying buildings to smash down to make parks, etc. They should run the roads, the water, etc.

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Name: Cj

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Its a great reduction, the costs of rates are ridiculous, why wasnt any money slowly saved and tagged for the future of the new pipes etc needed as they come tonthe end of their life cycle. Everyone else is expected to save but you haven't allowed for this yet expect us to pay more to foot the bill. I can't even drink the water as me and one of my children are allergic to fluoride and have to pay on top of for our own water which is a financial burden

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Hmmmm seems to be more employment to do the same job. What will the accountability be when the job isnt delivered

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

They are hiding something, I dont trust them, there is more to this reform that the govt is hiding. However it sounds good on paper, and considering as a council you are opposed to the

idea, your survey has not come across that way in fact you highlighted so many positives to make me want to vote for it.

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Name: Bryan Dockary

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Both are very important It is not the what but the how that concerns me

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am a simple fellow I fail to see how adding layers of bureaucracy can save money

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This governance model is undemocratic and I object very strongly to it

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Essential

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

These are all just guesses Council needs to retain control of all its assets and expenses

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I agree a once in a lifetime reform is needed, I just have a problem with the method. Local control is essential as is the democratic process. If there is a need to appoint some expertise (as

opposed to electing it) the appointments should be made by ELECTED representatives

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Name: Ian Denness

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that the current Government should be providing funds for all of the countries upgrades over time. This 3 Waters drive is basically an asset steal from the ratepayers. Hamilton has also a good record in water delivery but this comes at a cost, if we lose our control of assets where will the money come from? Start up costs, over reaching, non expert interference from the co-governance model will be over-powering.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The model is very loaded with false claims of costs and improvements. Behind all this is a steal of the countries assets, also there is a hidden agenda being waged by the current system.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Corrupt

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Lies

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Clutching at straws. This Government is now know for a lack of delivery and this will cost New Zealand dearly in the long term.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

A badly driven, unworkable, forced through scheme.

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Name: Maria

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree that the public health & environmental effects of our water should be paramount factors in provisioning safe drinking water

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Who is accountable for the cost overruns and non-essential expenditure. My concern is that there is a history of over-exorbitant, non-essential expenditure waste within the Government sector every day. It's easy for them to spend the tax payers money but we can't hold them accountable.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

There are far too many layers in this governance model - what are the advantages in the multi-layered bureaucracy? I support the representation of mana whenua in the governance model to be a voice for their people and for the cultural significance of our water. However, I DO NOT support there being equal representation of mana whenua and local council - this is blatantly racist and it is NOT a requirement of the Treaty of Waitangi as Mahuta has cited! What extra benefit would it bring by having 50% mana whenua representation rather than say a 10% representation - surely the message would be the same from the 10% as from the 50% of representation if they are presenting from a united front. Who will be appointed to the mana whenua roles throughout the country - more of Mahuta's unqualified family and mates? How much is it going to cost the tax payer to fund their unskilled representation? The wider mana whenua could elect the 10% of representation that they would put up for the RRG to represent their views. The tasks of the Board and the RRG should be combined. The sub-regional groups would be beneficial to promote the needs of your ratepayers

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

[This is fair](#)

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name: Graham drabble

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

My view is this should not happen at all its an asset steel and will add major cost to rate payers for no gain and to give 50% to a group because of color or there skin is rubbish I'm am 100% against this in every way

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am fully against all of it

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It's rubbish and part of a sick plan

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This government has proven that they waste money left right and center the achievements are nil and costly

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

They are lies this will be a disaster for everyone

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Name: DAVID WILLIAMS

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It is not a democracy when 16% of the community have 50% control of the proposed organisation .

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Council ratepayers would not allow privatisation of their assets - they would be sacked .

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton ratepayers have paid for Hamiltons assets over many years . We own these assets . Transferring the assets means Hamilton ratepayers will have less control of them . The levels of beauracracy will without any doubt result in much higher costs in the long term to ratepayers .

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

THE GOVRRNMENT SAYS !!! Ratepayers in Hamilton - & the Council would need to be really stupid to accept the proposal which would without any doubt result in greater costs , less

control of our assets , & very angry ratepayers !!!

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Record: 266

Name: Geoff Lewis

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The first thing to realise with the Three Waters 'reform' is that Water is the vehicle for Co-Governance. In 2012 the Waitangi Tribunal recognised iwi ownership rights in water. This was rejected by the then National Government. But the same forces returned with a different target this time - water infrastructure. Nanaia Mahuta was given the job of Local Government minister because she is close to the Kingitanga, the resident MP in an obsolete Maori seat and at no political risk. The forced separation of \$billions of water-related infrastructure from the popular governance and oversight of the people who paid for it, is theft. The Government has no right to take this infrastructure, local councils have no right to give it away. It belongs to the people who paid for it. The reasons cited by minister Mahuta for the 'reform' are lies. The Co-Governance structure of the planned water 'entities' is an attack on democracy and the equality of the franchise. Three Waters is an Abuse of Power and a demonstration of the urgent need for Local Government to have a direct influence at Central Government level through voting rights in Parliament. We will remember that the Government takes GST on rates - a tax on a tax - if finance is needed to help some councils with the water services - there it is. xxxx

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

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What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name: Matthew Beveridge

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

While the Hamilton City Council may feel that it is doing a better than average job providing three waters services, it is still less than ideal. The fact that better than average is still less than ideal means that if the country is going to address the issues that we face, something needs to happen. The government is on the right track with the suggested reforms. They offer an opportunity to do a better job providing healthy drinking water and improve the state of the environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

While it is difficult to project any future costs on the scale, but geographical and time wise, that these reforms are being carried out on, I believe that there is the possibility for economies of scale to kick in and that having entities covering larger areas would deliver lower costs to users.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Removing the governance of unsexy, but high cost, high failure impact services such as three waters from councils who have electoral incentive to keep costs artificially low, is a good thing. I have no issue with the proposed co-governance structure. There are already co-governance systems in place throughout the country, and there has been no more issue with the governance of those entities as there has been with council governance. In fact I would suggest that councils have had more issues with governance than the co-governance entities have.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The protections are as good as they are able to be. They are always subject to the whims of future parliaments, just like any other form of reforms would have.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall I am supportive of the changes to the provision of three waters as suggested by these reforms.

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Name: Carolynn Easton

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am opposed The Three Waters. This is an issue that should be voted on by the New Zealand public for a fair and unilateral decision that all New Zealanders get to say over who manages and owns our water. This current Government has a five year track record of in implementing poorly thought through policy changes with unintended consequences that make the lives worse for many New Zealanders.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Again this matter should be voted upon by the New Zealand public. It is far too important for a Government to just push through during their term in office. Independent verification of the data should be sought. For the last five years we have had to shoulder poorly thought through legislation with the net effect that the end result costs far more than originally thought and benefits a small minority of people.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I have issue that part of this board is selected based on race. We are all New Zealanders. We all need water. Stop creating apartheid in our country by ethnic governance rather than governance by skills & merit.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Again - how is it that our water even has a chance of being owned by a private company at some point in the future. Within the proposal there is a chance that this could happen at some point in the future.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This data is only one representation of the facts & benefits. I would like to see further scrutiny of the data and benefits by an independent panel of experts with financial modelling.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am strongly opposed. This is a matter that all New Zealanders should be able to vote on. Many people I know will vote National or Act to stop this going through.

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Name: Lynette Morris

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This will result in higher costs to the user

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The calculations are slanted. How can there possibly be cost savings when introducing so many levels of management of water assets?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It is undemocratic and an insult to the voting public that governance can be awarded to a group of individuals because of race. There is also unnecessary bureaucracy in the various levels of governance that is both costly and ineffective.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is only as good as the Government's promise and previous examples do not bode well for our future. Legislation can be changed overnight so to describe this a protection measure is ludicrous.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The Council may be better off financially but there is no local control over the assets. The disposal of the asset also means the loss of control. Council are put there to govern local assets. Making a decision to relinquish themselves of this responsibility is an embarrassment to the existing council and should not be considered.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name: John Higgins

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

These aspects seem fine and are not at issue with me

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the figures will be all wrong have you ever known a government cost anything properly, they always skyrocket. It also seems that a council like Hamilton who have managed their services well will end up having to subsidise other areas. I can't see the government putting up enough money to enact their goals so it will fall back on the ratepayers

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It would appear at first sight to be top heavy but the biggest problem for me is that there is no place for a share to be handed over to Maori and then them having the final say . I totally object to this. The government again is dividing us along racial lines are they mad this section needs to be canned nowhere in the treaty is there anything about water, we ratepayers own it all and this government is STEALING it

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't trust this government not to change the laws around this in the future, look at what they have forced through parliament without listening to the people they are dividing this country

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Not good. As I've indicated the government couldn't cost the price of piece of copper pipe let

alone the cost improvement to the city council. To say this leaves the council able to borrow more money is a red herring, we shouldn't be borrowing more, if we can't live within our means we should be looking for councillors who can. You also say that water services would be reduced from council thus giving us a rate reduction, I would be absolutely sure that the reduction would not be what we are currently paying, and to then receive, no doubt, from the new entity a bill which will be in excess of our current charge's this is almost guaranteed

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

There is no place for a Maori share. If there are suitably skilled Maori to work on one of the boards good, but to take control no way. I just would have it known that there are Maori in my family

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Name: Barry Tappin

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This reform is plainly an asset grab by government whom will then pass on to Maori, we have in councils around the country people with the knowledge and know how to control these facilities, where a council is struggling then surely other councils could come in to advise, as for funding why can't central government have a fund that can be drawn down on and the works carried out, ratepayers are going to pay in either situation it's just my model we don't have 3 or 4 layers of bureaucrats to pay "" which ratepayers would have to afford "" this way rate increases would be minimal compared to the 3 waters proposal. Regards xxxx

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

With the layers of bureaucratic management the cost would enormous, history has shown this to be fact, as for appointing iwi to control if they were so good why are they not in that position now.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It won't work, it will cost too much, it will collapse.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Don't trust this government, upto now they have proven that they never give the full open messages, their open and honest has proven to be a lie, why would they change, history has shown them to be deceitful

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This has proven by the Westland District Mayor to be so wrong, how can you put a number of layers of bureaucracy in place and say it's going to cost less. This is just nonsense

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This government is planning to steal ratepayers infrastructure and hand over to Maori, they have always claimed ownership of water this is their attempt to get it. It's pure theft. Every comment from the public has been NO TO 3Waters, what part of NO do labour not understand. Many have asked for a referendum but government and you our council have so far said no to that, yes you have your reasons but we the voters have ours and we are the majority we will win, could this be at your position, your future because both local and central government are our representatives.

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Name: PC

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to ensure that clean, consistent quality of drinking water is available in every city and small town of New Zealand. Needs to ensure no water pollution from wastewater

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Happy with costs being lowered with reform

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to ensure that membership on governance boards/groups is representative of the size and metropolitan nature of Hamilton

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

That's good

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 291

Name: Margaret Higgins

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe each council needs to be accountable for their regions water quality. I do not agree with the government taking over our assets and giving Māori 50% say in how it should be run. Our council should just say NO to 3 waters!! instead of tweaking the rules

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

They say we will save money- but nothing the government does saves us money

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

They say it is part of the treaty rules- someone needs to put a stop to this- Māori are continually rewriting the treaty

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't believe it

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I can see that 1.6 billion of assets paid for by our rates are going to be taken and given to another group to run for us, supposedly to save us money- I just don't believe that. I will certainly vote for the party that will repeal this bill if it goes ahead and will also be taking great interest in my council representatives votes

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IT IS A GOOD THING JUST ANOTHER MONEY GRABBING WAY FOR MĀORI
NO TO THREE WATERS REFORM!

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Record: 294

Name: Stephen Barnes

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I object to Three Waters mainly due to the Maori having a 50% say. Three waters is not so much about water but water infrastructure (Pipes, Treatment plants etc). Whilst you may consider Maori may have rights over water say Waikato River that doesn't mean they have rights over water infrastructure. Secondly I don't see the Govt doing this cheaper than Councils. The Govt could just make funding/gifting available to Councils for upgrades - end result the same.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

NO. Too much Maori. No Govt has never been good at management.

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Name: Hugh Webb

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Raising New Zealand's water treatment infrastructure to meet acceptable first world standards can be agreed by all; but the totalitarian sledgehammer approach by central government is unacceptable. Enforcing local bodies to meet drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater standards will undoubtedly make it necessary to provide funding assistance and technical guidance, but this does not mean that well managed assets such as Hamilton City's should be force-managed through bodies imposed by central government. Nor is there any need to bring the Treaty of Waitangi into this process. The partnership argument is a myth perpetrated by Maori leaders and academics. Meeting treaty obligations (in this regard) will be satisfied when all New Zealanders have access to a healthy management of the three waters. Giving what is effectively veto rights to Maori input has no place in a democracy; and this must not be passed into law. The motivation for such pandering is political manoeuvring to capture sectarian votes. If Labour proceeds with this approach, they will suffer at the ballot box in the next general election.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The costs can be kept to a minimum by placing orders through the government purchasing agency N3). There is no need to frog-march councils into a centralized system.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

There is no need (as expressed above) for governance to be snatched from HCC and similar advanced administrations.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Will these protections disappear like Nania Mahuta's promise to allow councils to withdraw from the scheme?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Auckland City (for example) has become a financial liability. What is it that convinces the government that they can do better with three waters? Once again, all they need to do is to enforce the meeting scientific standards, and buy on behalf of all councils.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Three Waters has been a knee-jerk reaction to Havelock North water problems and an attempt to drag Treaty revisionism into our once peaceful society. It needs to be opposed until significant changes have been made to these proposals. Water supply and treatment needs to be consistent throughout the country. That can be done in a more measured manner.

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Name: T Docker

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am TOTALLY against this Three Waters in any form. This is THEFT of ratepayer assets, pure and simple!

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton water costs would double by 2051 without the three waters reform??SO WHAT? Rates will probably rise at least 10 x the current level by 2051 as everything increases with incompetent wasteful spending. By 2024 this Three waters garbage will be scrapped by the incoming new government anyway. The incumbents would have us believe by giving control of our valuable water assets to, multiple layers of bureaucracy, and handing over rights of veto to iwi, that things will improve!.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What has Mana Whenua got to do with providing good water??? Putting in multiple layers of bureaucracy just means more costs and a case of too many chiefs and not enough Indians in my view.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

A small step in the right direction...a bit like walking the plank...

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton has around \$1.6 billion in waters-related assets. Not ALL of these assets would transfer

to the new entity, but Government states any assets that are transferred would remain OWNED by the community via councils and their shareholding in the entities....Owning something without being allowed to make decisions about its use is NOT true ownership

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Another TOTAL waste of money on a hair brained RACIST idea by Mahuta and these radical lefite zealots.This folly should be abandoned NOW before wasting any more of taxpayers hard earned dollars.If Hamilton Council and this useless government spent more time trying to SAVE money and serving the people than throwing money away to appease the woke,then maybe our rates would be lower and the services delivered far better....

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Name: Karen Buckley

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I strongly support the Government's plan to foreground environmental concerns. An entity which has oversight of water quality separate from local government - hopefully negating to some extent the instability and infighting inherent in a three year cycle - seems the only way to address the current state of our waters..

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am surprised that our local body representatives are arguing against reform which can deliver better services at a much lower long term cost to ratepayers.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The governance model seems to address earlier concerns about the ability for elected representatives to have input into the overall management of the water services. The inclusion of qualified personnel will hopefully lead to better oversight of water quality and provision.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It is very important that these protections are as strong as possible. Access to potable water and waste water services should not ever be commercialised.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

These financial structures appear to provide much better cost/benefit outcomes for both councils and their ratepayers. The collection of costs for the provision of water services will

need to be streamlined to avoid too many administration costs.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am firmly in favour of the Government proposals. Most objections appear to be without substance and politically motivated, some with an unfortunate undercurrent of racism. The future of water services provision and quality rests with this type of broad and comprehensive restructuring.

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Name: Nick Mills

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Stay where we are currently.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Do not go ahead with it.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Terrible, UNJUST.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Again, terrible.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Bad.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a terrible idea on so, so many levels. DO NOT GO AHEAD WITH IT!

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Record: 324

Name: David Ivory

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Three water is just wrong all together. These assets are owned buy the people who have paid rate for decades. I totally disagree that the government should be taking and controlling our assets. This is totally undemocratic. I am strongly against three waters. Locals can manage there assets and resources better that Wellington can.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The data modeling from the Govt is incorrect a lot of the time. We will end up with extra cost not less as the system becomes more privitised.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

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What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not believe the government will do the right thing. We have already been sold on selling half of the power stations and now power is very costly. The Govt has lied so many times over the past 2years what would make us trust them now.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not agree with three waters. It is an asset grab and they trying to take control of our resources for there on gain and control.

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Name: Peter Were

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The Government employed fudged and/or misinterpreted measures of water quality on public health and muddled the waters by using outdated or irrelevant data; and by referring to boil notices nationwide (not contemporary nor a reflection of the number of 'boil notices issued in the immediate past).

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The entities are too large and cover too wide a disparate population with many local and regional idiosyncracies tossed together. What of the off-grid households in rural, coastal and holiday communities? - no piped potable water, no public sewage system, no stormwater system. These communities rely on tank water with no input from local or central government. Are all these citizens, independent of water services, now to be charged for infrastructure development costs that have no effect on their wellbeing?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Water is a natural gift (unless one has to run a desalination plant to extract it). Water belongs to no-one. Minister Mahuta's SISTER is to chair one of the governing bodies?! Nepotism in the extreme. The proposed reform is a back door opening to an elitist minority control and a progression to a declaration of ownership of water. It is undemocratic, irrational and dare I say it racist.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Given this Government's woeful record in implementation of any policy without some horrendous unintended consequence as a result: - agricultural decrees winning the ire of and mockery by the farming community - CCCFA rules and strangulation of the mortgage market - rules relating to tenants and their increased rights pushing up rental prices - limited availability

and excessive stringency around MIQ and denial of reentry to NZ to its citizens - reforming the health system and abolishing DHBs when the system is still under immense strain thanks to Covid - changing insulation codes following ideological tenets to achieve wildly over-engineered insulation requirements which will add 15 - 20% to the cost of a new-build house, in the midst of a housing and construction crisis - not acknowledging, after the first nationwide lockdown, and having seen the upswing in construction activity, that Gib production might be an essential service to the construction industry - captain's call to ban oil and gas exploration...and now we're importing dirty coal from Indonesia ...I suspect any supposed protection against privatisation will have unintended consequences and before we know it the CCP will own our resources with Chairman Xu the CEO of WaterNZ

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Council should retain full and final ownership of facilities and infrastructure.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Worded to be wilfully uninformative. Lacking transparency. Loaded with hidden agendas. Railroaded through Councils with scant acknowledgement of any input - especially negative input. Scant attention to be paid to public submissions; already smells of foregone conclusions. This Government WILL force this ridiculous, divisive, centralised-service construct through the books regardless of any opposition. But they'll face in October 2023 when a newly-installed Government will overturn Three Waters at the behest of a majority of New Zealanders.

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Name: J Sturgeon

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

In the main part I believe local authorities are doing a good job with the resources available to them. The wealth of knowledge and expertise lies with these operations team not a top heavy governance model. It is the on the ground workers that need to be resourced further not additional boards, groups and entities. Public health and environmental impact will not be improved by this model, it will take longer and cost more to do anything. Not in favour at all.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I honestly cant see how the costs without reform or cost savings with reform can even be taken seriously with such variance in predictions in the government report. Give the councils the money they need to complete critical infrastructure upgrades, get on and do it. No need for added layers of tribal boundary lines. Added persons involved means more cost and less effectiveness in all my business activities.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance to remain with local authorities and the rate payer. Highly disagree with the government proposal and mana whenua 50/50 of governance. Rate payer who have assisted to fund infrastructure will lose the voice and control. Completely against this change

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Again, dont agree with governance model. There should be a referendum for what is happening now not pretending to offer it in good faith for privatisation. Should have a clause for no mana whenua ownership in the future also. Tribal boundaries of the entities clearly show the proposed intention to change ownership to maori owned in future which is so wrong.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Dont agree, government should allow councils to borrow and repay this to government. We are just borrowing to pay twice for the assets with this proposal

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Idealism gone mad. Some councils need help, so help them more. Others need support with growth. This does not need government and mana whenua involvement. Things will get increasingly worse. Good talent will leave this country due to the increasing level of government control and co governing

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Name: Barry Shaw

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The governments case for improving water quality is based on lies. All of the supposed problems have only appeared since Taumate Arowai was established to monitor water quality. Prior to that that ESR and MoH regularly monitored water quality and found no systemic issues with it. The government established Taumate Arowai to manufacture a health crisis , which has no basis in reality, to justify their confiscation of rate payer assets. The government inquiry to the Havelock North issue concluded "It is possible the outbreak contributed to three deaths." - hardly definitive. Secondly, the minister's often quoted 34,000 figure comes from a 14-year-old report by ESR scientist xxxx estimating the incidence of waterborne gastro-intestinal disease in New Zealand that found no real problem with water quality: "The size of most outbreaks is small, averaging nine cases per outbreak in 2000-2004, and is smaller than any other countries for which data are available". And thirdly, with regards to "boil notices", Herald journalist xxxx explains: "When Nanaia Mahuta says too many New Zealanders are living under boil-water notices, some will know that is not the whole truth. The policy on notices changed a couple of years ago. They are no longer withdrawn once an occasional contaminant is flushed through the system, they are being left in place as a 'precaution'. The timing of that policy change, about the time the Three Waters reform was starting, makes it hard to resist the suspicion the notices are being left in place to make a case for change."

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It is not possible that the new water entities will fund new infrastructure, provide thousands of additional jobs and cost less. Another lie from the government.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

More bureaucracy, loss of ownership and local representation are all that will result. The incorporation of co-governance is anti-democratic and will also mean that iwi will start to clip the ticket. This will drive up costs for no net benefit of the ratepayers who currently own these

assets.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

These are irrelevant in the larger context.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

While theft of the water assets may well mean the council is smaller, the same 180 staff will be moved over to the new entity who will pay their salaries, which will be funded by water users - net change here is zero. Core assets are what the council should be focused on funding. If less rate payers money was spent on vanity feel good projects (like blocking streets and painting planter boxes) maybe you'd have enough money to invest in core services. Money to fund infrastructure can also be raised from developers - they want to build 1000 new homes in a subdivision then some funding should come from them, plus the new house owners will all be rate payers in perpetuity which is another funding model.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I oppose Three Waters, it amounts to theft of privately owned assets.

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Name: David Foreman

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There are aspects of the Government proposals which do not appeal to me. I have my doubts about co-governance and I don't understand why the plan is determined to divide the country arbitrarily into four regions rather than going along with existing natural subdivisions; for instance, why can't an enormous system like Auckland's be a region in itself. Apart from those doubts I am very supportive of the proposals. Hamilton may have excellent three water services, but up and down the country the standard is very uneven and needs improvement. Councils may complain about losing control of their assets in this area, but those assets can quickly become liabilities if authorities face crippling upgrading costs in the near future. I therefore believe that Hamilton should support the proposals in principal, albeit while continuing to lobby the government over issues of detail and implementation.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name: Pablo Christianson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

These can be addressed without proposed change

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Only outcome will be increased cost in form of bureaucracy and payments to maori

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Undemocratic

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Unnecessary

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Irrelevant... this is not real reason for change.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This is a fraud

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Name: John Fisher

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't like the central government involvement in this at all. The locals own these and it is the locals that can sort matters for themselves and at a much lower cost. Central government is not the right forum for this. The Public Health will only improve when chemicals currently being put into our water are taken out and suitable filtration is put in together with ultra violet lights. I used to own a public water supply and have met specialists in this area of knowledge.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't trust their costings.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not trustworthy.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not trustworthy.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Not trustworthy. Costs will easily over run.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't like it at all. There are too many experts who know nothing in this area of clean water.

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Name: Erin Rangi-Watt

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I fully support the kaupapa of three waters which relates to Te Mana o te Wai and ultimately the health and wellness of whānau

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I understand the concerns expressed about the structure and management of the new entities but believe the inequality across the country need to be addressed. Health and well-being should not be determined by the economic health of Council ie less ratepayers less funding. It should be fair and smaller communities given an opportunity to have the same services and outcomes as larger communities.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I understand and support the governance structure.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I support the proposal. It is also important to note that iwi Māori do not believe in ownership of te taiao and the wai (environment and water) so would not support any sale or commercialisation of their taonga.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

If the proposed reforms are set to reduce impact on rates in our community I support this

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I appreciate there are concerns about the reform particularly the concern over cogovernance. There is an opportunity to reshape the negative conversation occurring by providing more information to communities about how Māori protect their taonga, and the kaupapa behind te mana o te wai. I believe the reforms will create equality and improve the health of our whanau by providing better infrastructure, through investment which had been lacking. This reform is about the health and well-being of our communities not ownership.

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Record: 385

Name: Michael Chambers

Organisation: N/A.

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with the proposed policies regarding public health and the environment. The Three Waters will give a greater say and participation to Maori who, after all, are suppose to be equal partners under the Treaty of Waitangi. There's a lot said in the media about Maori dictating what can or cannot be done in terms of water management in this country. I don't believe that the country would be held to ransom over water management,

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Despite the rhetoric from certain quarters I don't believe services and costs would be any more expensive than those proposed by opponents of the government proposed policies.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree. That governance would be by both government and Maori and surely would be an improvement because a partnership between government and Maori would hopefully ensure compliance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

As above.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

If the government and Maori are honest with the population and practice what they propose major problems shouldn't arise. It can be no worse than the current system.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't want to repeat myself. My responses stand.

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Name: [Blair McAlister](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

My views are this: The current government can pluck the magical figure of 35,000 people getting ill every year from water borne illnesses. Really?...where is this magical figure come from?. Whilst public health is very important, you cannot conjure up magical figures. There is NO proof what so ever of this 35,000. Of course the environment is also important, but i ask, what should be changed ?...every some one pipes up about environment this and that, and on and on....at the cost to rate payers of how much , for what result?. No one has an answer to that....except increase rates, taxes , etc...where should the storm water go> Caernarvon Road floods every time it rains heavily. I have repeatedly asked council to sort the drains on Dinsdale Road which are blocked and have remained blocked for the 6 plus years i have lived in the street. The current government could not organise a *** up in a pub, let alone run a water entity, which will be top heavy with hand picked maori beaurocrats, with a thin layer of any one else , who will have little or no voice.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Seriously, the rate payers are stretched to the limit now. Why should we as rate payers and taxpayers, just hand over OUR water infrastructure to a government??? we have already paid for this many many times over. WE have paid for it. My information suggests HCC water is valued at 566 million dollars....the government is willing to pay 42 million dollars for it. I see a very large discrepancy right there. Why on earth would one hand over an asset worth a large amount, for a small amount of cash. It is ONLY this current government saying our water charges will sky rocket if we dont sign up, but it will only go up a small amount if we do.... Something very fishy there to start with. Government cannot run anything in a decent way. Health services, policing, Fire, etc... Handing over water to government will only see dozens and dozens of highly paid beaurocrats getting paid every time we turn the tap on. This is some thing i am totally against. Rate payers already pay , in our rates for our water to be supplied. I am not willing to pay a bunch of people X dollars every time i run the shower, have a drink of water, or flush my toilet. No one owns the water...it falls from the sky.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

1: Speak in English. What is this mana whenua?...i do not recognise this and never will. 2; Appoint a board. and we the rate payers pay for this every time the tap is turned on, water the garden or flush the toilet. NO !!! 3: Representing the local community?....really...how?...If agreed, the ONLY people making money will be the layer upon layer, of so called board members, and even then this board can and will be over ruled on every decision because maori will be given Veto rights. This is NOT 12 - 14 members, there are 4 layers of 12-14 for each area, A B C D....so that is 448-56 people who will be paid handsomely for the tap being turned on. NO !!! Then there will be an extra-ordinary amount of office space, staff and goodness knows what else, costing millions upon millions of dollars. NO !!! 4: Independent skills based....seriously....??? That will never happen. Ex- Politicians, or their immediate family , will be given these plum jobs and fleece us for every drop of water we use. NO !!!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Who in their right mind would trust this or any other government, to be honest. This current has changed so many laws by stealth alone in the past 4 years, that what ever they promise is just an abject lie. At the very least there should be a referendum, before this is even brought to council, with a 75% vote....i can assure you right now, there is way more than 75% of the Hamilton rate payers totally against handing over OUR water, for a few miserable shekkels. WE already own our water infrastructure...why should we agree to give it to government and then be share holders .??? What a load of rubbish.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Government says this and that...really it is Mahuta saying this and that....HCC can barely budget anything...their spend is far more than the income. Rate payers are up to their necks in debt with increasing rates rises....will we get \$1,000 off our annual rates bill to compensate if the government is allowed to TAKE our water? Not in a million years, right. So we would have to hand over, initially, \$1220 for water annually, but yeah right...see what happened to Aucklands water when it was privatised, which this 3 waters **** is...privatisation....so immediately rate payers will be forced to pay more and more with water rates rising as much as and most likely beyond our annual rates thievery. Council should be able to manage with the rates budget...if they cannot, get rid of some of the over 1,000 council staff. Perhaps starting with the Mayor who smacks of incompetence, and a number of councillors who are obviously not doing their job properly. Wasteful spending on like to haves, instead of paying down debt and sorting stuff out, within budget. but then, if the HCC water is valued at 1.6 Billion dollars...my mistake earlier of suggesting 566 million, but that is the figure i found in my search...why should we hand over this asset to the government. WE have paid for this, not the government. Mahuta and her cronies can **** off.!!!

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

3 waters.....every thing to do with maori owning the water....when simply they do NOT own it...no one does.!!! One cannot stand on a stream or river bank and say... There goes the water i own ...really? It falls from the sky., initially. Co-governance?...not on your nelly. Treaty....this current government has gone on and on and on about what the treaty means....and changes or suggest it means what ever they , the government wants it to...rubbish. 3 waters will take the majority of New Zealanders most basic of human right, and hand it over to a minority. NO !!! I didnt agree with alot John Key said, but he is right...NO ONE OWNS THE WATER. Disgraceful and incompetent government....i am totally disgusted. New Zealand have been fed buckets full of **** over this and this sneaky he puapua rot. LEAVE MY WATER ALONE. !!! Massive **** fight coming over this, mark my words !!!

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Name: Max

Organisation: SMAKX Investments

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There are many places where local councils have failed : Christchurch, Westland at Fox and Franz Joseph townships , Wellington, Napier/ Hastings , Auckland , Puhinui Northland , Gisborne flooding due to forestry debris, Wanganui River , hundreds of tyres dumped in a small valley just off the river, Buller River near Murchison , old fridges , hay bale plastic etc , Dunedin flooding , And these are the places that easily come to mind!!!!

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I accept that there are necessary scales of operations that are achieved when large areas are amalgamated meaning access to financial markets at a scale local bodies cannot access, Then their skilled management totally focussed on drinking water, waste water and storm water that is just missing when it is split into tiny places. Take for example Whangamata Beach and the erosion during extreme storm at Hinemoa St and the adjacent reserve where twice the frontal dune had been breached by storm water. Or Cooks Beach where the erosion at the Purangi estuary end of the sea wall which has potential to destroy the foot path and road to the boat launching ramps! And that is to say nothing of the recent buildings in Pipi Road , Whangamata Beach where the frontal dunes have been completely removed to create flat sections!! Just stupid but where is the coastal engineer pointing out that storm water and wave action will soon combine catastrophically. Who pays for that removal of new buildings?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the Governance arrangements are fine. I have no problem with the suggested structure and I think the criticism of Maori involvement is blatantly racist! Also show a complete lack of understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi principals. Also, it puts privatisation out of the question which a future National/Act would currently see as low hanging fruit unless the T of W is involved. In UK when water was sold onto share market about 1990 the shares doubled about 10 times. So the ordinary population who could not afford to buy into the shares are

pauperised.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The Treaty of Waitangi will stop that dead in its tracks. However, if the right was to sell the water in companies who would buy hundreds of thousands of shares and put them in trust for my children and grand children because the rest of the country will be paying for ever!!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am fine with the suggestions because it odd like Benmore Dam only the NZ taxpayer could bankroll that construction. Theft by Parliament occurred when National sold off power companies!! Now we pay too much and there is not enough new development because companies cannot afford the huge upfront costs. Eventually NZ will have to buy back the power companies !! Just I look at the huge number of highly paid people doing duplicated jobs that could be and was done far more efficiently by a much smaller work force before 1999!

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I want the 3 Waters enacted ASAP. Here is a final example of why. My wife and I owned a 2 bedroom motel unit in Glen Fern Villas, Franz Joseph rates paid to Westland District Council. The environmental court ordered WDC to build public toilets that would cater for 400,000 tourists pre-COVID who passed through. To do this the Westland District Council deemed our unit a private dwelling and quadrupled the rates from \$600 pa to \$2400 pa 2018 because the ratepayer base was too small !! That was avoided by the 22 units plus managers house being sold into a company, removing Oriana house ownership back to corporate ownership which returned the rates to \$600 pa! QED

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Name: Susan Mendis

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

My views on the public health and environment is that we need more medication and much cheaper to go to doctors. Because going to the doctors r we expensive as well as waiting to get our medication takes ages.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Getting expensive each day

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Good governance means that the institution would produce the results which are able to be meant for our societies needs. The concepts of efficiency in the context is to allow good governance where it also covers the sustainable use of natural resources and the protection of the environment.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Privatisation involves selling state-owned assets to the private sector. It is argued the private sector tends to run a business more efficiently because of the profit motive. However, critics argue private firms can exploit their monopoly power and ignore wider social costs.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

i think its great and it needs a better growth on housing. As many people want to buy houses especially in Auckland, its so much harder to buy houses. Please let houses go much more affordable to those who need it the most.

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Name: Takara Rodrigues

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe this is a good idea. Having a team specifically for Three Waters should provide us with better management and less issues.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protection against privatisation is good. But there shouldn't be an option for privatisation at all.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Passion on of the water debt and have more finances is great news. Being able to pay water by capital value and having that not change would be ideal.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support the Governments decision on Three Water. There is a lot to gain with this reform.

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Record: 417

Name: Andrew Barker

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Where is the evidence that 35,000 people have got sick from drinking water? I have personally witnessed claims of causing sickness from water but it was strongly suggested poor home hygiene was the cause, and proving either way is difficult. I suggest there is more of this within the 35,000 than we are being led to believe. Has Council sighted hard evidence? The reports I have read are amateur and designed to lead to the conclusion that Mahuta wants. The reforms are a disgrace, giving Maori too much control and option to rip money out of the system. Too much bureaucracy will add to water cost

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Costs will go through the roof with this proposal. Dividing NZ up based on Maori tribal areas is shocking and has nothing to do with giving people better water. Local issues should be resolved by local people's committees. Having someone in Gisborne talk about water in the Awatere Valley is brainless, and visa versa. This proposal is all about Govt AND Maori control - shocking. The Govt has let the population increase faster than Councils could cope with upgrades. Added to that the infrastutures are OLD. Govt funding could be provided where required and Councils apply to Govt

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Local problems solved by local people has to be best. The proposed governance will add more layers of bureaucracy which mean higher overheads. Selecting appropriate people will be almost impossible

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Govt has no right to TAKE water infrastructures from the people who paid for it - It is theft, and I wonder at the Govt rights to do so

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

So they are giving a carrot of \$67m ?? Govt still have to borrow money - and pass these costs on and so does everyone in the area subsidise other areas? There should be a Govt fund where all Councils can apply to which should do away with all the ridiculous layers of committees

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Scrap the whole plan and simply make each council apply for assistance as required This will each Council deal independent of other councils. I think community costs will increase especially with the Maori structures

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Name: Kate Hughes

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am very unhappy that the Labour Government is trying to run all facets of life in New Zealand. Most importantly I find that there is a racist element to much of the proposed restructuring, especially in the so called Three Waters legislation. The very fact that there will be unelected members based on race, who will have powers of VETO in perpetuity. This is not a good thing. Jacinda Ardern promised that she would govern for ALL New Zealanders. Much of the legislation is skewed toward a minority. This is racist and it's intolerable.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

As with all major infrastructure improvements, cost have ALWAYS blown out. There is absolutely no way that the proposed Three Waters legislation won't be any different. In fact there may not be any money left in the country with all the borrowing that this government is doing. Therefore to be suggesting that a restructure of this magnitude is untenable. It's not necessary and FAR TOO COSTLY.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I cannot believe for one single moment that any governance suggested by the legislation will come to fruition. It's too costly, cumbersome and unnecessary. We need to let councils for each town and city work out their own problems. And not have any interference from minority groups.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I also do not believe for another single moment that this government will not sell off to the highest bidder the control of all aspects of water treatment. What many lay people don't understand is that everything to do with water is worth BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. This is why I don't think we should change ANYTHING.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It's all smoke and mirrors as far as I'm concerned. How can our council own an entity and not have control, it does NOT MAKE ANY SENSE. I can see that some councils could be tempted by what looks like huge sums of money. But what the government is offering is a mere bagatelle compared to what water is worth to the communities of New Zealand. I noted recently that in Canada there are similar moves on the production, treatment and disposal of water by councils. This is all part of the UN Agenda 2030. So what is being planned by this government is underpinned by the UN which is NOT a good thing for mankind. It's all about total control of the population. This is not a conspiracy theory. This conspiracy in action.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It's all smoke and mirrors as far as I'm concerned. How can our council own an entity and not have control, it does NOT MAKE ANY SENSE. I can see that some councils could be tempted by what looks like huge sums of money. But what the government is offering is a mere bagatelle compared to what water is worth to the communities of New Zealand. BILLIONS OF \$\$\$\$\$. Also these assets have been paid for by generations of New Zealander's over many years. They belong to those who have paid for them. NOT a centralised government. We should not be considering any changes to Council led infrastructure. I noted recently that something similar is happening in Canada, which also has similar rubbish and a racist element. This is all led by The United Nations and their Agenda 2021-2030. The intent behind all of this is world control. This not a conspiracy theory, this conspiracy in action. Mark my words.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am absolutely opposed to the undemocratic Three Waters reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am absolutely opposed to the undemocratic Three Waters reform.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am absolutely opposed to the undemocratic Three Waters reform.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am absolutely opposed to the undemocratic Three Waters reform.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am absolutely opposed to the undemocratic Three Waters reform.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am absolutely opposed to the undemocratic Three Waters reform.

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Name: Vahid

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It's not going to benefit Hamiltonians at all in its current form.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't agree with current reform

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally against how our water is going to be governed with new proposal.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This one I agree with.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Too much expense for Hamiltonians who have already paid too much

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am against it. I don't agree with Three Waters Reform in its current form at all.

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Name: Hayden

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This cost will increase and services will be worse.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Do not agree with this as it takes it away from the local rate payers

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Do not agree this would happen under current structure

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

If FTE's are going to go up and there is so much investment required by Hamilton city council how would this actually improve GDP? If it can then why can't the council currently make it work? I believe the Hamilton rate payers water assets are going to be sold at a reduced price.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Do not proceed with the reform this is not the best option for Hamilton rate payers

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Name: Nic Kuiper

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree something needs to be done in regions with issues. But it seems that this isn't just about water, it's about some councils performing badly. Maybe there should just be better financial and planning support for councils. There is no evidence that the government will do a better job than even the worst run council. They are exceptionally talented at wasting money so I don't see where any cost savings would come from.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't see how the government plans on saving money. They are **** with money and wouldn't trust any numbers they came up with.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Just seems like a wages money hole.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protections can be removed....they don't mean anything.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't understand where the money is going to be saved?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall, seems like the way councils are run and funded seems to be the issue and surely this extends beyond water issues. Also seems like there is a very high risk of privatisation which could be disastrous.

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Name: Kay Keyte

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe council should retain control of Hamilton's infrastructure. Rate payers brought it and it should remain the property of our council. If health & safety issues arise council should be able to obtain a loan from government to make any repairs or new systems.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe our costs will increase with the government reform as it will with council. With council control we will have more access to services than 3 waters control. Hamilton is such a small part of a big region.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I like democracy. I like elected representation. Not keen on appointed personal to be in charge of such a vital thing as water. Privatization can be controlled just as well by council.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I believe council can decided to privatize or not. We elect them to make decisions for us.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I feel the reform is too hasty with its cost analysis. Hamilton is being lumped in with so many other regions we will end up paying for everyone else.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I believe Hamilton will be better off keeping the assets it has. Borrowing to improve asserts but keep control. I believe we will be better off not being swallowed up by a big conglomerate.

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Name: Aaron

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't agree with 3 waters

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It's scared mongering by the Government

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Money will come first before our future

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

We've privatized too many resources and businesses

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The value of assets will continue to rise

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't want it to go ahead

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Name: John GOWER

Organisation: Self Employed

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Yes Public Health is of course important but there are far better ways of addressing this problem that what is proposed by the present Government

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe some of those figures and statements are misleading in that the costs illustrated are if the Government does not assist at all. IN fact the Government has allocated a vast sum but that is on the proviso of supporting the present Government direction. It does not address the basic structure problem that most people have with the Government proposal. If a portion of the money allocated by Government is distributed to local TLA's to address the problems evident then that would assist. Not another layer of administration and extra costs that the Government has not made public.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Completely wrong

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

That is not fully truthful - With Maori saying that they will not rule out surcharges and that they own the water

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

As I said before, the Government is providing a one sided argument in that the costs will be all

borne by the Ratepayer, if the current proposal does not go through, and has done nothing to address the issue of supporting the TLA's in the finances allocated in their proposal

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Sneaky and Politically driven with no thought to the local T.L.A's, (and rate payers), who have invested heavily over many years. Yes there has to be some reforms but certainly not the one that is proposed which is Politically driven and will end up costing N.Z. a lot more than what is suggested at this stage.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

no comment

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

there is insufficient information to comment given that all existing council staff are guaranteed their jobs and not required to move there is likely to be more admin and beurocratic staff than needed in a modern streamlined entity. this will not help providing a more agile structure. the role of contractors who do much of the heavy lifting is not considered.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

top heavy

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

ok this is essential

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

the means of charging for water and wastewater services is not clear stormwater is even more problematic metering for water should be a long term aim

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

mickey mouse

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Record: 492

Name: Adele Fraser

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Whilst I agree we need to protect public health and the environment, one size does not fit all. I think a glaring example of this is the Auckland City Council in its present form - so many of the more localised areas have lost any say of what happens within their locality.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

These I don't fully understand, but I am wary of sweeping government reforms, as so many, in the past, have ended up being detrimental, rather than helpful.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Here again, the governance would possibly be in the hands of staff with no hands on experience - so many government departments are top heavy - a glaring example is the health system!!!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

We must avoid privatisation at all costs - again, a glaring example was the fiasco over the railways!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I remain to be convinced about this - talk is cheap.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

For heaven's sake, slow down and think all aspects through more thoroughly - more consultation with local councils!

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Name: Peter Dornauf

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This whole exercise is a smoke screen for the implementation of He Puapua.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Such projected figures are a form of scare tactics. If Three Waters is implemented,, the bureaucratic costs will increase exponentially.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The stench of nepotism befoils the nostrils. The fact that Mahuta's sister has been given a leading role in this matter beggars belief. This is the beginning of government corruption, all the more concerning given not a murmur of complaint has been raised inside government circles. The 50:50 governance model represents the subversion of all democratic principles. That 15% of the population is given 50% of the power and control is outrageous. This is the tyranny of the minority. It is outright racist.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

That this issue has been raised speaks volumes for the real fears implicit in this reform. The whole process of Three Waters and how it has thus far been conducted, does not give one confidence in any government promises.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Too much uncertainty surrounds the whole projected financial management of this reform.

Overall – what are your views?***Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?***

If the Government was truly serious about these matters, it would have simply focused on those few Councils in New Zealand who have real issues with water management and dealt with them directly. That the majority of Councils are opposed to these 'reforms' speaks volumes. There are other agendas working here.

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Record: 505

Name: D Wilson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Very unhappy as the Hamilton City Council is currently doing a good job managing the water supply and looking after Hamilton rate payers funded water assets.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Just leave them alone as the current set up is mostly working OK and doesn't need meddling by outside bureaucrats from outside the region. Yes costs rise and the city is growing with more residents to help pay for this.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Stop the nonsense. The water services are paid for by all residents/ratepayers and there should be NO special representation based on ethnicity. The whole co governance idea is racist pure and simple.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Socialist propaganda under the current machiavellian government. We need the best people and results for the ratepayers dollar and this appears to be going OK, but if a private company can guarantee to do a better job then this can be evaluated.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Will HCC be better off after the reforms????? Losing our assets paid for by ratepayers is NOT a good idea as you lose control to somebody and always sub servant to them. Please do not go

down this rabbit hole HCC and bow to government stupid ideologies.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Strongly against. Not enough consultation or honesty has been applied to this debacle. Making the excuse the environment will be better off while providing greater investment for growth, immediately outweighs the benefits and on adds further to the destruction of the environment. Sadly we have an out of touch Labour Government stealing assets to promote their far left ideologies while dividing the nation by giving preferential biased representation to minor ethnicity.

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Record: [511](#)

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 530

Name: S. Cresswell

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am sceptical re agreeing these aspects

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I would like the waste water to remain in local bodies

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Against Government governance. Most things they touch turn out for the worst.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No comment

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't believe any figures the current government indicates. Finance and economics is not their forte

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am against 3 waters. I believe it is more about cogovernance and giving our water rights to the

Māoris. This is racial and not what New Zealand is about. I do not trust this process at all.

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Record: 534

Name: Helen Grant

Organisation: my self

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I find it hard to believe official figures particularly on costs. The whole thing appears to me to be a top heavy bureaucratic nightmare. For example they talk about independent selection panels, second regulators, water watchdogs, three technical reference groups, and the four entities. I have also read that an analysis group has forecast that this reform will create 6000 to 9000 new jobs in the next 30 years. Considering that most councils already have good reliable water services staff, what are 200 to 300 new positions going to do, or cost, in the next 30 years?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

terribly top heavy in my opinion

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I have no confidence in anything this government proposes

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

my impression is that currently most of the public service departments are in disarray. Therefore I have no confidence that this proposed legislation will be handled in a business-like manner

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I agree that there are some water services in some areas that need upgrading. But overall this legislation appears to me a gross overkill and I have my doubts that the outcomes they rave on about will in fact achieve satisfactory outcomes.

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Record: 535

Name: Ian Julian

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe 3 Waters should not go ahead

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This Government is should stay out of Hamiltons water total.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Rubbish

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

More Rubbish

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

More Rubbish

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I'm sorry but stop this RUBBISH

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Record: 542

Name: Lynne OMalley

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree there is a need for review but co-governance model divisive and unfair

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Speculative

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Divisive and unfair

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Essential to have these

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Speculative

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Unsure Scottish model is appropriate for us to adopt. Co-governance model divisive and unfair

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Record: 544

Name: Dunstan Sheldon

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Personally I think that a Nationwide run plan is a good idea for all sorts of aspects. A coordinated effort and a savings from scale are just two of them.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

One would think that by doing this under one entity would save money even if it is only from the duplication of 67 entities all doing the same thing.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I actually don't see a difference between ratepayers and taxpayers holding the ownership and everyone having a voice in the running of the new entity's

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Basically, not much different than what is currently in place.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Since I see the actual ownership basically not changing as ratepayers and taxpayers are almost exactly the same group, doing things on a Nationwide basis should lead to savings from scale.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Based on past experience with local council ownership, I feel that the current 67 entities have squandered their rights. If they had actually invested in better environmental outcomes, water quality, investment to meet future demand and reducing future costs, then the National Government would have no reason to even suggest the Three Waters Reform. The argument over ownership is also flawed as ultimately the ownership is not changing. The real owners are the public living in New Zealand. It is only the management that is changing. In this case because the current management has failed to deliver and so a new management team is needed.

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Record: 553

Name: Halon

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Beneficial but not essential for drinking water. Restoration of clean rivers and beaches is central to my view of NZ.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Local government politics is blocking good governance of the various infrastructure assets. It is essential to replace those processes with professional asset stewardship.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am strongly opposed to Brown Racist inroads into democratic institutions.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The protections against privatisation sound good however the detail can often invalidate the statement of intent. Brown racist interests are engaging with 3 waters carrying a specific intention to pick off advantages as they inevitably arise from a diverse structure.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Its going to cost more to implement but that's necessary to restore the commons of 3 good waters.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Its essential that it proceed but it should be provided by all for the benefit of all, and the brown racists should be excluded.

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Record: 556

Name: [carey Hill](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

My view is the proposal is unconstitutional and that necessity for this change is overstated in favour of future control and charges. I am not convinced that Government entities will be any more successful at furnishing clean fresh healthy all of New Zealanders everywhere in any more efficient or effective manner than what is currently the case. To my mind water is a natural substance that should not be controlled nor denied to anyone. I do not see ethnicity as holding any place in who governs its distribution supply or recycling.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Heavily slanted in favour of the three waters proposal. Quantity surveying and future state predictions are fraught with potential inaccuracy- because they do not consider any alternatives other than the status quo or the proposal

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Unnecessary and devisory

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

not robust enough

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Only projections.... scenario's with insufficient protections

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

A step towards Co- governance that should be subject of a referendum

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Record: 566

Name: Keith Hogan

Organisation: na.

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

CLEAN DRINKABLE POTABLE WATER IS A GIVEN RIGHT TO ANY COMMUNITY. While I won't disagree there are councils who are struggling with maintaining their infrastructure and being able to cover future costs. Not all councils are in that position. If there is to be some sort of amalgamation, then a Waikato, Kingcountry, Bay of Plenty, Thames area would be more practical. Also, how would decisions about fluoride be made. As I understand it only one of these boards would have the say and decision. In general we have a pretty good water system in this country. Waste water seems the main issue. There needs to be urgency in preventing the discharge of sewerage and waste into the rivers and beaches. I do question the 35000 people who got sick from contaminated water. The Napier, Havelock north incident figure didn't come anywhere near that number. Also, remember the water supply was not disinfected, which would have prevented the contamination.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

How could this present government come up with future costs for the water infrastructure? Their record of delivery is shocking to say the least. If costs rise to their predictions, then I see the homeless population increasing ten fold. They were going to build 100,000 homes??? Light rail in Auckland, cycle lane on the Auckland bridge. This government has no credibility when it comes to delivery. And they want to bring in three waters. This is not about infrastructure, this is about control of the assets of the people who paid for them.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

How can a government basically take the assets of the council and people who paid for them and tell them they can do better. Maori make up 16% of the population but are going to get 50% of the say on the running of these new identities. This has nothing to do with the treaty. This whole discussion is a con to take control of the assets which is owned by the country's rate payers. This country is being divided by socialistic ideas. This is not democracy.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

How can this government guaranty the assets wont get sold off? Or that the percentage of control wont change. This government has already put in place the infrastructure for 3 waters. How is that for democracy.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Any one can play with figures. These costs are their estimates under their system. What are the costs under smaller areas and a greater say by the local communities, What are the qualifications for these new boards??? Or is it a matter of who or what you identify yourself with?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

While the scheme has some merits, the current structure is not acceptable. People through their councils need to maintain ownership of the assets. Who in their right mind would buy a car for eg, then give the ownership to a faceless committee who say they know better on how to run and control your car. The quicker this government gets dumped the better.

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Record: 570

Name: Brian Prestidge

Organisation: N/A

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support the Government's much-needed Three waters Reform plan.

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Record: 573

Name: Judy McDonald

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It seems abundantly clear that there are widespread problems with three waters management across the country, and public health and environmental performance are not up to standard in many areas. On this basis, improvement as suggested by government seems essential, and the objections from local councils seem to reflect a lack of confidence in the proposed four larger entities to deal fairly with rapid growth areas such as Hamilton. The suggested introduction of Metro Advisory groups and smaller regional entities implies yet more layers of bureaucracy. It is unclear whether HCC's objections mean that they want more localised funding, which could be huge, or whether they merely want more say in how centralised funding is distributed. My cynical interpretation is that this will consume large amounts of money that might be better spent actually providing the necessary infrastructure throughout the region. Essentially, the public health and environment aspects of the government's proposed reforms are extremely important and have been clearly stated. The issue seems to be about who owns local assets, which is perhaps a different question.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

They seem sensible in that equitable distribution of costs is essential across communities, and there is an assurance that services will be maintained.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I think management by an expert team, with oversight from regional groups that have 50% mana whenua representation, would be a significant improvement over the current local council governance, where representatives are often not well informed, lack expertise in the relevant areas, almost certainly lack mana whenua representation in many cases, and may not adequately reflect the views of the communities they claim to serve.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Given that all councils in a region would have to agree to privatisation, and the decision would then be subject to a referendum requiring 75% in favour, it seems a suitable level of protection. It would certainly be more protective than leaving the decision to individual councils, with no requirement for a public referendum, as would be the case in the absence of the reforms.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They seem highly desirable. The costs facing HCC without the reforms are likely to prove crippling, especially for residents on fixed incomes, regardless whether they are home owners or renters, as they would be paying rates on the property they inhabit either directly as owners or indirectly via rent increases. The transfer of debt to the new entity would significantly reduce financial stress on the council and potentially free up funds for other investments such as alternative transport options infrastructure, which are currently severely constrained due to lack of funding.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think the Three Waters Reform is essential. There may be fine details to be thrashed out, but keeping it as simple as possible, with four large entities, seems desirable in terms of minimising bureaucracy and maximising economies of scale in purchasing and installation. It is vital that we reduce the financial strain on individual households and businesses as much as possible, and provide confidence in the continuity and quality of supply of all three arms of water management.

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Record: 575

Name: Christine Williams

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I strongly support improvements to keep Waikato River as healthy as possible. I think the Council has largely done well, although as you note there have been some breaches. I hope that under the new structure the focus on the river health would only approve.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I would like to see water costs to consumers reduced. Our rates are increasing a lot and I understand that this is needed to run Council. If our rates are reduced, and the additional payment to the three waters authority is less than current costs that would be very helpful to ratepayers. It sounds like it would be also a significant cost saving for Council.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I strongly support Councils proposals to give more of a local voice, and the points that its essential to focus on community needs rather than just costs. I think Council has given a comprehensive submission with great suggested solutions.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I would really oppose privatisation and I am pleased to see strong measures to make sure this does not happen.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It does appear that the new entities could be more efficient at using borrowings and spreading

them over a longer period. As the assets stay owned by the council, and with safeguards in as Council is proposing and pushing for, I think that the reforms are a good idea.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I trust Council's analysis in this. I tentatively support the reforms overall as long as the safeguards proposed are able to be included.

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Record: 596

Name: colin andrew bentley

Organisation: private citizen

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This proposal will be a complete disaster...why are half of each councils committee made up of Maori ?..where do they suddenly get this incredible knowledge of water expertise from..?..I strongly object to this proposal being imposed on Hamilton water system..

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Costs will soar for Hamilton residents..

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

governance will be a nightmare,,

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The usual drivel

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton will miss out financially on this reform..big time

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Three waters..another chance to bend over backwards to get Maori into positions on major decision making ..without any qualifications relative to the job..

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Record: [601](#)

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 603

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 609

Name: Peter des Forges

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Let the Waikato and Hamilton people pay for their own water services, no need for Wellington interference.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Leave things as they are. Councils members are accountable for outcomes to do with the services provided, under the new structure there is no accountability.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I have no opinion.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton City Council has done an okay job so far. I do not see any need to make any changes especially when there is no guarantee of a better service.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It should be thrown in the bin.

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Record: 637

Name: Richard Upperton

Organisation: Richard Upperton

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not support the 3 waters. There are plenty of other ways to look after our water. Govt does not need more control.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't believe this for a second. Our govt is in so much debt this will be another excuse to recover more money from the tax payer

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe the reform will be too centralized and will lose the local community input

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I good blend of privatization and local community ownership is generally the best way to go in my view.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I would be more inclined to working on initiatives to reduce water usage and therefore size of infrastructure required. Making low water usage toilets and show heads would be a good start. Also incentives for business and agri to reduce water usage onsite.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I'm not a fan however we do need fresh thinking on how to reduce overall load on the system in the first instance. I think more centralizing control will not benefit individual councils long-term

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Record: 640

Name: Tracey Steel

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There clearly needs to be better management in our big cities but it needs to be managed by each council and be overviewed by the government . Councils need to be held accountable. Every region is different and needs to be treated as such. The government needs to look at the regions that need help.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Don't believe for a minute this would reduce our costs. Making one system work for all is a bad idea. I believe we would end up paying more not less. Having one call center for the whole country never works. Different regions are different, understanding needs of that region needs to be local.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Sounds a bit like a dictatorship, first our health system now our water systems, all controlled from one entity.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

We definitely do not want our water systems privately owned. But this is not the way to go,

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

We would have no control of where the money would go. The debt owed by councils would be shared not reduced, our freedom of choice is being removed. We would end up paying for the

water used in Auckland and the much needed new systems in Wellington. Each region must be in control of their own systems. This is destined for failure. Putting our health system and our water in control of one entity will not benefit individual communities.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

A government that is becoming a dictatorship. Controlling what we do. The money is the same, except they decide who to give what to and who should get what. Not personalized, not about each region. It will cost a well organized city more, as we will lose control. There is no money tree, no magic fix same money but someone else decides who gets what. Yes we need better systems and yes we need to clean our acts up, but this penalizes the council who gave good systems and work for their people. The Government needs to work with each region on a base by base system. Leaving control with the region, helping them and ensuring the money is spent where it needs to go. Not a dictatorship.

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Record: 643

Name: Jordan mayall

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I have seen this current government make a mess of most things they touch. I have no confidence that they could manage the water better than local councils. I also cannot understand why half of ownership is going to iwi... this is highly racist against every other ethnicity in nz and could cause big problems in the future. This water should be owned equally by all new zealanders no matter race

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I believe this current government would say any thing as an excuse in order to steal billions of dollars of water assets from local councils

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The cons of this whole proposal out weigh the benefits. Long term this is a bad bad bad idea giving up control of the water for Wellington to do God know what with it in the future

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This government cannot be trusted and they have shown that in their 5 years in government. By giving 50% ownership to one race out of many that make up nz is a very bad idea.... I can see what this pictures going to look like in 10 years time and it will be a disaster

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Record: 645

Name: Craig Berquist

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Listen to the people of this city !!! Clearly this is NOT WANTED yet this council is proceeding without our consent - disgusting ! None of you deserve to hold office if you do not listen to the people who put you there. You disgust me

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What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This Government is out of control ! They do not care about the peoples voice - no one wants this rubbish forced upon them - shame on you Labour !

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

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Record: 650

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Centralisation is not the answer. Any problems with our 3 waters come from either poor funding or expertise. Give Councils help on these fronts and let them get on with it. Have a compliance/expertise body in Central Government and alternative funding streams other than rates to get things done. Infrastructure Bonds, a GST share, or such like will take the load of politically charged rate hikes. The proposed model creates layers to hide behind, will slow action, no electoral responsibility but is great for the Maori elite. The system needs an upgrade not a demolition.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Smoking mirrors

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

More layers therefore more diluted accountability.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Still closer to privatisation than we currently are.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Give Councils other mechanisms and avenues of funding. Underfunding has caused issues so Central Government needs to spread the love more without complicating things with controlling bureaucracy. Have an experts division to help those councils light on expertise and

advice on best practice. Step in when things go pear shaped?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

An over reaction and the proponents have spun a deceptive PR campaign which most have seen through. Academics at work here , who are lite weight on operational experience.

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Record: 669

Name: Chris Hughes

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The need for changing our 100-year-old system of water service provision and delivery has not been made. According to the Ministry of Health water quality audits, and surveillance reports from the ESR, the overall quality of New Zealand's water supplies is excellent. There is no catastrophic health risk from water in New Zealand that justifies the scale of disruption that would result from the Bill. While problems do occur from time to time, they are localised and are usually addressed with urgency by the councils involved. Contrary to the scaremongering claims made by the Government's grossly misleading advertising campaign the system is working extremely well in most parts of the country. That's not to say that improvements can't be made, especially by smaller councils with limited financial resources, but if the Government had genuinely wanted to improve water services in New Zealand, they would have considered more targeted solutions. The fact that no such options were considered, indicates that the Government's priorities with respect to Maori interests, may have been the primary consideration.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

They are nonsense. Minister mahuta has already stated an extra 9,300 people will be employed under their new Three Waters structure. She also stated no existing employees in this sector will lose their jobs. This to me means a massive increase in costs to provide the TW services. In addition, despite numerous requests, HCC have still been unable to provide clear guidance on what will happen to our existing rates if the income from the HCC TW assets are transferred to the new ownership entity. HCC receives no income from this new ownership entity. Could you please explain how HCC will save the equivalent of \$60m contribution you currently receive from the TW assets which you are about to lose? I assume services will continue as normal except that communication with a Wellington beaurocracy will be much more time consuming and frustrating than dealing with a locally based service provider.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposed Governance structure is akin to a dogs breakfast. The proposed structure has too many levels, is focused on ethnicity appointees rather than relevant expertise and in my view is a recipe for disaster. The proposed structure is simply unworkable in an efficiency driven commercial model. Interestingly the person representing the Scottish Water Board who was interviewed on Q&A last Sunday clearly stated the proposed Governance structure is not one they would recommend and or support.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This should not be an issue. The ownership of the assets should remain with those ratepayers who have already funded their existence and maintenance.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Firstly HCC are being disingenuous in your statements. \$70m income from current TW assets. What are your costs related to generating this income. My analysis suggests circa \$30m, less the contribution from new projects, so net \$10m. This suggests a loss of contribution to HCC of \$60m annually? Please prove me wrong. How does HCC plan to downsize council costs to match this loss of contribution? According to the S&P report following their review of funding, interest costs and lending limits they advised that Government backed guarantees would be required by the TW ownership entities to achieve the forecast favourable interest rates used in the modelling. If Government is to act as guarantor for this debt, why could a similar loan structure not be put in place for council owned business units providing these TW services. the same outcome would be achieved without the associated massive increase in overheads. maybe a treasury function to provide these funding services could be based out of the Reserve bank? They should have the required skill base to manage the loan and interest rate systems required to ensure efficient delivery of funding? All projects would be required to conform with a pre approved plan much like councils are required to submit as part of their planning processes now. Ideally councils around New Zealand would follow the Auckland Watercare model and consolidate services into locally managed TW service entities.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This submission is a personal submission as a very concerned ratepayer residing in Hamilton. I totally oppose the Bill and ask the Select Committee to recommend that the Bill be withdrawn on the basis that it is contrary to the public interest and harmful to democracy. My concerns are as follows. 1. The case for change has not been made The need for changing our 100-year-old system of water service provision and delivery has not been made. According to the Ministry of Health water quality audits, and surveillance reports from the ESR, the overall quality of New Zealand's water supplies is excellent. There is no catastrophic health risk from water in

New Zealand that justifies the scale of disruption that would result from the Bill. While problems do occur from time to time, they are localised and are usually addressed with urgency by the councils involved. Contrary to the scaremongering claims made by the Government's grossly misleading advertising campaign the system is working extremely well in most parts of the country. That's not to say that improvements can't be made, especially by smaller councils with limited financial resources, but if the Government had genuinely wanted to improve water services in New Zealand, they would have considered more targeted solutions. The fact that no such options were considered, indicates that the Government's priorities with respect to Maori interests, may have been the primary consideration.

2. Flawed assumptions have been used to justify the reforms

Flawed financial modelling

The government has relied on modelling with flawed assumptions and has not adequately explained the financial risks inherent in the debt funding proposed for the Entities. The modelling fails to properly account for the \$48 billion in additional debt accumulated over the 30-year projection period by assuming the debt does not need to be repaid. It also fails to draw attention to the financing risks and the potential liability to water users should interest rates rise above the assumed 3.5 percent. The effect of the erroneous assumptions is to understate the true likely cost to water users. The addition of the Ministerial claim that over 9,300 new jobs will be created by the New Three Waters structure will add an enormous cost burden to the proposed restructure of our Three Waters system. This alone will add significant costs to the provision of these services which can only be funded by increased charges for delivery of these services. I would suggest the Select Committee undertake their own inquiry into the finances before agreeing to support the Bill.

Ownership and community engagement

The government claims local authorities will continue to own the water infrastructure and communities will continue to have a say in the management of the water. That is clearly not the case. Clause 66 of the bill tells the true story. It says a "territorial authority... (a) has no right, title, or interest (legal or equitable) in the assets, security, debts, or liabilities of a water services entity (and the constitution cannot confer any such right, title, or interest...); and (b) must not receive any equity return, directly or indirectly, from a water services entity;..." Councils will retain none of the benefits of ownership. It is ownership in name only, not in practice. Furthermore, it is implausible to claim, as the government does, that a local authority will influence the management of the water assets when its role in the governance arrangements is diluted by 50 percent to Maori interests in the first instance, and that 50 percent interest is further diluted by the interests of the other local authorities within the Entity. The end result is that local communities will in practice have negligible - if any - say in the management of local water services.

3. Much simpler alternatives are available for the Government to improve water infrastructure and services - if that was the real reason for the reforms

The obvious solutions lie in the fair funding of local authorities. Firstly, central government should start paying for the benefit it receives from local authorities. Around thirty percent of New Zealand's total land area is held by the Department of Conservation, which, like other government agencies, is exempted from rates. With stewardship land making up almost 90 percent of some council areas, if the Government fronted up and contributed its fair share to the cost of council services and community infrastructure, local authorities would be in a far better position to invest in upgrading their water assets. Secondly, they could adopt a funding model that emulates the 50:50 shared funding arrangement used for roading projects, so water infrastructure could be directly co-funded in partnership with local government - or at least, they could make funds available on terms similar to that which central government itself enjoys. In addition, many councils have themselves suggested innovative ways that they can work together to reduce costs. The fact that this type of approach has not been taken suggests the underlying motivation for the

reforms is not to improve water services, but to introduce co-governance and provide special benefits to Maori that other New Zealanders will not enjoy. 4. Co-governance is discriminatory and anti-democratic. Recently the Attorney General ruled that a Council Bill to create co-governance was discriminatory to non-Maori and in breach of the Bill of Rights. He urged the Council to withdraw the Bill, and they did so. In his report he stated, "In a representative democracy, it is important to maintain approximately the same level of representation for everyone. The proposed arrangements in the Bill would make the number of council members for the Maori ward disproportionately higher than the number of council members for the general ward in comparison to their respective populations. As the disadvantaged group is those on the General roll, changing representation arrangements away from proportional representation therefore creates a disadvantage for non-Maori as they cannot in future elect to change rolls". Similar discrimination is being created by this Bill. The proposed co-governance arrangements for the Regional Representative Groups and Regional Representation Panels establishes 50 percent iwi representation and 50 percent council representation. This arrangement, however, grossly discriminates against New Zealanders who are not able to register with an iwi, since the proposed number of Group or Panel representatives for iwi would be disproportionately higher than the number of Group or Panel representatives for non-iwi, in comparison to their respective populations. Since this discriminates against non-iwi, the Bill is a breach of Section 19 of the Bill of Rights and should be withdrawn. 5. The Bill and the process that has been followed is completely undemocratic because communities have been excluded from the process. Councils were instructed not to consult with their communities over the reforms, and now clause 14 of Schedule 1 of the Bill specifically withdraws the consultation requirement of councils to engage over changes to the way water services will be provided. This is an effective ban on the ability of local residents and ratepayers to have any say about reforms, which effectively strip them of assets they and generations of their families have paid for -along with their rights of local control over water services through their elected councils. Conclusion This Bill is not in the best interests of New Zealand. It is based on dubious modelling and assumptions, that cannot and should not be relied on. The estimates of lower prices cannot be trusted and the debt that will be generated will create a huge debt burden for future generations. In addition the co-governance arrangements are discriminatory and anti-democratic.

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Name: John Derry

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Government continues to base the necessity for reform on the one off problems experienced in Havelock North some years ago. a considerable upgrade has been made to bring the water supply up to a great standard. This can be achieved in all council areas with assistance where needed without charging ratepayers in the areas where there are no problems.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the figures being thrown around by Government are just scaremongering that their figures are just educated guesses.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Council may technically own the assets but will have no control over them therefore ownership in this case means nothing. The proposed governance is just setting more levels of bureaucracy creating more large salaries for the many staff.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There appears to be still chance of privatising even though remote.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Why would council agree to the reform when there are still no guarantees on what Government are actually going to pay Council and what amount of debt they are going to absorb? What guarantee will Council get that the proposed water developments in the pipeline will actually

get funded? What happens when Council wants to develop or extend water services that the new structures will agree?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a socialist Labour Government grab of ratepayers assets. I don't believe it is anything to do with better quality of services but more to do with this Government wanting more control over NZ citizens lives. The proposed reforms take away any democratic rights for citizens to decide how they want their assets managed. I think the vast majority of Hamilton citizens are very happy with the standard of water being provided by our Council. I do not agree that Hamilton Council should have their control taken away.

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Record: 677

Name: David Wigg

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The governments proposal for water reform must not be allowed to proceed. While local council will own shares in the local water assets council will have no say in the management of their asset. The whole reform is totally biased towards iwi with the result that ratepayers will be funding whatever iwi desire with no guarantee water quality will improve in the few areas that need improvement. The bureaucracy created will result in great costs paying out unnecessary money to inexperienced people. Engineers should be employed by government to sort out those areas which require upgrades to improve water quality, improve pipes etc not unqualified people who will in turn employed engineers for advice. I am not happy with this government forging ahead with these proposals.

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Record: 678

Name: K Stelwagen

Organisation: n/a

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There currently is no issue with the safety of our drinking water our management of our wastewater! Occasionally there can be an issue such as in Hastings, but that can occur at any time, no matter who manages the resources. What matters is that any issues are managed and rectified as soon as possible. The Three Waters will offer no advantage here - if anything the multiple layers of proposed bureaucracy will make it worse, esp. outside the main urban centers. In short: don't look for problems where there are none - and don't pretend to fix what ain't broken!!

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Increased costs with the proposed reforms will be one of the major concerns. The increased level of bureaucracy will drive costs up unnecessarily. Service provision will also suffer, esp. outside the main urban regions. Auckland's Super City serves as a good example here - ask the rate payers in the annexed periphery how much their services have improved and their costs have gone down..... Moreover the whole Three Waters proposal will be a tax in disguise. It will be very easy to increase the percentage contribution (i.e., rates) to increase without local rate payers having any input. If the government is concerned about water issues/infrastructure in certain areas, why not simply provide extra resources to those councils on an as- and when-needed basis. This would be much more cost-effective overall.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposed structure is beyond comprehension - it is hard to imagine a more bureaucratic structure than this. It will guarantee a larger number of people (incl. consultants) to have their snout in the government trough without any consideration/answerability to local regional rate-payers. The proposed governance structure is excessive, cumbersome, not necessary and must be avoided for the benefit of all rate-payers. It simply is insulting.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There is no need for protection against privatization. In fact, he proposed current Three Waters initiative does not give any protection for the interests of the rate-payer either. It forcibly takes away rate-payer funded assets and leaves rate-payers without any meaningful input, yet they will be forced to foot the (annually increasing) bill.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Ultimately the rate-payers will have to foot the bill. Therefore, there will be no financial benefits with the proposed structure - perhaps some short-term ones, but longer-term some bureaucrats in Wellington will continually increase the annual contributions rate-payers have to make. Moreover, post of those rate-payers in smaller rural centers are unlikely to see an improvement , because all resources will be targeted to upgrading the main urban centers - again the earlier mentioned Auckland Super City concept serves as an example here.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The whole Three Waters Reform is a bad idea that tries to fix a problem that does not exist. It will be a money/asset grab by central government at the expense of rate-payers. Esp. those in rural areas will see little or no benefit of these reforms and will most likely be worse off.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 684

Name: J Jackson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

HCC have been doing a sterling job. We all care about the environment and Public Health. Govt does 'not care' about NZ Public Health as this Govt is 'the cause' behind our broken Public Health system staffing. This Govt could not organize a basic resolve as this Govt takes forever to improve anything! In the 5 years of Labour being in Govt we strain to see anything that has been made better! Our Public Health and environment aspects would fall into pieces with 'over analysis' from the different opinions of the different Maori Tribes. This is a recipe for 'disaster' to NZ Agriculture, Tourism and more and must not be allowed to proceed. If this does proceed Maori and intellectual university, socialist academics, will 'wreck' NZ just as Socialist Dictator Madura (Prime-Minister of Venezuela) has 'destroyed' the flourishing agriculture and economy in Venezuela. Mahuta and Ardern are dangerous 'Dictators' just like Madura; be warned; as we have read a lot about Socialist Dictator Madura's wrecking of Venezuela. Ardern and Mahuta are trying to do the same to NZ by getting 'total control' for Maori in NZ. This dangerous Three Waters Bill gives Ardern 'Dictator control' over all people living in NZ so NO WAY must this Bill proceed in Democratic NZ or Democracy in NZ will be 'destroyed!' This Three Waters Bill is also 'very corrupt' and must not be tolerated for the sake of New Zealand's hard working New Zealanders who are the backbone of New Zealand's economy and future survival.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Service and Costs will go through the roof that is, prices will cripple NZ businesses and home affordability and New Zealanders will become Socialist-dictator 'victims' to this nasty Socio-communist Ardern Govt.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

When governance is removed from 'Local Council Management' (Local Council people 'who KNOW' the needs of the area they live in) 'nothing' gets done quickly nor properly nor efficiently!! Three Waters Bill is another form of State Owned Enterprise (SOE) when

decisions are sluggish and invariably not agreed upon for months if not years! Just as Air NZ could barely function in the 1970s until xxxx recognized the need to allow privatisation with 'shareholder' ownership. It was only 'then' that Air New Zealand began to grow and hugely contribute towards New Zealand's prospering economical growth. New Zealand will become a 'dysfunctional' country if this selfish 'Socialist-dictating' Ardern Three Waters Bill proceeds. SOE's (State-Owned Enterprises), 'Socio-communist control' in this Three Waters Bill, 'wreck'a country's progress as will this Govt- controlling' Three Waters Bill.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Socio-communist control which IS 'protection against privatization' 'wrecks' and 'destroys' a country's growth and development.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Govt financial 'controlling' structures will 'wreck' New Zealand's economical growth and 'destroy' many businesses in NZ.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This Bill will hamper, wreck and destroy NZ's economy.

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Record: 691

Name: Craig Alick Wills

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This is very important! The current water infrastructure model is not working nationwide. Drinking water degradation, storm water spillages and break down in sewage systems shows that councils are more interested in empire building or protecting than upgrading water infrastructure. And all this hot air opposition to the planned government reform just shows that councils are more worried about the assets than the health of the general population. We are already aware of what happened in Havelock North, and we have all seen the reports on Wellington water infrastructure, particularly the city's sewage system. What makes this opposition more galling is that not all New Zealanders have access to clean drinking water and it quite common for people to be disabled temporarily or permanently by gastric bugs or listeria. The government through these reforms, is endeavouring to deliver better water infrastructure outcomes for all New Zealanders, something a number of the nation's councils have adjectively failed to so.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Positive! If it has the tendency to bring down the rates, that will be great. Currently, I do not see our rates being used intelligently to bring about any tangible improvement in our water infrastructure. One gets the feeling that the water portion of our rates bill vanishes down deep council pockets, never to be seen again. If the Government's reform bring about more investment into our water infrastructure, then I am definitely in support!

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Surely these new entities must be a vast improvement on the current model, which is largely based on self-interest, empire building and asset protection.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

If the assurances are there, I will definitely support it! However, one can never trust a neo-liberal centre right government that get into power and promotes privatisation.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Lower debt, lower rates and the ability to invest into other essential business components of council must be a win-win situation for all concerned.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support it! Better water infrastructure would bring about better health outcomes of the populace. We should all benefit from these reforms, particularly a better quality of life. Those in local government who promote and support better water infrastructure outcomes will always get my support.

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Name: BM Snowsill

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 712

Name: GB Singh

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It would have an negative impact, as no thought appears to have been given to these aspects

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

These new regulations will result in xtra costs to the Council that will pass these on to rate-payers who are already burdened with high rates that are going up again from July this year. These extra costs will arise, especially to replace and maintain stormwater systems

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance of water services, for example, would pass on from Council's elected representatives to a CEO/management team

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not sure if the protections promised would be enough

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There is a big worry regarding recovery of water charges in future by new entity, or whether a capital value rating system would be introduced, especially because hamilton has high water services debt- \$370m

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

There could be a big gap between what is said(or assured) now and done later. Overall, as Hamilton is a growing city with different needs than other towns/cities, its needs, I believe, are different and cannot be equated with other cities. Once decision making or hold of council is shifted to the new entity, community may find it difficult to reach them or make them hear what they wish to say. Council's elected representatives, on the other hand, are more answerable to the community.

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Record: 730

Name: Ray Moxham

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am against these reforms. It erodes local democracy. It removes assets held local and centralises them. This is a form of nationalization. I do not believe a central bureaucracy will manage these assets more efficiently.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If history has taught us anything it is that central control increases price and erodes quality. Water services will cost more and be of a lower standard.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Council ownership looks like window dressing. While I support Iwi Co ownership this needs to be done in a demonstrably democratic model. I do not believe the current model does this

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I have no problem with this

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am concerned about the potential effects on HTC's balance sheet and ability to borrow. It will inevitably cost more than planned.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am strongly against theses reforms and thexway in which the government has promoted them.

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Record: 734

Name: D Coleman

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It should be for all, no matter their race, creed, religion or the individual identity. Each individual shall have the same right to use and contribute as the next.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It should be for all, no matter their race, creed, religion or the individual identity. Each individual shall have the same right to use and contribute as the next.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

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What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It should be for all, no matter their race, creed, religion or the individual identity. Each individual shall have the same right to use and contribute as the next.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a race based separatist attempt to demolish the democratic society of New Zealand and give power to the tribal elite.

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Record: 735

Name: Suzanne kok

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Public health and environment are important, locally owned and operated will be the best way to protect these. Locally owned and operated allows for quick adjustments and reviews when required, that are much more cost effective than big or bigger operations

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the costs are out of proportion, a lot of money is being wasted on so called working groups and consultants, without looking at overseas and previously done reviews. Secondly, Hamilton water is in a good shape as it has been managed well, therefore the increase should not be as high as forecasted. Lastly, I wonder why the rural rates would need to be increased that much since rural properties take care of their own water... doesn't make much sense

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not good, governance should be local to be able to be flexible and respond to changing situations. 2nd, currently ratepayers can have some influence by elections, if the water is governed by bigger organizations the influence of the ratepayer is practically non-existing

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This doesn't make sense, if 3 waters is not going ahead then this is not a concern

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

In the long run the 3 waters reform will cost the ratepayer more money and leave them with

less influence

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It should not go ahead - it will cost more in the long run - ratepayer will have less and less control - bigger organizations are less able to respond to changing situations, so no more quick adjustments and reviews when needed - local control will be best for all regions not just hamilton - hamilton water is in good form, this will deteriorate when 3 waters are formed
Please stop 3 waters

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

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SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 740

Name: Neville Robertson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government's proposals represent our best hope in many year for safe and sustainable ways of handling all three parts of our water system.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The government's proposals are our best hope for an efficient system - and the cost will be shared on a more equitable basis than is the case at the moment.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The more centralised system which is needed for rationale, comprehensive management still has a role for local input.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The government's proposals look better in this regard than the status quo.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Undoubtedly the proposed financial structures are an improvement on the status quo in which the ratepayer bears an unfair share of the cost.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Absolutely we must support the government's proposal. The status quo has lead us to a situation in which our drinking water is often unsafe and the chronic under-investment by local government has left us with a leaking, polluting system.

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Name: Cliff Boyt

Organisation: Cliff Boyt Consulting

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Management of all 3-waters by local authorities has demonstrated that they collectively fail to meet the health and environment expectations of the community. The expectations are rising year by year and the ability of local authorities to keep abreast of these expectations is becoming harder and harder, particularly for the smaller communities.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Communities face increasing costs across all water services to bring their systems up to currently expected levels, plus the costs associated with population growth, increasing density of residential areas and replacement of aging infrastructure. While Hamilton is well ahead of the national average in all 3 waters services it has a heavy future load to match demand for growth and to keep abreast of increasing public expectations. I perceive that Hamilton is in a much better position than many of the communities throughout the Waikato, who we relate with regularly. Hamilton should have a focus well beyond the City Boundaries.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the government proposals in that it takes decision-making around investment in water infrastructure away from the time-weary system of there are no votes in water and puts it into a position of what is needed to meet the expectations and how do the priorities lie.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Looking at models in Europe I think that privatization may be a longer-term need, but it must not lose the focus on the public and the environment.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I consider that the financial structures are a reasonable starting point, but that fine-tuning will probably be needed in the future as the system matures, settles into place and starts to close the gap between expectations and delivery standards across the board. An area where I see a great deal of attention is required is the matter of depreciation of current infrastructure. Since the late 1980s Councils have been required to charge depreciation on the water assets, but that income often has not been ring-fenced and has been used to fund more nice to have community facilities such that when reinvestment is required to renew old water infrastructure the cupboard has been bare. I am also interested to observe how infrastructure to cater for population growth will be programmed and funded - it is a key determinant of when the growth area will be available for development. - e.g. the Peacocks area to the south of Hamilton.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am a water and wastewater engineer with 54 years experience, 36 years of which were with HCC, and the balance as a semi-retired consultant. I have observed some serious wastes of investment in water and wastewater infrastructure all around New Zealand and particularly in the Waikato. Some major projects have been poorly driven by the Councils, poorly designed by consultants and as a result have either been provided over-budget or trimmed back such that they do not deliver what they were proposed to deliver. This has to change!! An area that I think may need further development is regarding resource consents covering the water infrastructure. I understand that the consent for Hamilton's WWTP has just 4 years to run so an application will be needed to be submitted in late-2025 - that is not a very long period for the necessary analysis, preparation of an AEE, and submitting the application. Another area that needs attention is the number of consents that have been applied for and then put on hold and also the number of significant non-compliances with existing consents.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

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SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

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What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

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SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

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SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

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SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 752

Name: Graeme Brown

Organisation: Private Citizen

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Three Waters' Most people I talk to are of the opinion the Government will only create an expensive' top heavy Bureaucratic system which has little chance of looking after Public Health & Environment any better than our Hamilton City Council and most other Councils in New Zealand.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The Government's long term projections of future Services and Costs' is not surprising since this is normal inflationary costs as time goes on and left alone Councils will deal with this as they do in their normal Budget planning. In my opinion the Governments projections of these Services and Costs' are scare mongering.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

My views on the Governance is that it all seems Top heavy & Expensive (one wonders how much more Tax will be dreamed-up by Government to cover these costs.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

In my view you the Government would need a certain amount of Privatisation input to make it efficient (but not' Total privatisation)

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Financial Structures under Government owned/run, in my opinion would be top heavy and

expensive no doubt leading to more bureaucracy and taxes.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Totally and emphatically disagree with the Government's Three Waters Reform. I sincerely hope the Council can stand firm & strong and reject three Waters as this seems to be the opinion of most Hamiltonians.

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Record: 755

Name: Tony Janssen

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Suggested improvements to public health and the environment should be seriously considered. Real facts obtained to ensure that the real picture is being looked at. One bad apple does not always mean the whole tree is bad. Bad analysis will always end in bad outcomes. No matter what we have, needs to be looked at to see if we can do and be better. Our current situation is not perfect, but improvements need to have a degree of certainty as to seeing an improvement. These are huge areas with many aspects that will continually need to be looked at to see that they are fit for purpose and delivering what is expected of the service. There are very few things that guarantee failure, but multiple levels of oversight is one situation that will guarantee gridlock and failure.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The government is against fake news, and this is as it should be. But I find it difficult to believe that the government is not telling me a porkie with their figures. To me their figures are blatant fake news. How can entities that will borrow \$185b not have sizeable increases in costs and as a result increase their charges substantially. This is common sense (at least in my eyes). That reform is needed is pretty much universal. Current services I consider are very good. That said, I do understand that growth and aging assets will both impact the current status of service delivery and costs. Council's are continually looking at these circumstances and will consult with their community over the suggested solutions.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is totally unacceptable. Two layers is a guarantee to failure. No doubt under this model these people will be paid handsomely, increasing the costs which in turn will increase the charges to be paid. Again to me tells me the government figures about charges to users is seriously flawed and absolutely fake news and deliberately deceitful. One level of a Board is more than sufficient. Only council's should appoint members from within their own council. No

need to have extra members appointed because of their origin. If this is done then those people have two votes (one for councilor and another for their representative). How is that a democracy!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is simple to resolve. It is to be put to the people and then approved by both the council and the government. No need for the appointment of separate appointees to oversee who will bloke such a move. I see the proposed safeguards proposed by government as ridiculous and more ****.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

If the assets are transferred then the related debt must also be transferred. Reimburse Council for costs involved with making these changes must also happen. Fully removing these assets/services from Council I feel will place Council's in a bad position. They will provide a small range of services that will be costly and increasingly difficult for Council to persuade ratepayers for the costs of providing them. Will Council's be viable with these assets/services removed? What I find interesting is that we regularly hear of the LTP from Council's saying they expect rates increases of 4% for the next 10 years, but within 3 or 4 years there is an announcement that there is a one-off increase of say 8%. But within the next 5 years we have another one-off increase. Something seems out of kilter in the models being used. I get it is a difficult job to forecast these costs etc. And government expects me to believe their calculations. Yeah right.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally against their proposal. Too top heavy. That we need reform, yes. Any reform can promise whatever. The delivery is what will give us the outcomes. Current Councils have worked worked hard over the past to generate the outcomes as government have listed. I do not believe government when they say that 35,000 people in NZ are sick every year because of water quality. I have not seen any report from the Ministry of Health on this. According to government reports we have 25,000 people diagnosed with Cancer each year. But we do not hear in the news about bad water! Really. Why not use the CCO option.

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Name: MB Williams

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposals are very weak on the costs and timing of the upgrades to meet the enhanced standards.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not believe these costs. How can the Government predict the costs in 2051, it's a guess to 'scare' people into accepting the 'reforms'. Who controls the money flows and decides which infrastructure or upgrades proceed??

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

These groups are important and must consist of qualified, experienced, accountable persons. Each group should be no more than 8 persons. Higher numbers complicate decision making.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is the first step towards nationalisation and central control for Wellington. This will continue until the costs and losses become a problem and the expected benefits do not eventuate - then it will be privatisation. I cannot see any controls to stop this eventual outcome.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Who decides the level of finance and prioritises the proposed upgrades. ie Hamilton currently is well served with drinking water and waste water disposal. In other areas, substandard provisions may get priority over Hamilton's needs.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I thinkk the hoped for outcome is control from Wellington by selected persons sympatheic to the Governments view.

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Record: 763

Name: Derek Mackie

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government has hugely exaggerated the public health risk. Most areas have perfectly safe drinking water and the number of people affected by water issues is tiny, as backed up by the actual statistics. This is a ruse to help push through their proposals by scaring people.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Independent studies on the Three Waters plans cast serious doubt on the government's costings which almost certainly greatly underestimate the real cost. Just for starters, significantly more people will be employed by these new entities than at present, and yet we're expected to believe that large savings will eventuate. That should ring alarm bells!! The new proposed entities are very heavy on bureaucracy and have multiple layers of governance. They lack transparency and will not be locally accountable. Most concerning, they put half the voting power into the hands of local iwi who have no greater rights to water than any other citizen. This is a blatant co-governance move and exposes the plan as undemocratic and discriminatory to 87% of the population. If for no other reason, no council or mayor who cares about democracy should vote in favour of these reforms. If they do so they either do not understand democracy or believe in it. Either way, they are unfit for office.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is partly covered in my last answer. But to continue, the government's have announced the councils will have shares in the new entities. This is a fallacy because the councils will have no rights of ownership, without which the shares will be worthless. Control of the assets will effectively be controlled by local iwi who have 50% voting power. Decisions will require a 75% supermajority which means the councils will never get approval unless iwi agree. We are effectively putting control of a crucial public service, essential to ALL New Zealanders into the hands of tribal organisations who WILL have ownership rights. Mahuta has refused to rule out that iwi will claim a royalty under the new bodies....which means that's exactly what they will

get after the dust settles.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Don't have strong view on this. There are far more important and glaring concerns that should make these reforms a non-starter.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

We have vague promises about how much the new water services will cost us. Will these costs be offset against our current rates bill??? The multiple layers of governance will make these bodies very expensive to manage and this will be borne by ratepayers. The new bodies will be able to borrow more than local councils but ratepayers will still have to pay all this money back. At what future cost? As said before, independent studies suggest the government costings are wildly optimistic.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

They are blatantly racist, will not address the water problems and will disadvantage the vast majority of ratepayers. They remove local ownership and control and place it in the hands of large entities who are NOT directly accountable to local ratepayers. Polls have shown that ratepayers overwhelmingly want water services under local control with the ability to vote in/out councillors who don't perform. That is local democracy. This reforms should be opposed in the strongest terms. They are fatally flawed and will benefit one ethnic minority over everyone else.

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Record: 774

Name: Rosanne Ludbrook

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Shocking! Improving these vital services is obviously needed, but this model is totally undemocratic, with virtual confiscation of assets owned by local people, and local governments becoming therefore no more than puppet owners. Centralisation or, socialism, with all control from Wellington and its bureaucrats, disregards local talent, expertise, historical knowledge. Under the 4 entities model it is highly likely a city/town will have no one representing it. The infrastructure is all owned by local people, and yet as well as confiscating it, this government is passing over half the power of appointments by the Regional representative Group to iwi. This is totally undemocratic on several levels. The water is everyone's and the facilities were developed by all tax payers so why introduce separatism ?? Or apartheid? . It seems that Ms Mahutu

and her government are more concerned about co-governance than the smooth operating of 3 waters.

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Name: Kevin Collins

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support the Government's Three Waters proposal. My main points are noted below: This is a national issue. It is soooo inefficient to have dozens of local councils trying to manage their own water systems. Councils have wildly different financial and staffing capabilities; of course the smaller councils will struggle to meet the highest standards. Rationalisation of this system makes absolute sense. This is NOT about local democracy. I don't care if the people managing my water system are based in Garden Place or Lambton Quay. It's a very technical and sophisticated service that needs to be delivered efficiently by technically qualified people. But it's obvious to me that the pool of qualified managers and technicians will be limited. Why have a system that makes all councils compete against each other to recruit these few people? The

Government is NOT taking an asset that belongs to Hamilton. Hamilton's water system is not an "asset" except in the limited book-keeping sense. The system has value, of course, but you can't sell it, or lease it or otherwise turn it into cash. If anything, the system is an essential liability that needs regular investment to keep it functioning. Those investments will be easier to make in a consolidated, national system. The water system is an "out of sight, out of mind" essential service (mostly literally underground) that no one thinks about unless it fails. As such, it is the sort of thing that is often underfunded by local councils because the political return for spending lots of public money is typically zero. In contrast, communities can see their playgrounds get run down or trash pile up on the streets. Spending money on those things is relatively easy politically (and we need those things too). The estimate is that NZ's water services will need \$185 billion to fix and upgrade existing services in the coming 30 years. If that figure is anywhere close to accurate, we've got to have centralisation to keep costs down and avoid the temptation for local councils to spend money on more popular things. I note HCC's view that voting arrangements in the Regional Representative Groups do not reflect Hamilton's needs or issues. I accept that influence in the new entities matters. However, I do not agree that local councils "must retain planning and financial control over the new entities." That would defeat the whole purpose of the very necessary reforms.

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Name: Paul McMillan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that individual decisions must be made by the independent councils. Different issues and problems must be made by those with historical knowledge . If a generic government process is followed , the likely outcome will be mass failure and breakdown. Should three waters progress it would put to much control of process with one entity. Look at the supermarkets as an example.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Currently the costs are excessive. I believe poor accountability is the issue and point. Changing to a centralized operation will not change this. Also spreading the costs evenly again is deflecting the issue.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Water control. Is this possible. Majority rule is the likely outcome. STOP and consider the implications if the smaller minority cannot voice Everyone should have 1 vote. Mana whenua have a strong voice , it must be used wisely.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No chance of privatization our water. Yea right.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Poor management has us in this situation. Accountability, or lack of. The structure, looks fine,

but where is the reduction of overheads, lets see some figures that show a business that is accountable, can reduce costs and reduce fees. And operate to a budget.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Great idea, but all I see is another big controlling cash cow. With no accountability.

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Record: 788

Name: Philip Bertram

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

26th June 2022 Dear Sir/Madam, Thank you for providing the opportunity to make a submission on the Water Services Entities Bill. This submission is on behalf of xxxx xxxx. I oppose the Bill and that it is contrary to the public interest and harmful to democracy. My concerns include: Communities have not been consulted over the proposed confiscation of ratepayer funded infrastructure and services. The modelling and assumptions cannot be relied on. The estimates of lower prices cannot be trusted. The debt that will be generated will create a huge burden for future generations. The co-governance arrangements are discriminatory and anti-democratic. This Bill is not in the best interests of New Zealand and I ask the Council to recommend the Bill be withdrawn. Thank you for the opportunity to oppose the Water Services Entities Bill. Yours sincerely, xxxx

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name: Julie O'Brien

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Waikato is doing more than enough. A centralised approach dictating one set of measures is heavy and costly unnecessary bureaucracy. Input from central govt SLOWS responses and decision making. Assistance from central government for smaller or less able councils would be more effective. Current proposal is an asset grab...and will exclude local input

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I disagree on costings and distrust their bases and efficacy.. This govt is notoriously unreliable in predicted costings and have a extremely poor record of efficient economic delivery of ANYTHING. Examples Kiwibuild. Child poverty services. National road and rail services.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not needed. This govt has a record of cronyism.. Councils employ technical staff and can contract specialists e.g. water engineers, mapping planning and hydro or other specialists to actually address work needed. A single team governing adds nothing at all.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not believed. Not able to be protected from other political parties. We failed to protect railways and other big water projects and we could lose our water to overseas interests too. It is not possible to protect against privatisation in a single revocable amendable piece of legislation. Even electoral reform is possible. This govt cannot futureproof this proposed resource grab. It would depend on public litigation...we do not have a written constitution which protects resource rights to public ownership. E.g. govt land sales to foreign interests and OIC changeable rules.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Central govt should allocate a share of central tax funding to existing water asset owners i.e. Councils as part of refurbishment like roads. Not add costs by unnecessary bureaucracy including lack of supervision of technical contractors. Central govt has proven inept at monitoring works repeatedly. Short term debt reduction comes at a loss of choices input, control on revenue rises, allocation of revenue and also removes opportunities to continuously develop NZ expertise and professionals. In house for local knowledge and in NZ contractors.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

No. There will be deterioration in maintenance knowledge, increase in bureaucracy costs and expert technician spending, , loss of accountability for price of water, loss if national expert pools (departure overseas) reliance on overseas specislists consequent on that pool diminishing. The NZ govt has failed in every endeavour since 1940 to manage state assets. Water win their hands will be catastrophic.

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Name: John Oehley

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government has demonstrated in the last five years of power a complete inability to complete projects. This incompetence is very likely to impact on the new proposal and consequently put the nation's public health at risk. This has been a government big on promises and non-existent on delivery. This is too important an issue to be left to yet another layer of bureaucracy who will not be accountable to the people the water will serve. How can it cost less if there will be a huge increase in staffing to facilitate this. This plan is a disaster for our country & an attempt by this pc government to pander to a small minority

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

When 50% of the governing body of this entity are NOT DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED how certain can we be that the people who run this will be the best and brightest NZ can offer? This model allows those experts appointed democratically to be outvoted by a group representing <16% of the population. This model will lead to higher costs and poorer services. This government continues to lie to the population. Why should this be any different to their former promises - and consequently all outcomes in NZ have gone backwards - health poverty mental illness inflation shortage of labour housing crime increased gang membership..... We haven't put so important an issue in the hands of people who to date have only demonstrated their ongoing incompetence and bias against the majority of New Zealanders

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What is the justification for giving Maori a 50% stake in the RRG. This is undemocratic, discriminatory & in my opinion disastrous for the future of our water. The Maori tribes have never agreed on anything in their history. Why should they suddenly now agree on the most important resource next to air. Consequently nothing will ever get done & we will be held to ransom by treaty of Waitangi type delays. COUNCILS WILL BE POWERLESS TO CONTROL THIS. This is the classic jobs for mates in authoritarian dictatorships. How can this govt justify Maori

governing something they (according to the govt) don't own. This is tantamount to South African style apartheid which we rightly condemned yet now are modelling legislation on this abhorrent principle. If this goes ahead, what next? Maori governing NZ with 50% representation of their appointed people in parliament? A further really concerning trend is the govt going ahead with this legislation without a referendum and without the support of the majority of councils in NZ. THIS IS UNDEMOCRATIC

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

They say it protects against privatisation. What is their proof.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There is no question in my mind that this will cost the consumer more. The well run councils are now going to be subsidising the less well run councils & once again councils will have ZERO control of what these services will cost in the future. More bureaucracy always leads to greater costs. And when these greater costs hit the consumer where will the accountability lie? Some faceless beauracrat in Wellington who was appointed to the board because of the colour of his skin. Why should he/she have any interest in what happens in Hamilton

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Control of water MUST stay in the hands of council and they must be accountable to their electorate for the quality of water etc. Yes certain areas need help with ageing infrastructure. Government should step in with low interest loans to assist these councils become compliant. I have no issue with govt mandating that councils meet certain standards in water services delivery. Those councils that don't should have independent experts appointed by govt (on their skill/quals not their skin colour) managing the improvement of the services (much like struggling schools get experienced caretaker headmasters to get the school back on track). When the council meets the required standard again these experts are withdrawn. The current legislation is undemocratic, racist and this govt has not had a mandate from the voting public of NZ to go ahead with this major change to our legislation. If councils allow this theft of assets to go ahead we have to ask what is next? A mandate that Maori have a 50% stake on council? That govt takes another set of responsibilities away from council??

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Record: 818

Name: Ana Copocean

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

While there is place for a lot of improvements in all aspects, I do not agree for the government to be the sole owner. I do not agree with the 3 water reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not believe any data shown by this government. The costs are up and we had promises over promises about being better. No thanks for the government promises, the councils are taking lots of money from the rates payers. I am sure they can figure out the costs and find some funding / grants.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

No government reform on our Water in Hamilton.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Misleading the population. They will do whatever they want to.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton doesn't need another entity or the Government's proposals.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not agree with the Government's Three Water Reform.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 824

Name: Max Jepson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Water is a renewable natural resource that is owned by no one or any party or parties, the only issue is that it needs to be managed as a valuable resource. The Hamilton City Council funded by Ratepayers deliver quality reticulated water fit for drinking throughout the city and neighbouring areas, the assets to deliver the resource needs to be totally retained and managed by the HCC and ratepayers. Waste water treatment by the HCC is also up to date and a quality facility. These two major assets do not require outside bureaucratic interference and costs that are a possibility when 3 waters is adopted. Managing our waterways and our major supply being lake Taupo is well managed and monitored by Environment Waikato that we as ratepayer currently contribute to. Don't break what is not broken

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Government will fill the proposed services with bureaucrats and costs will escalate, we just have to look at history.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Remains totally with local councils.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Agree

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Refer to previous comments. No need for financial reform.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Not worth considering in its current form.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 825

Name: Lynnette munro

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is better to let Hamilton City Council control our water etc. We could be on the waiting list if Government controls our Environment issues, and unaware who they are contracted to, we are not informed until it happens, I'm sure Hamilton will keep everything in the open, keep everything in Hamilton's backyard, public Health & Environment etc. Consult with us, we are the Ratepayers. Keep us INFORMED nothing unwanted. I know it is voting year but be honest, it always comes back & bites you if not,

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

We need to be informed of the new organisation, who, what is their experience. The cost from the Government I question???

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton should have the say not Government. Please keep us informed.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not sure, they have been a bit underhanded. No doubt about that. Things change continuously it is what suits them at the time, doesn't matter who is in Power.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Sounds good, just needs to be put in to action but as we know things change, New Councillors, pressure from previous Councillors. Fingers crossed, New blood may improve our Council.

Overall – what are your views?***Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?***

Disgusted with it. Very underhanded, came in the back door didn't inform NZ Voters & Citizens, all of sudden we hear about 3 Waters That concerns us all in NZ.. Haven't heard a great deal about Environment outcomes, starting to pop up, we will see, like everything else, we will wait & see. Hopefully Hamilton City Council will clean up their Act,

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 829

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't trust anything this government told us as they have lied and lied about so many things since coming into power.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't trust anything this government told us as they have lied and lied about so many things since coming into power.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I believe these reforms will lead to higher costs, more complexity dealing with any problems and a select few, based on race will make a lot of money from something we as rate payers already own.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 832

Name: Florence Young

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think it's vital that everyone has access to safe drinking water, and agree that this isn't achieved consistently across the country under the current model. Continued wastewater spills need to be addressed and with an increase in significant rain events it seems likely that stormwater issues are going to become more prevalent, not just in Hamilton but across the country

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

From a financial perspective change is needed, the cost of maintaining and replacing assets is extraordinary and savings can be realised through economies of scale. However, the structure of the new entities and ownership and accountability models are concerned and don't appear in the best interest of Hamiltonians. I would also be interested to know what HCC project the annual cost to ratepayers will be in the future and whether this is comparable to the numbers quoted by the government - as some communities will be facing higher costs than others and that could be dramatically swaying the argument when cities like Hamilton have a comparative strong asset base

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Having a professional board with appointed expertise is a good step forward. I don't support the split between mana whenua and local councils on the RRG - I think there should be greater local council representation (I'm not clear on whether appointments to these will be councillors also appointed to the RRG or if they'll be separate people, but the selection of the right person to advocate for the region and the interests of the council, combined with the technical and financial knowledge needed to oversee the entity could be a tough mix of skills to find!)

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think they are a good step

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

As long as ownership of the assets is protected (i.e. Hamiltonians interests are protected through Council's shareholding in the entity) then the financial structures appear reasonable. It is also dependant on the debt transfer - if the debt transfer was much significantly lower than forecast then this would raise questions as to the benefit as it wouldn't free up debt capacity and would reduce income

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think reform is needed, but question whether the current form is correct. I think a CCO structure would be better, and think it would be beneficial to have a few more entities (say 5 or 6 in total) as this may result in individual regions interests being better represented in each entity

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Record: 834

Name: Jenine Clift

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not support the Three Waters proposal.I support Hamilton City Council's submission.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I support Hamilton City Council's submission

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not convinced.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not support the Government's three waters reform.

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Record: 835

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 859

Name: Marjorie Crome

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally opposed to the current legislation being forced through by the labour government! As a Hamilton ratepayer I do not support the council accepting this proposal from the government. I request that you keep ownership and control of all our assets,! We need to keep our democracy and I vehemently oppose you accepting this offer. xxxx

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally opposed to this and do not accept their costs and devices proposal!

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

How loudly can I say NO NO NO to this reform! It is taking our democracy away !

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It's just stealth to gain government and Māori heirachy control!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Rubbish!

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Read all my comments - it's unjust and wrong. KEEP CONTROL HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL,
PLEASE PLEASE

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Record: 860

Name: James Edward Pearson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

in my view it. should stay with local council it's their main core activity water management 33.8% which has an annual cost to my family is \$648.23 rates number 73971 also the \$30 waikato-waipā (watershed) we haven't a problem with the quality provided & we have names of councillors we can get in touch with if we are not happy .what's the cost going to be with the new system? bet it doubles & who will all the new faceless people be? So its a BIG NO from me

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

the service will be no better & cost higher

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

don't like it

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

believe it will be privatised same as power

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

it's going to cost more never seen a restructuring that saved me money

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

its a smoke screen to grab the assets that's been paid for by all New Zealand rate payers & give control to a chosen few at great cost

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Record: 865

Name: Libby Kissick

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree that our quality of water is a bare necessity that should be accessible to all of the country. The infrastructure does need to be reworked ie. wastewater spillage and leaks reducing the amount that actually reaches all households. Aging pipes and water reservoirs need to be maintained better. But this does need to be managed better too for each region to be successful in looking after our environment and public health

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If that is what my council is forecasting without reform than that doesn't look good and there is no question change does need to happen. I just question the way the country has been separated into regions for the three waters governance. To me sector B is far too big to manage and does this protect sector B from having to send water from our resources to sector A in the event of water shortage? Like we have been doing in the past. Ratepayers are continually being asked to pay in our rates for the care maintenance and supply of water to our households but is there anything in this reform to guarantee we will not be wearing the costs when a percentage of our water resource is going elsewhere to meet demands elsewhere?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Again the division of the country, the regions cover too many areas and appears to be complicated if each council has a small % as shareholder and represent their community and alongside Mana Whenua are working with an appointed overseer, will their concerns be heard and answered or will the appointed overseer of 3 waters be there just to troubleshoot or keep the peace?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am thrilled we are protecting our water resources from privatisation just not at the detriment

of our guardians and also not at the cost of smaller regions being enveloped by faster growing areas of the designated 4 sectors. Different industries feed the growth of different parts of this country. Is there a way to ensure no one will feel aggrieved over any restrictions or costs put on them for the greater region?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I understand from my councils official statement of the 3 waters bill that councils were not requested to forecast costs for the changes the bill reform will bring before news media released information to the public. In saying that my council appears to have confirmed there be a higher cost with the reform and we are having to factor in ever pressing climate change initiatives and our maintainable and accessibility to quality water is hugely important. I am concerned how the costing is going to work for say Taranaki (when they are grouped with the Waikato and Bay of Plenty) will it mean they take on those other regions costs in terms of feeding and supporting water infrastructure and upkeep for sector B? Will water resources be moved within that sector to meet demand or fuel areas where there is greater growth?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Is this the only option? Compared to looking after the equipment, reservoirs we already have...putting money into replacing what is old reducing chance for leaks and nurturing small communities and local government? Maybe having a designated person for three waters bill assigned to a couple of councils, having smaller sectors.. like our sport codes. Regional boards for water resources. to hold them accountable when it comes to looking after our resources and working even more with Mana Whenua?

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Record: 867

Name: YJ Fulcher

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Local knows best. Reform the so-called Health Department oversight.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Smoke and mirrors. Bloated bureaucracy and lower response to local concerns will be the result.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Nepotism will rule.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Again just window-dressing. Borrow against the assets and when it all blows up, just say 'it is out of our control, we have to sell it all up'.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Ultimately, it all falls back on the consumers doesn't it? We have no effective say, just the costs and ultimately, our health WILL suffer.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Totally opposed. Theft by design. Planned and implemented by stealth.

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Record: 880

Name: Raewyn Sargeant

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Public health and environmental concerns require immediate action from service provider. The immediacy of need may find barriers in that local response teams have been dissolved in favour of much wider territory organizational help.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Low level of trust re the Government's assessments of costs. Concerned that 'the most transparent government ever' did not declare their intention to bring this Three Water's Reform into being. Therefore without consent from voter support. From that starting point the distrust is understandable.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Removal of water care from Mayor and council means that local ratepayers would lose power to vote to remove or retain them based on their management of our service provision. The voter turnout is abysmally small currently and who is to say citizens will suddenly develop an interest in outcomes when management is shifted from local authority to new tiered system? Who and how would the ratepayer be able to influence the actions/philosophy of the board and CO?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Again low level of trust with the ideology of this government. I give you Road to Zero'. A naivety exists within their policy realms.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Council may be better off but the ratepayer still has to find the funds to pay both authorities. Also those gaps are concerning - 'Govt has yet to confirm how debt handover will work'. This is not confidence building. Ramming this political change through without having tied up the very loose ends is such a barrier to bringing support on board.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I trusted that this Labour govt was going to be the most open and transparent. I was wrong. Apparently democracy is being reframed to mean something else. With the inevitable change of govt coming up this 'reform' will need to be dismantled/ adjusted. That will have huge consequences for council. Better not to go there at all. Thanks for the opportunity to input.

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Record: 965

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Something has to be done across the network, as infrastructure issues and overpopulation vs resources will cause future problems. This is not about the treaty its about the basic essence of life (water) for all. The intent is sound but the mechanisms suggested are inappropriate. Asset ownership, centralized control governance are not the wat to get the desired outcome. Centralized funding doesn't mean centralized control. Creating distance entities to govern without the balance of private and public sector is a recipe for continued inefficiencies, delays and waste. Some of the stats are over exaggerated, causes vary from infrastructure through to treatment and loss factors.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Costs can be anything that the argument wants to present. They can never be validated either past or future. Inflation erodes the argument of improvement or not. Similar outcomes could be achieved in a different way

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Regional representation will never be what its intended to be. Politics and strength of individual groups will effe3ct the delivery to all minor individuals and groups. Who controls the money investment decisions?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Like many aspects of this proposition it is not explained very well at all and future individuals will leverage other things in stealth.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Just moving the deck chairs around. Develop a best practice model of costs capex and opex based on population per town or city then provide central funds to each council to spend on only 3 water initiatives.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Outcome is laudable Intent seems sound the approach is not palatable. its divisive and based on centralized control. The why is sound the how is not and the what is flowery words.

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Record: 972

Name: andy fern

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

dont agree with giving public health and environmental to a faceless corporation governing a huge area this should remain local

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

dont believe the numbers the government are using to scare people around to their agender that they are trying to rush/force through

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

this should remain local

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

heard this before after the reforms are brought in this can and will change whatever they are saying now

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

more money for the basics of life from the everyday people sell off the assets we have payed for so we end up paying more for something everybody needs

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

if you havent guessed by now, against it this reform is a disgrace and being rushed through as jobs for the boys by faceless politicians with their own agendas with not thought for the everyday people. They should be ashamed of themselves.

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Record: 1006

Name: Wilma Smith

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

With such a large area think our money will be use to bring other areas up to standard and we will miss out on improving our area which will increase the risk on our health and environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't agree with the government stance. The more densely population the area the cheaper the water will be. In the government model I can see our money supporting rural areas which are less populated.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

We have a council and staff which we support and will still support regardless of the change. I can see it costing more to support a CEO and board on large salaries.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I agree that the 3 waters should not be privatised.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

At the end of the day any improvements will need to be paid for regardless of who owns the assets. I am sure other areas are not going to want to contribute to our infrastructure so I don't see how the costs are going to be reduced. Getting rid of staff is a short term gain and service will be reduced considerably.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not agree with the 3 waters reform and it should not go ahead.

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Record: 1042

Name: Paul Perry

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It's rubbish to include aspects of the Treaty from 1840. We are one nation of multi cultural peoples. This divisiveness must stop. We can't continue paying over and over again for the past. Govt should juts fund the Councils to fix the water issues. Nothing this lot promises ever works out. It'll cost far more to centralize the current model into for entities. More waste of taxpayers and ratepayers money.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

On their track record no one believes any of the data coming out of Wellington. Typical scaremongering.....

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Just continued bureaucracy gone mad. We're over legislated now. These public servants need to get productive jobs not just dream up more of them.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Unnecessary. Privatization can't happen now. The water issue is a lack of funding. Use the funds proposed to bribe Councils in fixing some of their water issues

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Rubbish. But I've no trust in Council either given the about turn on changing our rating methodology to capital based progressively over 10 years when the then xxxx xxxx and his

cohorts shifted it in 3 yrs. Then he moved on.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Rubbish. aka, their recent promises on housing, their incompetent minsters and the failed govt departments that covid has shown up.

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Record: 1044

Name: hona harvey

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1054

Name: Jean-Francois Levesque

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

No to 3 waters. The Labour centralisation of everything has been , is and will be a disaster. The ratepayer is paying for the water and waste water in his council rates. If the Council doesn't do a good job, it will be sorted at the next local elections. The ratepayer OWNS the assets, not the council : the gvt should have to ask whether the ratepayer is keen to sell his assets or not, at what price..... Why is the new entities following IWIS territories of influence and not a more common sense approach : geographical, demographical or logical. The people not elected to the different 4 authorities have no competence or any knowledge of Water Management : we need engineers and financial astute members... not clowns just there because of the race of their ancestors. In Hamilton, there are always improvements to be made but the quality of the actual assets is satisfactory. The HCC needs to make a balance between needs and rates (ratepayers don't have endless ressources and often even struggle to pay their rates) 3 Waters is only shifting the bure=den from the ratepayer to the taxpayer but will make NO ONE accountable for the mistakes made by incompetent entities. The assets from the ratepayers are stolen and the ratepayer will still have to foot the bill for the water and the salaries for this unelected members. The Councils will become useless as soon, everything will be badly managed by the GVT. I am sad to see the democracy gone in favour of a Socialist (close to communist) centralisation in the hands of people with no knowledge. Sadly #Waters is just part of He Pua pua and of Jacinda Arden's agenda.... and whatever the majority of Kiwis think, it will go ahead as said by N.Mahuta. I am sad, really sad to live the destruction of the democracy and New Zealand

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

a bunch of ignorants with no knowledge of Water management and just there because of their ancestors to be paid to do mistakes

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

GVT is stealing the assets owned by the ratepayers. The costs will be NZ wide and the bill will have to be paid by the ratepayer even if no work is done in his region (as some may be far behind) If the status quo is maintained, the HCC is accountable : no delivery, too high costs.... the council will be sorted at the next elections with 3 waters, just pay suffer and shut up Not keen to pay people not elected, with no competence and knowledge of water management.... just there to put money in their pocket because of their ancestors..... Water belongs to no one

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

a disaster waiting to happen an increase in racism huge increase in taxes or fees for water at the same time as a decrease in service and quality a socialist/communist dream... but a nightmare in the real life

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Record: [1092](#)

Name: [Mark](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1106

Name: philip rowan hyde

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

totally inappropriate...racist and very divisive,

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

fear mongering Councils should plan appropriately Concentrate on vital infrastructure and forget about vanity projects and social engineering

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

theft of Hamiltons infrastructure and giving 16% of the population control...ridiculous and un democratic..there is no such entity as co governance

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

liars

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

smoke and mirrors Look at the failure of the AUCKLAND SUPER CITY MODEL...Financial disaster

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

should be opposed at all costs This is a disaster waiting to happen and is very racially divisive ...we are one country and one people Maori are a great part of this but are not more special than any one else This whole idea and co governance is disgusting and destructive to the fabric of NEW ZEALAND Society

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1116

Name: Clare Bayly

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally opposed to all aspects of Three Waters because it is predicated on dividing New Zealand - Maori and Non-Maori. New Zealand is multi-cultural and I will not support anything which causes division, as this will. Maori represent 15% of New Zealanders. The assets Three Waters proposes to redistribute, belong to ALL NEW ZEALANDERS.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

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Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1127

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Rubbish, we should not segregate any services between Maori and any other ethnic backgrounds, one government, one health system.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Do not agree with any of this governments reforms

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Don't agree with them leave as is.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Nonsense

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

If history says anything this government couldn't deliver any reforms, cost savings etc.....

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Total nonsense, maybe another working group to investigate??????

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: [1142](#)

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It's clear the current system is not working so change needs to happen.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1150

Name: Joe Dennehy

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I object to the government 3 waters plan. It should be optional for those areas that want to be in it. I don't want Central control. And I don't want 50/50 un elected Co governance

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1161

Name: S H Connor

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Government should monitor the public health and environment of our waters in conjunction with City Councils. Government should not have ownership or control of our waters and its infrastructures but provide guidance, funding to ensure our waters are safe, delivered and waste water is correctly dealt with without harm to the environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Government has a track record of saying alot but delivering a little, the three waters proposal will cost more but deliver less. The current proposal has a unrequired Maori involvement, has two levels of governance when one is currently in place and working. It is my view the services will be less efficient and cost the ratepayer/taxpayer more every year.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance by government of the day should only be monitoring to ensure councils are investing, upgrading and providing water services to the community. Councils or a group of councils should be supply and charging similar to todays setup.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't believe them. All government should be doing is providing legislation to stop overseas companies current and in the future from bottling, bagging or withdrawing and transporting our water overseas, in particular our pristine mountain run off and aquifer water.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The structures proposed are guidelines only, everything a government does blows out and costs more. the return to rate payers for the changes are not enough, the return to council for their infrastructure is not enough. the annual cost of water to household and communities will increase user pays , at some point there will be a return to iwi/Maori so the majority will again miss out.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not believe them. the cost to communities NEVER EVER reduces. the current setup through councils can and should provide this, perhaps city and some regional councils should be working together. yes more funding from central government is required to upgrade aging infrastructure and environmental impacts but managed by council. the cost of waters should be capped and no increase to the community.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1162

Name: Denise Frost

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree that there are problems in some towns/cities with the quality of drinking water, and that there is future investment required in wastewater and stormwater problems in some towns and cities. From the information provided, it appears that the HCC will, in the coming years, need a substantial amount of money to replace and maintain stormwater systems.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Has the Government's modelling supporting their calculations for the cost of future affordability to ratepayers been made available to the Hamilton City Council? Is their modelling sensible? Are the assumptions made in the modelling sensible? The Government's data refers to the potential costs to ratepayers in 2051 if nothing is done. The dollar amounts they forecast are based on assumptions made about the future. It can be very difficult to forecast what may or may not happen ten, twenty, or thirty years out.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Water services entity structure I am not in favour of Hamilton's water, wastewater and stormwater being managed by a much larger organization. I don't believe a larger organisation can respond to local needs effectively. The proposed sub-regional representative groups would help. However, my belief is that the Hamilton City Council's water assets are best managed by the Hamilton City Council. I am concerned that the Hamilton City Council would effectively hand decisions around its water-related assets over to a larger organization and lose control of those assets. There are two issues that come under the umbrella of the proposed 3 waters reforms. The first issue is a proposed model to better manage water-related assets in New Zealand. The proposed co-governance of those assets is the second issue. I am not in favour of co-governance. I believe co-governance is an issue that should go to a referendum. From what I can recall, co-governance was not mentioned at the last election and has, to me, appeared out of nowhere. I would suggest the government has not been transparent about co-governance

and has gone beyond its elected mandate.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Most of the protections against privatisation seem sensible for the proposed model. I would suggest that a 75% threshold is too low. Perhaps 80% to 85% of votes in a referendum would be more appropriate.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There is a lack of transparency around the amount of debt which would transfer from Hamilton City Council to the new entity. I suggest the HCC waits until it knows the amount of debt which would transfer from Hamilton City Council to the new entity before a final decision is made. Is the Hamilton City Council able to scrutinise the modelling behind the national economic benefits? How sensible is the modelling? How sensible are the assumptions? The wording “has the potential” does not indicate certainty. What is the likelihood of the potential economic benefits actually occurring? History shows that when water assets are transferred to another entity, rates do go down, but the overall amount householders pay is above what they would have paid if the water assets had been kept under council control.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

As mentioned previously, there are two issues associated with the proposed 3 waters reforms. The first issue is a proposed model to better manage water-related assets in New Zealand. The proposed co-governance of those assets is the second issue. On the proposed model, I am not in favour of the proposed 3 waters reforms. I object to the Hamilton City Council effectively losing control of the assets that ratepayers have paid for over the years. Is there an alternative model or solution which would solve the problems without the Hamilton City Council losing control of ratepayer funded assets? On co-governance, I am not in favour of co-governance. I believe co-governance is an issue that should go to a referendum. From what I can recall, co-governance was not mentioned at the last election and has, to me, appeared out of nowhere. I would suggest the government has not been transparent about co-governance and has gone beyond its elected mandate.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1167

Name: Allan Archer

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Think Hamilton is going to suffer as funds will be diverted from keeping hamilton structure up to scratch

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

No way they can predict accurately what they will be in 2051. Only thing certain is in the near future it's going cost lots more with all these different boards and then add all the support staff

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It's racist. Also councils are not fairly represented on the boards

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Could easily and cheaper have been done by legislating that councils could not privatize it. There does seem to be any control of the boards not making a profit and paying it to other parties

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It's theft . They are paying 10c in the dollar if that. And taking full control away from the owners ie the ratepayers

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

They should have a review committee that have set the standards and be working with councils that need to do any upgrades to reach these standards. There was no need to go to these extraordinary lengths and costs. Think it is racist not allowing representation by other ethnic cultures.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1169

Name: Stuart Smith

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton does not have any health issues with water - no need to change. Everyone is constantly looking at improving the environment. The direction does not need to come from Central government.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

We will pay for it one way or another - nothing is no longer free. I would rather it be controlled locally than by way of increased taxes (which will come)

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Keep it local. Central government has been proven not to work.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't trust any government and especially the process this one and the way it is going through to push three waters for it's own benefit - legislation can be changed by future governments.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This government needs more assets so it can borrow more money against these assets - it is an asset grab. The assets are owned by the rate payer not central government so ownership should remain with the rate payer.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think it is hurried, no thought of the long term control, and cities like Hamilton will lose control over their destiny. It will be a bureaucratic nightmare . The current council can do a better job than running three waters than involvement by central government. Please oppose this proposal.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1172

Name: Esekia

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is good thing because this can get people stay healthy and active

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

As long as everything is good

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Just do what they know and think it's safe for our people

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1174

Name: Graeme Cresswell

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

As stated Hamilton's water service is one of the best in the country. Why then is our xxx wanting to sign away Hamiltons water infrastructure under the 3 waters agenda. The government has been pushing this agenda based on alarmistpropoganda advertsing campaigns. & a personal crusade by MP mahuta & family. I dont believe a national water entity & equal numbers of unelected unqualified representatives based on skin colour will provide a better / cheaper service. This is the first step towards water ownership & costs associated with water will only increase under 3 waters ruling.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

sorry i dont believe these costing estimates. Are HCC indicating our rates will decrease by signing up national & race based control? these statistices have been skewed to push this govts agenda 3 waters will not be cheaper for consumers... either residential or commercial

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

absolutely racist agenda to introduce first steps of iwi water ownership. The media & govt seems to be avoiding discussion on co governance & the conflicts of interest already highlighted with nepotism , corruption & input by the Mahuta family. 3 waters introduces a mechanism to introduce water levies charged for the benefit of iwi entities. Water should not be controlled by an unelected minority group appointed due to race.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am not convinced that 3 waters will deliver any financial / cost benefits to many levels of governance by people who are not represented by Hamilton rate payers

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

What rubbish This is nothing more than a racist agenda to help push the cause of he Puapua.

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Record: 1177

Name: Stan Rinaldi

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We do not have a major water quality problem in New Zealand. Figures quoted by the government minister to support the claim are grossly overstated. In the minister's words: "Four years ago more than 5000 people got sick and up to four died in the Havelock North campylobacter outbreak and we don't want to see that happen again... At least 34,000 New Zealanders become ill from drinking tap water every year and many communities around the country cannot drink their water without first boiling it." Fact-checking those three main claims reveals firstly, the government inquiry into the Havelock North incident – caused by farm runoff seeping into town water during a storm – was not so definitive: "It is possible the outbreak contributed to three deaths." Secondly, the Minister's often quoted 34,000 figure comes from a fourteen-year-old report by ESR scientist xxxx estimating the incidence of waterborne gastro-intestinal disease in New Zealand that found no real problem with water quality: "the size of most outbreaks is small, averaging nine cases per outbreak in 2000-2004, and is smaller than any other countries for which data are available." With insufficient local data to calculate the incidence of endemic disease in New Zealand, xxxx used uncertain UK statistics to estimate between 18,000 and 34,000 infections a year – but qualified his conclusions by stating: "The reliability of this method is questioned by the author." And thirdly, with regards to "boil notices" - the policy on notices changed a couple of years ago. They are no longer withdrawn once an occasional contaminant is flushed through the system, they are being left in place as a 'precaution'. The timing of that policy change, about the time the Three Waters reform was starting, makes it hard to resist the suspicion the notices are being left in place to make a case for change.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The reform is based on Scotland's approach and estimated costs are almost certainly underestimated. Although Scotland has a similar sized population there are significant differences. One is that New Zealand's regulatory regime is far more complex, with some 78 local authorities – comprising District Councils, City Councils, Unitary Authorities, and Regional Councils – operating under a complex regulatory regime that includes National Policy Statements, Resource Management Act requirements, environmental standards, Health and Safety guidelines, and a mountain of associated constraints, including Treaty of Waitangi

considerations and Maori consultation obligations. A centralised regime will lead to no direct accountability for specific local issues and mean that problems are not resolved in a timely manner. Interestingly Scotland has issues in this regard: A recent BBC report revealed that sewage spills in Scotland had increased by 40 percent over the last five years. While Scottish Water runs the country's wastewater system, it turns out they only monitor 3 percent of the 3,697 overflow pipes that discharge sewerage into rivers and the sea after heavy rainfall. As a result, in 2021 only 29 of Scotland's 85 designated bathing beaches were classified as 'excellent', 31 were 'good', 20 'sufficient', and 5 were rated as 'poor'.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposed governance is non-democratic. There will be no ability for those being charged for and affected by the services (i.e. ratepayers) to vote out poor performing individuals. Even worse is the plan to give iwi appointees 50% of the positions on the governance bodies. I am totally opposed to race-based appointments that are able to set charges for ratepayers when those ratepayers have no ability to vote for or against those individuals. A similar comment applies to the council representatives in that there may be only one or indeed no-one from the local council who is on the regional representation group.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It is false to claim that the councils will still own the water assets. One cannot be said to own something that one is not able to sell or indeed modify.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There are simpler ways of achieving this at a localised level - for example low cost borrowing from central government for approved capital works at the regional level.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I believe that these reforms are being pushed from an ideological basis with two aims. (1) To centralise management and operations as the current government is doing in many other spheres; (2) To institute a co-governance regime whereby Maori, representing about 16% of the population are provided with 50% control over an essential element of our daily life, and this is a threat to our democracy which is (or has been until now) based on the ability for each individual to be able to vote and each vote to carry equal weight. Sadly, with this government's track record I think there is very little chance of the reform achieving any of its stated delivery aims. I think that the Council should put in a representation suggesting that the current Three Waters

legislation be scrapped and a different approach be taken that has local water companies set up by councils in a regional agreement with those councils appointing directors who would be accountable to them. This would be a much simpler approach retaining local control and accountability.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1178

Name: Ross Brewer

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The health and environmental challenges should and can be dealt with under the current framework. Perhaps a more national target does need to be put on these measures especially healthy water and lost water.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't believe that this would be the case at all - unfortunately, we have all seen what red tape does to costs and this has got red tape written all over it. Getting hold of a council at the moment is not easy let alone a massive organisation. No thanks

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not good - we need to work together as a nation not divide. Elected representatives are much more likely to be active on their constituents' behalf. Then we have a matter of how long will someone be on a board? What happens if they don't perform? Then there is a sub-regional representative groups. Where does this stop and start? Who will be part of them?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Could work but we all know that we can't see into the future very far

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

While this restructure may make HCC better off - This is not always the case nationwide. In time who owns the new infrastructure and when it's replaced does the new entity own that? At the

end of the day the debt will always be carried by someone that is the public of NZ

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This needs to stop. The current Government claims larger water entities will be more efficient, but the Government's own peer review rubbishes the claimed savings, which don't even consider the financial implications of co-governance. There is no limit on how much the unelected entities can charge for water services, no stopping iwi groups from charging 'water royalties' nor is there a requirement for councils to reduce rates to reflect the fact they will no longer supply water services. Under the proposed reforms, there will be four layers of bureaucracy separating ratepayers from the new water entities. Councils will join with iwi to appoint a regional body that will appoint a selection panel that will appoint the entity board. That is madness. While the current Government claims councils will still 'own' water assets, councils will lose their rights of control. Decisions around selling assets, receiving dividends, and setting charges will be made by unelected entities, with no provision for councils to withdraw from the new regime. The current government did not campaign on these reforms during the last election and is now pressuring councils to support complex, far-reaching reforms during a pandemic, without time for local consultation. Even though most councils oppose the plan, minister Nanaia Mahuta says she has the right to simply force the new regime on local councils whether they like it or not.

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Record: 1183

Name: Kathy Wright-St Clair

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Public Health is very important and so is the environment. But from my understanding there has only been 2 or 3 issues where the water standards have slipped below drinking water levels and these are being used as an excuse to push through these over reaching 3 waters reforms. When the treaty was signed NZ did not have the infrastructure for water and waste management it has today, so how can a few say that the water infrastructure and waste management is part of the treat agreement when it didn't exist back then. We do not need three or four layers of bureaucracy either, because this is going to cost the rate pay more that what this report is claiming, because this Govt has never got its figures right in the last 5 years they have been in Government on anything, so why should we believe these ones.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

We do not need three or four layers of bureaucracy either, because this is going to cost the rate pay more that what this report is claiming, because this Govt has never got its figures right in the last 5 years they have been in Government on anything, so why should we believe these ones. These extra layer of bureaucrats are not going to be there for nothing, they will have their hand out, it the only reason they want to be there and that is going to cost the rate payer 10 fold and because they are not elected they will not be held accountable. Every body that is part of the 3 Waters reform should be elected by the people, not just put there, because their are part of a particular race.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally apposed to the structure of this co governance, because the people of NZ know nothing about the people who have just been pick because of their race, to be part of the governance of our very large infrastructural assets. We don't know what experience they have or qualification they have or even if they a suitable for this roll. They should be elected like everyone else and if they are good enough they will be elected, because to be elected you have

to tell NZ who you are, your experience & qualification, just like you would have to do for any job you apply for.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I believe that this is just another excuse to push 3 waters through, no one owns the water so it can do be privatised. The rate payer of NZ already own the Water & waste management infrastructure, so what is there to be privatised.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There are just to any variables in figures that you haven't got from this Govt and will probably never get, because they just want to push this through. It might lighten the load for council, but it will for sure increase the load & cost for rate pays. This Govt has not got any figure forecasted or otherwise correct without blowing the budget, and this is no different, they a keeping the figures given to councils looking good just to back their plan of 3 waters. The money the Govt say they are going to give back to councils is nothing more than a bribe to get this across the line. And yet again there is no actual figure mentioned that Hamilton City Council is likely to receive. So if this goes through what guaranteed to you have you are going to get anything. As for the shares, if there is no company the shares are meaningless and are worth nothing.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally apposed to these reforms, if the Govt is says it is going to give the councils funds after the reforms have gone through to spend on what they like, why doesn't the Govt just give the council that same money now to spent solely on Water & Waste management infrastructure & the environment with accountability, without the 3 waters form with its three or four level bureaucracy with no accountability. I still believe the only fair way to have this discussion is to have a public referendum, to see if the people of NZ really want this reform. That's called democracy and this council should be pushing for that and not be dictated to by this Govt.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1193

Name: REX TINKLER

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The government is attempting to seize control of all water in NZ based on fabricated and exaggerated figures gathered from one incident in the Hawkes Bay area some years ago. If they were honest in their intentions then it would be less costly and more efficient to target aid and finance to the affected areas. At present the government cannot even afford to purchase each city's assets for a fair price without then having the added burden of paying for any upgrades. Govt will be obliged to borrow money from overseas to carry out any upgrades or maintenance on which the NZ taxpayer ie ratepayer will pay the interest which will only add to the costs they already pay and their rates will increase while having to pay for upgrade work in another part of NZ. This is why Mahuta's assertion that things will get less expensive is totally untrue and completely fabricated in her blatant attempts to enable IWI to gain control of all water in NZ. It is not just coincidence that the proposed four entities fit nicely inside the boundaries of the four dominant IWI of NZ. If this was a good idea they would not have kept it secret till after the last election. Nobody should ever be allowed to own water. Whoever owns the water owns the people

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There is no protection against privatisation under this government. They have covered the working of this venture under layer upon layer of beurocracy so that its true operation is hidden ,but at the top will be a member of the IWI calling the shots and we have seen just from the conduct of the present caucus that maori rule in favour of maori and not for the benefit of the majority of NewZealanders. Note my words that sometime sooner or later maori will be clipping the ticket everytime you turn a tap on. I have paid taxes and rates in this country longer than

most of you have been on this planet and it irks me to think that you will give everything away for a pittance and a job at the waterboard

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1195

Name: John Stevenson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am in favour of having one policy instead of 67 individual policies for Aotearoa New Zealand. This should promote common approaches, solutions and results across the motu. It should be more efficient for delivery and maintenance of systems. It should provide benefits to the three waters workforce by providing greater access to learning and training and more career opportunities. It should provide more timely provision of fit for purpose systems with greater forward looking vision of requirements.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Moving towards common decision making, systems, maintenance, and open sharing of data across the country should increase efficiency. Common approaches to engineering solutions, equipment and maintenance should have beneficial economies of scale and performance.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I think it is a reasonable balance between the community and the corporate approach. There should be a period of say 10 years when this structure is reviewed with community input into any changes.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think it should always be a user owned utility with no provision for privatisation. If the 75% of votes is non-negotiable it should also require over 75% of the local government bodies that make up the shareholder group.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is beyond my field of knowledge, but it does make sense that there will be efficiencies and economies of scale.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think it will deliver a more uniform outcome and a better outcome overall. I think it is silly to have 67 separate organisations all researching, planning, delivering and maintaining potentially 67 different solutions to achieve a uniform quality output. For the current Three Waters work force it should provide for an enhanced working environment with increased and wider opportunities for career advancement and increased opportunities for expanding training and abilities. At the governance level it will come down to the level of expertise and commitment from political and corporate to work as a team where the guiding principal is to provide the best outcome for the communities and New Zealand as a whole. This may be a big ask with people from different ideologies, backgrounds, goals, agenda and egos. But with the right buy in of a common goal I think it can work.

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Record: 1211

Name: Bob Mills

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe the government plan is comprehensive and sensible. It deals with the huge cost of upgrading infrastructure across the motu. Having local councils dabble and/or smaller communities miss out is not productive or healthy. The environment goes beyond territorial boundaries and should be dealt with with a broad brush.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

A good compromise with regard to size and geography of entities and a win for all ratepayers.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Much better to get the professionals in and give more opportunity for councillors to listen to locals about local needs.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Good idea to keep private enterprise away from interfering with basic water infrastructure and looking for a corner cutting profit motive.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It's a no brainer ! Why would we want any other arrangement?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

A timely, well thought through, broadly debated solution to a dire problem. Well done government!

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1215

Name: Frankie

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The Central government must take control of the three waters and large councils such as Hamilton should work with government to make it work. It is disgusting for small local government councils to be allowed to let their citizens get sick from drinking dirty water or polluting the rivers. All this talk of loss of assets is just grandstanding by certain politicians who want to get into the newspaper. It is time that New Zealand can be proud to have its three waters safe for all NZ citizens. I believe that people like xxxx can make headlines on this topic and is just populism and should have no place in making decisions about the safety and health of citizens. It seems to me this is just a ploy by certain politicians to get space in the newspaper. I trust that the council, and our mayor will make sure that the system that is implemented is fair to Hamilton but insures that a New Zealand wide Plan is implemented. I am therefore very much in favour of policies to ensure that the three waters are controlled over the whole of New Zealand by the central government, but with local input as has been pointed out by our politicians.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton should have metered water. This happens in many other cities (Auckland for over 50 years) and works really well. Lots of people say that it disadvantages the poor without realising that actually it is the wealthy who are using the great amount of water and so the meters could have a system of charging more for people who use large amounts of water. There will be costs to having clean and healthy water, but there are even worse costs to people's health, hospitals, and the environment if we continue as we have been. By wasting the water and sending out dirty water to some small counties, look at Dunedin, Havelock north and Tapanui, it is a public health issue not a political football. Many sufferers of dirty water have had their lives ruined, it is a serious duty of Hamilton to ensure costs do not stop three waters

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Talk of Privatisation is just once again another populist way of getting into the papers

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There should be protections against privatisation. I'm sure the council will make sure of this.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Yes it should be structured so that the financial side of it rests with the three waters organisation. There should be a council person involved in some sort of committee so that it is more than just bureaucrats making decisions about the finances.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I agree with it as I think that we should have clean water over the whole of New Zealand and that all councils in New Zealand should work towards this and not be selfish about their own assets. We are a country after all which likes to work together and was more important issue then clean water is there?

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Record: 1217

Name: Graeme Parlane

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agreed something needs to be done to improve our water systems but a centralised approach will only lead to inefficiencies and additional costs long term to our Public health and the Environment

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This is political point scoring by the Government. Long term this centralised approach will only add cost and decrease service

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally disagree with a race based governance model. This is divisive and totally uncalled for

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Tokenism at best. The water assets belong to the rate payers and should remain so

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton needs to invest in its assets for the future. Maintaining control of our assets with better fiscal control will build a city of the future

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I have huge issues with the whole race based Governance model. It's divisive and totally unwarranted in this day and age. It is agreed that some work needs to be undertaken to improve our water infrastructure and outcomes but this is not the way forward. NZ Government has a poor track record in infrastructure projects, both delivery and cost. Three Waters has the ability to be a debt to rates payers for many years to come. Highlighting recent roading projects, under ground rail projects in Auckland, Christchurch Stadiums etc

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Record: 1222

Name: Alan Donaldson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Three waters. What a crock. Firstly I think the Government is fooling us all, better out comes they say. By the time all the identities involved in the set up is sorted it will become another cost blow out like most of what this government has done. I like all other ratepayers current and in the passed have paid for our current water and waste water reticulation. The asset the Hamilton City Council has is and can be used as security for future borrowing. With the government three waters take over that will no longer be the case as it will no longer be owned by our council. Will that mean the any current borrowing against our water assets will be subject to a higher repayment rate as that security is no longer available. Part of the water and waste water problems our council have is being caused by the Government allowing many

residences being built on one section, especially in older areas of Hamilton where the infrastructure was designed for one house per section. Can't the Government see that although there is a housing shortage ,putting more on one section exasperates the problem of water and waste water reticulation. Leave the water alone. Tell the Government that if it wants to change the rules on how many houses can go on one section that it can foot the bill for reticulation upgrades. Hamilton Council, stand up and be counted as a council that wont accept take over by stealth . We as rate payers own the council not the Government.

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Record: 1228

Name: Colin Sargeant

Organisation: Self and family

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe the Reform to be a complete load of hog wash. There is no need to change the current operation and ownership of the water treatment infrastructure. Funding by national government to help struggling councils could and should be facilitated by direct fiscal assistance. Just like foreign aid for water supply projects in third world countries. What has tribal mumbo jumbo got to do with providing New Zealand CITIZENS with proper reliable and healthy water and down stream processing? We do not need multiple layers of pen pushers getting in the way of people who already do the job well and already know what works and what is not. I submit that what is said by a well known New Zealander in the linked youtube speech say it clearly and plainly. https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=yZrmt-ooFO8&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2dapc2aF5-Dd68hsl06dz1Jx7WOABMwfZ_P1V-bhYdvqhDOWCAVK_xU5Q We do not want or need this proposed reform. As far as the infrastructures paid for and belonging to to the rate payers of each and every council, this reform is nothing more than criminal theft hiding behind invented non existent problems. Any talk of continued ownership by councils is rubbish and this government knows it. Combine some smaller struggling councils with other more proactive and fiscally well managed councils if need be, but to invent new entities with multiple layers of bureaucrats with cultural overview and control is both unnecessary and wasteful. My considered view is that the Hamilton CC should not have a bar of this reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

As they say in Maths at school Show us the workings I do not believe any of fairy dust numbers coming out of this debacle

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

We already have Governance and management of our current water processes. All we will get from these proposed reforms is more governance by more layers of people detached from it.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

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SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Like most aspects of national governance finances. The further they are from the coal face the less they understand it. That is why such simple and straight forward projects like building homes for those that need housing is beyond them, yet they have many examples that worked in this country and others in the past to overcome a housing crisis. Try housing the many thousands of bombed out people as the UK did in 1945. There are many more examples.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Not necessary. Unwanted. Hides behind misleading reasons for. Will be MORE, not less expensive for ratepayers in the long run. Hidden agenda of ownership. Out right theft. NOT ON

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Record: 1250

Name: Terry Stevenson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I vote no to the 3 Waters idea. The council should to. When a government tells all the local councils to approve their 3 Waters proposal without public consultation as they did last year, I smelled a rat. They want to centralise control so afterwards the proceeds can be easily split up. And no where near as many people get sick each year as what the preamble 35,000 say. The 4x 3 Waters zones are split up into Iwi regions. Hmm, that smacks of suspicion right there about where this is going. Each zone is called A, B C & D. At a time when every single anything coming out of government has a Maori name. Which means a likely cover to the public so we don't get suspicious as to the end game. Which must be to rename each zone to the Iwi concerned (if it goes through) before they put the water prices up so they can siphon off 20% or so to improve - Maoridom. Or line their own pockets funded by the rest of us in another language. Why else would the Labour government pit up well more than a billion dollars to get this through? The Labour government has a controlling stake in what the media publish. We never heard about a water leak somewhere making the 6 O' Clock news before the 3 Waters proposal, did we? Yep, the journos that the Labour government employ will be emailing these stories out whenever they happen. And what editor would accept a story that is going against the grain/government wishes/expectations by printing a journalists story that is, well, unbiased? When the editor is paid by the same government! Must be under threat of pulling the funding if they don't play the game, get on board, get with the programme. Yes, Labour employ journalists to troll through what the media are saying and reporting back to government. As such NZ journalists are now weak kneed and don't ask the right questions, those difficult hard questions. Like will Iwi financially benefit from 3 Waters? If yes, by how much, why, and when? Who pays? And that is just on this topic. How is it that some 35 billion needs to be spent of water over the next X years when most of our councils have their spending under good control. And why are Maori to be handed 6 unelected seats (of the 12 seats = 50%) when they don't own the water, or the council assets? Huh??? Show me which journo has asked this question of the Prime Minister? I'd hope they are really experienced in water engineering topics as otherwise they'd be **** useless! This is one of the biggest crocks we've seen in a very long time, talk about pull the wool over our eyes people. xxxx Hamilton ratepayer

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The government is bribing all the councils so they can centralise control over the water. Why would they do that?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Having 50% of the 12 seats taken up by Maori folk is not proportional nor representative of the population. Hamilton may only have 1 seat on the board, and therefore little say where the money is spent. IE, you'll lose control.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Show me a well run government organisation? None.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

All the councils will be buying equipment at the best deals available already, so how can central government get a significant better deal, like they say they can? They cant, and with staff costs remaining the same, where are they saving all those billions? Is there a protection against parting off a percentage of water income to one race-based society? Is there a protection against wholesale increase as a result of the above?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Please vote no to 3 Waters.

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Record: 1253

Name: Karen

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Instead of taking over the Government should give our Councils the money to make repairs. I'm very happy with our elected Council and the Government seem to think they know better.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't trust the figures presented by Government are true. They have fudged figures so much over the time they have been in Government that I distrust what they are saying. I believe they should be more prepared to help our Councils when they need assistance rather than create changes in the name of making things better for New Zealanders. Big is not always better and to create such big boundaries, there will not be fairness to everyone.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It beggars me why the Government are hell bound to make our country so divisive. Surely the right people should be appointed rather than by Race.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I definitely don't want any water ways privatised but I would trust my Council to protect our interest before any large Government dictated authority

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The figures shown are so confusing to me. However I don't believe our City will be better off by the Government taking/buying the facilities and running them. The \$'s may seem large at

present, but once sold off to the Government we will never have the chance to change our minds.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am appalled at the speed at which this Three Waters scheme has been written and without truly letting the country / people fully understand what its all about. In my mind we are loosing control of our own destiny. The Government do not listen to what the people are trying to tell them, they are not transparent like they promised the last two elections, and to tell you the truth I am very very sad and worried what world my grandchildren are living in. Please Hamilton City Council vote against this Bill until we have had further chance to understand whether this Bill is truly for the best. Vote NO to Three Waters

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Record: 1284

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Will be positive for New Zealand.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Will be positive for New Zealand.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Will be positive for New Zealand.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Will be positive for New Zealand.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Will be positive for New Zealand.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Will be positive for New Zealand.

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Record: 1300

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Seems genuine on papers. However, implementing that will be most challenging I'm sure.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not clear about appointment but I would prefer election at local level.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Seems ok.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1324

Name: r l smith

Organisation: me

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

excellent. solves several issues at once

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

cost effective and maximum use of experience and financial enabling smaller or currently compromised communities to improve existing infrastructure

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

excellent I am pleased to see iwi involved in the process as they have an historic, cultural and environmental stake.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

great

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

seems practical enough. will support rural communities effectively

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

excellent. should have been done along time ago. I commend the govt for spending political capital on this. I have not heard a coherent argument against it that wasn't deeply racist or overflowing with self interest

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Record: 1326

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Stop three waters. I'm against it and dont want it to happen. I think it's a terrible idea.

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Record: 1332

Name: Rosemary Robertson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the Government's aims to improve the quality of water supplied to residences throughout the country, and to protect the discharge and treatment of storm and waste water

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the evening out of water related costs to ratepayers throughout the greater area. Shared administrative and infrastructure costs will benefit areas with smaller populations which are often the areas city people go to for recreation. We Hamilton ratepayers put demands on those coastal and rural areas which we do not contribute to support.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the wider representation of communities in the protection of our shared resources. I welcome co-governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

They seem adequate to me. Privatisation would be a very backward step away from the protection of our shared assets.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I see no reason to resist the opportunity to remove debt from local to national balance sheets. The change would increase HCC's options for addressing other infrastructure projects and would allow borrowing to support watercare improvements undertaken by the new water entity.

Payment for water focuses people in their water use and discourages waste.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support the Government's proposals and urge the HCC not to resist in the way some Councils are. Careful thought and planning is needed leading to the transition but I urge the Council to support and accept the Reform while working to ensure the transitional details are carefully planned and implemented .

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Record: 1346

Name: Jim Burnett

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I whole heartedly agree with the Government's suggestion. We can't just see this from a Hamilton / Waikato point of view - the res to f NZ neds to be considered too. I travel a fair amount and often see breaches of environment standards

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree we should be looking at cost effective reform but we should not only consider the tangible aspects of services and costs. I'm in favor of the reform regardless of whatever happens to costs

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with the change in governance - a more holistic approach.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

A good move.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I'm not so sure on this one - forecasts / budget for big changes are difficult to know. Generally I think it will be a better proposition financially

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think the government's idea is a good one

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Record: 1356

Name: John Parker

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the Government's plans as I think it makes a good case.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I assume that the Government has access to proper modelling capacity and that the case is not overstated

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't have a problem with national management and governance as many councils have proved incapable of properly managing infrastructure. This does not currently apply to Hamilton, but it does to Wellington, for example.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I believe protections against privatisation are essential. They should be written into the legislation - which is the assurance from Government.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They do represent advantages for our community.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am supportive of them.

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Record: 1361

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Not necessary

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

No need for the change

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is undemocratic. no to co-governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

OK but not necessary if we keep status-quo

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Seems like the government is stealing assets from local bodies.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

No need. HCC is doing a good job now. The restructure will waste money and create less opportunity for local input.

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Record: 1372

Name: James Findlay

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council must have nothing to do with 3-Waters. 1. The co-governance model is wrong. 2. The ownership structure is wrong. I am of the opinion that something needs to be done to assist some of the urban areas better manage their water systems, but the proposed system will not benefit NZ. I am aware of many small rural water systems that will be captured by the proposed system and yet they are operating well. A simple loan system from central government to the various councils would make more sense.

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Record: 1373

Name: Andrea Graves

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely essential that there is reform. For far too long farm waste such as nitrogen and faecal matter have entered waterways, and there have been regular sewerage overflows into the Waikato River.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Sounds fine. This is not just about Hamiltonians being selfish - this is about clean water for everyone - so even if it was more expensive for Hamilton but prevented E. coli poisoning in Murupara, then it is worth it. It seems it won't be more expensive, anyway.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Sounds good

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There should be a total ban on privatisation going forward, so this needs strengthening.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Great - who wants to own expensive assets that cost huge amounts of money to keep running? It's not like they are really assets, because there's no market to sell them.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Excellent - much needed. Just needs stronger protection against privatisation. Water must be kept as a public service and not pass into corporate hands - ever.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1378

Name: Jayden Wells

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Great, this will ensure water stays clean and healthy for everyone.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Great, this will allow them to maintain infrastructure and keep costs down for households.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Great, this will be more democratic and will allow experts to work together to bring clean water for all.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Great, privatisation is always bad for the end consumer. having well funded public infrastructure benefits everyone.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Great, the council can become bloated and undemocratic with low voting turnout. this will ensure the money is well spent and handled by a much bigger organisation which is responsible.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Great, overall a good plan to ensure water is clean and affordable for all parts of New Zealand.

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Record: 1380

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't see how the government can have a better understanding of this then local council

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It is not clear how costs would be reduced if services remain the same and the same amount of people are employed

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

More out of touch with local needs

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think protection from privatization would happen anyway. I'm not how this would change that.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This sounds like a complicated way of doing it and again not clear how all these benefits will be delivered

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think moving this to a more centralized model will lose the ability to cater for local needs, making things worse not better.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1390

Name: Colin Jull

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that the three waters reform is wrong! 1/ It is not open to voting on the change taking away our ability to vote on the proposal; not democratic! 2/ Takes the ownership away from council and out of our control; not democratic in any way! 3/ Shared governance with Maori without our voting on any of these changes; it is not a democratic society it is socialism! 4/ the present system allows us to vote on who in council may represent us and what they can do to the water and waste water systems within the Hamilton boundaries! Totally against this three waters system!!!!!! Submitted by xxxx

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Record: 1391

Name: Charlie Robertson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Same as HCC standpoint but remember HCC you will never know what you got till it is gone!

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Hocus pocus accounting by Labour Govt to scare us. Inflation at 8% is not sustainable short term and the reform, knowing Govt costing will be well short. They have not factored in the cost of paying Maori where the Labour Govt are using this so called reform to gift money to Maori. We owe Maori nothing more than same to all NZ Citizens.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Pathetic really what a level of bureaucracy that has been put in place. HCC should retain total control of its water assets. That is non negotiable.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Window dressing - capitalist threat to public - it's never been an issue contemplated by local govt. But they are going to need a range of services from private companies and local govt are right on top of best providers.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

If Govt treat water service funding like they do health services then 3 waters is 500% doomed. And still no word of the payout to Maori for water delivered to business and households.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Pathetic legislation with zero benefit to local govt and I include their citizens. Its going to cost water yusers. Undemocratic because one group of NZers are seen by me as more equal than others. Animal Farm in practice. The Govt could set standards for delivery of water, removal of stormwater and separate removal of waste. Assign delivery on that to each local body and use a KPI system to tell public how LG are going. And fund improvements to a LG if need be and no bureaucracy heavy weight teams to deliver. Trouble is NZ Labour Govt won't harness the nation's skills and ability without a huge controlling framework. Look at health it will be better with 4 entities but stand back and let the nation get on with it. There is no Maori involved in the 4 health entities because there is no money to be had for Maori in that set up. Labour set up 3 waters to be a prime aim of a revenue stream for Maori - BCC don't let that happen, please.

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Record: 1405

Name: S Fowler

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I fail to see how another layer of bureaucracy will improve public health or the environment. A specialised group to monitor local government water prioritises and to provide specialised oversight if required would have less money going to administration and development of a new organisation and allow the ear marked resource for this to be allocated for actual infrastructure improvement

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Too many layers of bureaucracy, reduce the many layer and region approach to a supporting and monitoring framework, that can help councils to determine achievable prioritised outcomes, with continuing improvement over the coming years and hold them accountable, providing specialist oversight and expertise when required. the money allocated to set this up the proposed 3 waters structure could be allocated to actual infrastructure improvements

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Any safe guards are only a vote away from being changed.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The proposed money to be given to councils for transition could be used to improve infrastructure, transferring debt to another organisation does not get rid of it. The other organisation then needs to set up their own organisational structures and billing which is yet another cost that in the long term the user will end up paying for, there is not compelling evidence this is going to improve anything for the user

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The intent maybe good, but the proposed structure is over complicated and will result in more layers of costly bureaucracy that would be highly unlikely to deliver the intended result of better environmental outcomes, better water quality, greater investment for growth and housing and reduce future costs for communities.

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Record: 1407

Name: J Hardy

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that water should be kept healthy by the council

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If the government is serious about water services and costs, it could give or lend money to councils to improve things, instead of spending billions on three waters.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It doesn't seem democratic to me. All members of the board should be elected.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not strong enough. There is no guarantee that water charges could go up in the new structure.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The government could just give or lend money to local councils, instead of spending billions on three waters.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It strikes me as undemocratic. I believe local elected councils should be in charge of water. It is also unclear how a council can own water assets but not have control over them. If the government was serious about water it could help fund councils on an 'as needed' basis instead of spending billions on 3 waters.

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Record: 1408

Name: Gemma Morgab

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

fully supportive, HCC needs to get out of the way

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

makes sense, preferable over the current model. fully supportive.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Very happy with it.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

They're good

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

its a good plan

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I wish local councils would stop holding this up

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Record: 1421

Name: A Betschart

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Preservation and best practice of both are important but should be handled on a local government/Council level, with Government only setting the standards and ensuring compliance with those

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Do not believe that centralisation and effective removal of council assets will lead to reduced costs. Currently local issues can be directed to Councils, i.e. someone to contact directly if need be and hold to account with elections. Centralisation will likely mean requests disappear into a black hole. Again govt should set the standards and if necessary make loans to councils who may struggle due to low ratepayer base.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Such governance (unelected officials and racial aspects of control imposed by Govt being effectively controlled by Maori caucus) instead of best people for a job) makes for distancing of the people from those who currently oversee the assets and undertake necessary action. Strongly opposed to removing assets already paid for by councils and passed over to and massaged by effectively unelected bureaucrats/bureaucracies.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Unimpressed

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Strongly opposed. When have governments ever been held accountable for specious promises? Don't believe their projections - vague future promises. Since when has centralisation delivered better costs and performance.?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Strongly opposed to what is a political agenda to wrest control from ratepayers/councils for racially divisive purposes and control. All that is needed is for Govt to set and monitor the standards, and assist via loans those with low ratepayer basis who may struggle with providing necessary upgrades.

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Record: 1428

Name: Charlotte

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not like it one bit. I don't know a lot about how the water system works throughout NZ but I do not agree with making the water come from as far away as Whanganui or Tauranga to serve Hamilton. Just as I don't agree with sharing our water locally with Auckland. I think it should continue as it is run, in our own community we live in and the local council looks after it. Having locally sourced water is better for the environment and our health without further interference required, chemicals added and extra costs involved.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't believe it! If we look at recent news from the government they continue to lie about many subjects and it's a way to direct our decision towards them changing things. They want us to not own anything. Water is for everyone freely, don't make it cost us more by pushing it to 3 waters. If the government really wanted us not to have to pay so much, then why aren't we all having our own tank attached to our homes? That would cost a lot less, we wouldn't consume so much water either. We'd be more accountable, but they in fact want us to solely rely on them to supply us water. It's a form of control. Water is the worst thing they can control us on! Not happy at all.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It's all visual, they want to look like they're being culturally safe by including Maori. Why are they even talking about assets with government and councils being shareholders. It is the only asset that everyone is entitled to, do not take it away from us. And please stop selling our water overseas!!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

At this stage they say they won't sell, but so far they have stopped ordinary kiwis from working,

when they were safe to work and see the whole country in chaos over a now non threatening illness, so what is stopping them from changing their minds and selling our water supply. If this were to go ahead they will do what the UK did with their water and sell it to France. They don't have any control over their water, if France wanted to turn it off they could. Think about that, do we want that here? Absolutely not.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't agree with them. You can't agree to anything until you properly have something formal in front of you to sign. Currently, this is a draft and I don't agree with changing anything. This is not a good move.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not support three waters at all. The agenda in a few more years time is for us to be completely reliant on the government for water, houses, income and a lot of us do not want that at all. We want to live freely, this is another important aspect of our lives that does not need to be interfered with.

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Record: 1430

Name: Tracey Morgan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think councils have had a go done a poor job and we need to centralise and have national oversight

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Cheaper for everyone is better

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Seems fine to me

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

These should be strengthened if anything, water is a human right and no one should ever be allowed to make a profit from it

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't have an opinion

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think it's a good idea councils have had a go and have let their Citizens down

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Record: 1436

Name: Nigel Robertson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is essential that there is reform to drinking water supply for the good of public health. It is also essential that the environment is protected from further destruction by waste and storm water discharges

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

NZ has quite a divide between rural and cosmopolitan areas. Cities should recognise that the wider surrounding rural areas bring benefit to the cities. While the entities each look large, and the Council seems to be making a case for a smaller entity, I think that this would be detrimental to much of the central North Island. The entities therefore look to be valid and workable and allow benefits of scale and an easier way of managing cross regional infrastructure.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

They seem reasonable. Water is a human right and taking it out of the hands of elected officials (councillors) is a good thing.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think that they should legislate to prevent privatisation entirely.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They seem good and suited to operating at this scale. There needs to be provision to ensure that councils do not effectively increase rates by either not passing savings from the transfer onto

ratepayers, or, by incrementally increasing rates in coming years by more than they believe would have been politically acceptable if the water cost was still part of the main rates bill.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

They are long overdue. This is accepted by HCC and I believe the council is nit picking for the sake of nit picking. A lot of the vocal opposition to 3W reform is outright racist and misogynist targeted at mana whenua and female members of the current government. The council should be vocal in its support of this plan.

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Record: [1444](#)

Name: [Andrew Rookes](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1446

Name:

Organisation:

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SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Water quality needs to be looked at again but this is TOTALLY the wrong way to go about it, but no matter what the public say they will do what they want anyway.

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Record: 1455

Name: M

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Proposed co-governance model is not ok.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Meaningful reforms for the greater good of the country are a good idea.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Co-governance model seems fundamentally flawed. Race based appointees should not be part of a modern society, let alone any form of decision-making. Co-governance (race based nominations = racism) could create revenue streams for people who would otherwise not provide a meaningful input into the scheme (costs with no returns).

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Keeping these services in public hands can be a good thing for the greater good.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This information may need to be further analysed.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The idea of reform for the greater good of kiwis is applaudable. Co-governance promotes racism so this is not something our country should embrace.

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Record: 1476

Name: Wayne J Fowke

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There may some small local issues with water quality but these isolated instances have been used out of all proportion to justify what the Government wants. The figures quoted do not hold up to the common sense approach

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

More spin from government. If we have to pay more then we do but figures are nothing but spin.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Its wrong and leave it as it is

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

More spin to try and convince the population

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Money doesnt come from thin air. Happy with the current situation

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hopefully we can vote the government out before the reforms are in. A total waste of time

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Record: 1481

Name: Tim Ellingham

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with the sentiment of the public health and environmental aspects of the reform overall. The vision for improving performance is sound.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I can't see how any of the current Governments reforms could result in lower prices and better service. Creating mega regions takes away from local feedback. The Government should focus on key cities/towns/regions where there are know issues and focus resource there rather than requisitioning assets from councils that are doing a fairly good job like HCC.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

No, no no. More bureaucracy and most likely highly paid governance that sucks money away from actually getting things done.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Maybe public/private partnerships might actually deliver a better outcome?!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I'm not convinced that the Govt could deliver what it suggests with that analysis. HCC and the community need to take responsibility and fund the assets that we all need. I have more faith in HCC delivering over time than the current Govt.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

No, I disagree with the reforms. A much better approach would be to focus resource and investment on the highest risk regional water assets rather than centralising ALL water assets. Yes, things need to improve, some more drastically than others, but centralising is not the answer. Why aren't the highest performing regions mentoring the lowest performing regions and sharing their knowledge and experience? Could public/private partnerships be considered where investment is required? Could Kiwisaver funds be directed to water infrastructure investment? Over time utilities and infrastructure investments tend to give solid returns.

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Record: 1483

Name: Cathy

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

More money needs to be invested into water service to avoid waste water spillage.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If forming a new entity is the only way to secure the loans to invest into water infrastructure then I support that option. I think the services still need to be delivered locally. I believe people should be charged for their potable water on a water meter on top of 3 water rates charges. That way they more people will conserve water better.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It's going to be more buractatic and therefore more costly. Isn't watercare in Auckland a council entity. Why don't they set up a system similar. That seems to have been successful.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Water services should not be privatised.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't disagree with the proposed financial structure.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Something needs to be done to pay for water services. Councils are not well positioned to fund the services and are not agile or modern to respond to huge change needed in 3 waters. Overall I support the reform but believe the council as elected should be able to make decisions on a local level, and all assets should continue to belong to the community.

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Record: 1487

Name: Rob George

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

where amalgamation of water services can deliver better outcomes and efficiencies I broadly support the proposal

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

where amalgamation of water services can deliver better outcomes and efficiencies I broadly support the proposal

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I fully support public ownership of water assets. If not the 3 waters model an approach worth detailed consideration is for regional amalgamation of water services, for example, the greater waikato/hauraki/taupo area or broadly the Environment catchment. Legislation that encourages regional amalgamation of water services. I would also support some mechanisms to allow Maori genuine and real involvement in the management of water assets. This may or may not be a 50/50 split as envisioned in 3 waters, the exact shape may vary under each regional entity. That is for each regional entity to determine through consultation and further discussion with its constituents.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I fully endorse robust provisions that lock water services in public ownership. I am totally opposed to either (1) the privatisation of water services (2) contracting out water services for profit. Water services need to remain in public ownership and be provided on a non profit basis

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

My eyes roll when councils use language like 'confiscation of assets' without 'compensation'. If such assets transferred into private hands then I would support such an argument. A new publicly owned entity which inherits both the assets and future costs is not a matter of confiscation, nor is compensation required. Any transfer of assets to a new entity should of course deliver better outcomes and make financial sense.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1489

Name: George Garard

Organisation: N/A

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I like the idea that our water supplies will not be sold off to overseas companies who may not have the same concern for our health as we do.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The reforms would be a good saving on rates and ensure all water supplies through NZ maintain at a high standard throughout the regions.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I prefer no privatisation at all. Overseas individuals and organisation can setup in business in NZ. The governance of healthy water supplies should remain in NZ. Any privatisation anywhere, even in NZ, brings the possibility of NZ business becoming International organisations and being eventually governed from overseas. We've already seen evidence of failed privatisation in NZ Rail and NZ Electricity.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I like the financial structure of the reform. Water is such an important asset for everyone and needs the detailed attention provided by 3 waters. The regional structures mean water infrastructure can be maintained and upgraded in a more timely way than it could with council. The transfer of water costs to 3 waters means future savings on rates and a leaner council will

be able to serve the Hamilton community better.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I agree with the 3 waters reform. My only concern is there should be no possibility of private ownership. Not even with a 75% vote. Water is so critical to health in NZ we should have the best water services possible.

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Record: 1522

Name: Donna Courtney

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the reform

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

They are overdue

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It's supported by me

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Also supported by me

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Well thought out

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It will be beneficial to the long term health of our river

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Record: 1523

Name: Kelly Ryan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Councils have obviously not done enough to protect public health and the environment to date, so it makes sense that the Govt should step in.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It is good the Govt is looking long term at the costs. The principle of trying to solutions that save ratepayers and Councils money is an excellent one.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It looks like a good governance structure.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Great that protections against privatisation will be put in place.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It would be very positive for the Council to have debt and costs shifted to the new entity. It makes sense that a larger entity would have greater "buying power" than a small Council, so would be in a better position to financially manage massive amounts of infrastructure.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It looks very good, as it will ensure better protections for peoples health and the environment and will free up resources the Council can then focus on other things.

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Record: 1543

Name: Nigel

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am against 3 waters. I object to centralized control. I object to control of assets being removed from the population base that originally paid for them.

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Record: 1547

Name: Gary Fowke

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Government should not hold the power over council or it's rate payers who over many years have paid for this infrastructure. yes there are areas of New Zealand that need help to bring the water systems up to date - but this should be done with help from central government - not a take over and managed by people that don't even live in the areas that they want to control. If a council needs help for this - do it as a long term loan to pay for work to be done - rate payers over many years can pay a small levee added to their rates (this must be shown separately) - even after the properties are on sold the next owner occupier can continue to pay. There should be a panel of water supply & drainage experts that the local councils can go to to get the information required - this information is stored and be available to all council & rate payers to view. If you take this responsibility away from local council and rate payers - what is the purpose of local council?? and what will be the next thing taken away from local ownership.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This Government can not do or finish anything they say - all projects are costed ?? - then they don't happen - they money they waste could have been give to some councils to start they work need.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Local councils to look after local water - governance run by people that locals don't even get to to vote for is not right.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Local councils can not be bought - but Government think they can just take over what doesn't belong to them - so nothing stopping them selling it of - they change roles & wording to suit them self's.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

If they really want to help - help local council fund the work each area needs (have a levee added to rates if required - this must be show separately) - have a panel of water experts to guide council but don't take away from rate payers - this is steeling.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Rubbish - they can't even look after a systems that we have already (to many seat warmers that think they no best - but no actual workers who can put the hard yards in and do the work required - they government don't win the next election and they all just walk away with no responsibility for what they have created or stuffed) Giving control to people/groups that are not even elected by the people they are supposed to be looking after is WRONG.

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Record: 1548

Name: Ruth McGeehan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government should stay out of rate payer paid for assets of the council.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There is going to be too much money spent on the government costs and nothing will change except stripping councils and ratepayers of their assets.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It is just a rote to get council assets without going to the general population in an election.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Like everything important going on in our country at this time I couldn't trust any government promises

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The government needs these assets to be able to borrow more money overseas so like everything else about Three waters it is smoke and mirrors

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a completely underhanded piece of proposed legislation and not agreed to as an election issue.

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Record: 1559

Name: Luka Love

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

These are backed by data and we should be led by data not by emotion or knee jerk reactions. The Government is right in their assertions about the needs of our water systems and this issue, having been left in the hands of councils for generations has resulted in public health crises and environmental degradation. If we continue to do what we have always done, as these assets fall ever deeper into disrepair and as the climate warms, then these issues will only get worse. As painful as it might be to let go of control, we have to do something different now to secure the safe future of generations to come.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Continuing without reform will lead to an unnecessary and unconscionable burden on ratepayers already stretched thin by a cost of living crisis. This cannot be allowed to happen. Reform is essential.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is long overdue. This country has failed to live up to its obligations under the Treaty and this move is a step in the right direction to address these historical wrongs. Mana whenua standards when it comes to protecting the water, given the place water holds in te ao Maori, are much higher than the ever shifting vested interests of small interest groups that have controlled these assets to this point. This will be a net benefit to everybody.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Excellent news. This country has had enough of the privatisations of public assets and the community shareholder model is an excellent one.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

These are prudent.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

My views are broadly in line with the Government's and I agree with the reforms. I know it is difficult for an entity that has had control over these affairs to give up that control, but the track record of the exercise of that control around the country has not been stellar. In the interests of our future generations I implore the council to relinquish its opposition to the reforms and work proactively with the government to ensure clean, safe water for the future of this city.

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Record: 1570

Name: Ian White

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The reform while maybe needed in some areas of the country where infrastructure is aging and in need of repair. The cross subsidisation needed to achieve the goals set out has already been removed from other utility services to ensure a user pay scenario is successfully achieved. To meet to the goals in under achieving areas direct targeted funding by some method would be more effective and efficient.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The service costs as outlined in the proposal are pure nonsense as rhetorical evidence shows the every service and product gets more expensive over time due to inflationary pressures. There is no fact in these numbers, just scare mongering.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The governance structure is distorted against the asset owner, Mana Whenua should have adequate representation via their elected representatives to the various asset owning councils. If Mana Whenua own 100% of the water then this model could possibly apply. As yet I do not think this is the case.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There can be no guaranteed protection against privatisation, since the government is effectively nationalising water with this proposal. another government later, with excessive national debt, may decided to sell one or more of the water groups to pay down this debt. Governments make the laws, so they can change them at any time they like.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

With the HCC and the ratepayers losing \$1.3billion of our assets, what assets will the council have left to significantly borrow against. Will each ratepayer receive a payment of \$6500 (approx) to reflect the loss of this asset? Will our rates go down by 30% to reflect the loss of this OPEX cost to the HCC. I think not. I think the cost benefit analysis is distorted in favour of the govt proposal, with out revealing which areas are actually going to benefit. One area which will benefit is the centralised bureaucracy that is to be set up to run these entities.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The whole idea is founded on false information and erroneous ideas. It takes a core operational function away from councils who most have been successfully undertaking since their inception. This proposal is a bad idea which like all large initiatives will cost much more than planned, and deliver much less. If our water is not broken, don't fix it.

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Record: 1577

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The public have no guarantee what will happen and how much it will all cost , and how much of the cost will be passed on to ratepayers, and as usual the ratepayers will be forced to pay up or else, just like with the rates increases. I disagree with the management structure as iwi will have the casting votes when it comes to an impasse at board meetings, and i can see that becoming very onesided and corrupt, thats why im against the three waters plan, its totally wrong,

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

the government can spout as many statistics as they like but, their plan will cost billions and there is no guarantee that these entities will be successful, they could end up bickering between themselves whilst board members take home huge salaries, there government doesnt give guarantees that it will work out as it should, take kiwibuild as a prime example, the money will just go down the toilet, . its a pipe dream with no guarantees, and im totally against it.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally against the governance of the boards, people being elected or chosen by manu whenua who possibly know very little about real water infrastructure, Expertise in the field is what is required. I can see this governance leading to alot of mistrust, arguments and racist negativity in the years to come, therefore i am totally against this governance structure

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

there is only one guarantee and that is the scapegoats,ie the ratepayers will end up paying grossly unfair charges for this project, and we will not have any comeback,totally against this.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

If you cant see what my thoughts are by what ive written so far, then ive been wasting my time,
im **** **** big time

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Record: 1581

Name: Roderick Bryant

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I can't understand how the govt can manage the water reform at a lower cost. the size of the entity will only make it unwieldy as always. We need written confirmation that costings will be lower than at present. The 50% ownership by iwi is not acceptable as the water belongs to everyone and no single identity can claim ownership of water that comes from the sky. I agree with the items in the submission by Council and would support it.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Co - governance is not an option as water is an asset that belongs to everyone.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The local authorities should retain ownership of a commodity that belongs to us all.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Councils need to retain ownership of their own assets, otherwise you just lose control.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Disaster

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Record: 1582

Name: Edwin Clarke

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

They are essential to the well-being of the community. Institutional healthcare is very expensive and everything possible must be done to ensure that a healthy environment enables healthy citizens. People should be able to engage in recreational activities, e.g. swimming, boating, tramping without risk or danger. Local bodies have had an inconsistent approach to the environmental aspects of water, and at best have usually been half-hearted in their approach. Reform is urgently needed.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Many places in NZ have adequate water supply, but especially in rural areas supply is often cobbled together by amateur engineers or farmers over whose land a river or stream runs. Major upgrades to both urban and rural water supplies is required, and rather than being left to the vagaries of council management some consistency is required (Cp rubbish disposal and recycling is now parallel between most urban areas). Further, the investment in upgrading water supply and treatment of wastewater will be more than councils will dare to contemplate. Note the inability of Christchurch City Council to get on top of the treatment plant issues in Eastern Christchurch. A better process into the future for water management is required for all in NZ.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Most local bodies seem broken-hearted over the possibility that management of water should be taken from them; I am not sure why since they haven't succeeded very well in their responsibilities of supplying good water, and they complain that their agendas are overloaded. Now is the time to shed some of their load to a group who can specialise in water management.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The majority of people are against privatisation of water, the sale of public assets not having a

brilliant outcome in NZ. Water should be publicly managed, and the water reforms continue this practice

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The financial structures as proposed seem satisfactory and workable.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think it an essential path into the future welfare of our communities. Most of the complaints seem to me to come from people who fear a loss of power and influence; none of them demonstrate that the 3 waters reform will result in a worse water supply, i.e. they cannot demonstrate that the existing set up gives the best results possible. Moreover, much of the opposition is political, i.e. by people who want to tell us that everything per se which the present government does is by definition wrong.

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Record: 1583

Name: Stuart Ayton

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Public health and environment are very important to me, when it comes to the three water they should be and are of a very high standard, that will always require maintenance, parts replacement, upgrades and expansion. International studies from Switzerland, UK and the USA all agree that New Zealand's three water's are in the top ten. When something (95% of the countries water systems) is not broken don't fix it. Fix the 5%. The Havelock North drinking water issue was a mismanagement between the government authority, which has been fixed: Stage 1 inquiry findings The Stage 1 report was released in May 2017. It identified that HDC, HBRC and the DWAs failed to adhere to the high levels of diligence necessary to protect public health. No individuals were named, but a key finding was that "The failings, most notably by the Regional Council and the District Council, did not directly cause the outbreak, although a different outcome may have occurred in their absence". The HBRC failed to meet its responsibilities as set out in the Resource Management Act (RMA) as guardian of the aquifers. This was evident by the number of unknown, disused and uncapped bores in the immediate vicinity of the Brookvale road municipal bores; failure to inspect bores, and having a primarily quantity-focused consent monitoring regime rather than also including quality. HDC did not embrace or implement the high standard of care required of a drinking-water supplier, particularly in light of its experience of a similar outbreak in the same supply in July 1998, and the history of positive E.coli results. As a consequence it made key omissions including its assessment of risks to the supply, and it breached the DWSNZ.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It will be a complete shambles, just look at what happened in Auckland when all of their councils combined. Add the proposed 9,000 additional staff, vehicles, office space and lunches then try and tell me this will be more efficient and cost saving. Getting hold of a local contact, inside such a behemoth organisation, in a timely manner would be very difficult and at 5 layers deep you still wouldn't be able to talk to an engineer.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Five layers of Bureaucrats is insane and unworkable. Having mana whenua representation is not required as the services under discussion did not exist prior to 1840, therefore have no relevance to The Treaty of Waitangi. Also having non elected members (Iwi) on the Regional Representative Group is totally undemocratic, also they would be offered the position purely because of their race and would not be responsible to the citizens and rate payers, therefore they could not be removed by the same. It looks like APARTHEID to me, and should not be encouraged under any circumstance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't see anything stopping the privatisation of the 3 waters, that is what is behind the whole scheme, should this come into force Maori will be handed all of this, using the Treaty Settlements or similar as the reasoning. I want to see Maori succeed and have greater quality of life, but not at the expense of our hard fought for democracy. I also believe should the 3 waters proceed any value for Maori would be only for the Elite, ordinary Maori citizens would be left to their own devices as usual, not receiving a cent of value.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I think the structure is far too big with too many layers, both physical and financial, the waste that would occur would be far greater than the financial benefits. I would like to see local councils working together on water, chosen on the grounds of catchment areas. This would be leaner but still improve loan ability and keep working areas smaller and simpler.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't like it at all, for all of the reasons I have already outlined.

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Record: 1584

Name: Ashley Greig

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Most water supplies are adequate. No industry/organisation can have adequate infrastructure for 100% of possibilities. There will always be issues surrounding water/drainage/public health. That's not to say that some form of improvement or change is not desirable. However the government proposal is not the way to drive the change. Supply of adequate water supplies, drainage, sewerage has been historically up to the councils and it's they who should continue to manage them. Creating a number of new quangos with questionable abilities and using government (taxpayer) funding will add to the administrative cost but not to the improvement of the system. The councils responsibility for health and environment is to the ratepayers and it should stay there.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

An entity without responsibility to it's financiers (ratepayers) lacks both transparency and motivation to achieve. This is just another 'cost plus' measure. At least councils fast the electorate once each 3 years. the ratepayers can decide how the wan to fund the services. The proposed organisations appear to have no oversight from ratepayers who provide and use the system so is unacceptable. Government cost figures appear to be dragged out of thin air. I have not seen any justification for the savings they are talking about. The figures appear to an attempt to justify the proposal without being able to justify the figures.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is atrocious. It is possible to consider views from any and every organisation but there is no need to take any notice of those views. The structure is set up to remove any form of control from ratepayers through the councils and vest it in another organisation that has no responsibility to actually act on any questions/concerns/suggestions. It only has to 'consider' them. As the organisation does not have any vested intersests in the area at a personal level, they should not have any management rights.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

If the proposal is scrapped there is no need for privatisation protection. The governments idea that the protection is needed seems to indicate that they have possible privatisation on the agenda at some point in the future. Water supplies should not be considered as anything other than an essential public service.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is another tax. The charges for water supply coming from another entity instead of council will inevitably lead to an increase in those charges. There is no 'free lunch' Whatever services are provided must be paid for. This proposal adds a significant cost to the provision of the services in the form of an increased bureaucracy with no gain other than the ability to borrow more money. The shareholding concept is non-sensical. Government is proposing that we have shares that we cannot sell or capitalise on in a company that we have no control over. As an investment it's the worst possible option

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The governments views on the reform are based on their own ideologies (as are everyones) but they fail to consider that they have a greater responsibility. For the government to take control of assets paid for by someone else, vest that control in a body with no responsibility to the either the purchasers of the asset or the ends users, then to reduce the time frame to discuss it to what appears to be an 'attempt to ram it through' is incompetent at best.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1599

Name: Gordon Fitzroy-Kelly

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton City Council manage our (ratepayers) water assets well and provide a healthy quality and sustainable supply of water to the city, as well as providing waste water treatment to meet the city's needs. The Council is more than able to plan future infrastructure to match the future growth of the region.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Unfortunately this Government has shown a complete lack of competence in accurately forecasting major projects. Auckland Light Rail, 100,000 social Housing building under Kiwibuild and so on. Therefore their ability accurately forecast future costs for water supply by the year 2050 is pure fantasy! I believe that our Regional and City planners would be in a much better position to manage our (Ratepayers) future costs.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The current Government has increased the size of the Public Service in excess of 14000 all of whom are paid for by the taxpayer. We do not need extra levels of Civil Servants to add cost to what is successfully managed by our existing local and regional councils. If the Government is forecasting future costs as far out as 2050 to support their argument for taking over of our water assets, I am very worried.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

My view on the Governments protection from privatization is simply that in a Democracy we, the people, must firstly be given and take New Zealand's citizens right to vote on such a major issue as 3 Waters. I believe that the people through the services of their locally appointed Councils must retain the right of ownership as it is now.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

In the end it is the taxpayer who will carry the cost. As previously stated, forecasting out to 2050 is pie in the sky. You may consider that with the Governments intentions re funding in the short may reduce the Councils projected costs but your citizens will not be able to reduce theirs.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

We all agree that water along with other essential services, such as energy, will require significant cooperation between Government and local bodies. However, apart from my views on the issues highlighted in the preceding pages, my biggest concern relates to the imbalance of Control mandated for a NZ minority with a special veto. New Zealand is a democracy and I believe that issues of such national importance should be resolved in the democratic way by means of a national vote.

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Record: 1600

Name: James Pearson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Not required unnecessary bureaucracy

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

under the proposed reforms unnecessary bureaucracy will bring higher water costs for Hamilton rate payers its a NO for the government's reform

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

keep it local council control

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

it could still be sold same as power stations

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

higher water cost there is no limit on how much the unelected entities can charge for water services no stopping iwi groups water royalties nor is there a requirement for council to reduce rates to reflect the fact they will no longer supply water services

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

not much undemocratic & will come at a higher cost to rate payers with the extra four layers of bureaucracy

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Record: 1606

Name: Ross MacLeod

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Water quality is vital to many aspects of our life. I believe that largest entities taking care of regional areas makes sense. While this may not seem fair for the regions that have managed their water infrastructure well, the systemic problems that appear to exist nationwide suggest a broad approach rather than an opt in or targeted management. Who 'controls' the water is not as important as securing the quality of that water and, as past systems have not been adequately coping with this, a new approach is needed.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Rising costs and expenses in maintaining the systems is a large problem, one which we have already seen the impact of, with critical infrastructure wearing down until a critical incident forces change. A model which allow for greater funding will reduce the targeted cost to local councils.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

A shared governance model means that council is represented at the top level of the new organization. While the on-the-ground service may change over time, this model still also the same service as the present system. My only concern with the model is that smaller population may get overlooked in favour of larger ones given the share by population model. It is important that this population imbalance not become too much a deciding factor in decisions.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The council owned shares maintain ownership by local communities and provisions requiring referendum with a high threshold provide protection without entirely limiting the option.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The debt incurred on water infrastructure is greater than the council income from that source. It make sense to me that this be administered by a larger body with greater funding and borrowing capacity.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support the plan for the Three Waters Reforms. While there are valid concerns around ownerships and local control, I believe that the potential benefits outweigh the negatives.

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Record: 1608

Name: David & Claire Williams

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Current Council control gives ratepayers some local control Govt control would water down local influence .

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Govt figures are pie in sky especially as it is anticipated to have extra 9000 extra staff & no lowering of wages , plus extra \$-% layers of so called experts .

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Co governance is completely un democratic . Appointed members can not be voted off if they do not perform properly .

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Under current council regulations privatisation is not an issue .

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Extra costs will be passed to Taxpayers Who will in effect pay twice for the reforms .

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The Govt reforms will not guarantee better outcomes for the Ratepayers of New Zealand so MUST be scrapped . Political parties who state they will overturn Three Waters will benefit at next years election . The majority if New Zealanders do not like the UNDEMOCRATIC proposals of the Govt .

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Record: 1609

Name: Dan Thursby

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the governments proposed reforms in relation to public health and environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposed reforms will provide lesser cost increases. Outside that I fully support the introduction of meters for water provision.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposal allows for better qualified governance

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The protections against privatisation appear stronger than those currently.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The financial structure removes debt from the council and allows for more efficient debt servicing.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall I support the government reforms.

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Record: 1611

Name: Holly Snape

Organisation: Community Waikato

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Public and environmental health are paramount however, historically both have been compromised. Councils around the country have underinvested in infrastructure, and some councils have lacked the quality of staff to keep the environment and people safe. Three waters provides a framework which levels the playing field across larger and smaller districts around the country. Ensuring appropriate investment in infrastructure across the country will have a significant environmental outcome, along with improving safety for people.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Affordability would disproportionately impact smaller territorial authorities and those with challenges related to topography and the amount of rateable land per rate payer. The proposed reform addresses much of this and provides a much better option than the current model. Centralisation will be the only way to achieve an equitable outcome for more rural communities.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am pleased to see the proposal includes co-governance. Māori input is fundamental to meeting te tiriti obligations.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

My initial fear when I heard the government's proposal was the risk of privatisation. I am comfortable that there has been good consideration of the risk of privatisation of the infrastructure is well protected.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't feel I understand enough about the implications of councils not being able to borrow against the infrastructure - and if councils borrow against the water infrastructure to fund other areas of operation or if it has historically only funded the 3 waters infrastructure. I support the fact that the new entities will be able to leverage more borrowing to improve the current infrastructure, but I am very keen to understand what (if any) implications this will have on Hamilton City Council's finances and ability to borrow.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall I support the 3 waters proposal. I think reform is essential. I think centralising is the only way to address the inequities across rural and urban environments. I would like to see Hamilton City Council continue to ask the hard questions and tease out the details of the proposal. However, I would also expect this council to be considering the impact of the proposal across the country, rather than just the impact on the citizens of Hamilton city.

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Record: 1612

Name: Brendan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Maori involvement will be positive for the country and environment.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think there's a wider issue in that Local Government is unsustainable in its current form. Local government roles and responsibilities can not be funded from existing ratepayers and needs to be restructured to be fit for purpose - i.e. investing in making cities great places to live. Part of the solution can be centralising 3 waters which will free local government resources and financial constraints and they can then reprioritise their role.

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Record: 1616

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Safety, yes, improving water networks and infrastructure, yes, race based ownership absolutley unacceptable in this day and age, large beraucratic ownership such as this will waste far more money than 20% water loss in the networks.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Why would a new entity have better access to money? Where have these numbers come from?
Load of rubbish

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

They are racial

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Disgusting and again racially based when the assets are for all, the whole point of democracy is majority VOTE to choose the best outcome for all not a 15% minority

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

More lies

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

100% against this rape and pillage of public assets to a minority race under the disguise of a better future for all, load of ****. Put it to an official referendum like it should be under democracy.

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Record: 1620

Name: Graham Campbell

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

As a rate payer in Hamilton I totally object to the government's taking assets that belong to the people of Hamilton.

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Record: [1621](#)

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1625

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

[I hate it](#)

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

[I hate it](#)

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

[I hate it](#)

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

[I hate it](#)

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Record: 1630

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

No support for 3 waters that the Labour Government is pushing, there are other ways to fix problems

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

These costs are modelled and it is up to each council to cut unnecessary costs that they have to make sure things work.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

NO to this model, we are a country that has a 1 person 1 vote and everyone is equal. This new structure is racist in every way

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

They are stealing our assets

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Add no more cost, house holds are under enough money pressure. Stop raising rates

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

No to 3 waters

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Record: 1632

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

3 Waters is a TERRIBLE TERRIBLE thing, stop it!!

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

You are trying to sway people with money! No one can possibly know what costs will be in 2050! Stop it! Three waters is a terrible thing!

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What the **** hell was wrong with council management?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Can you people not see that this 'Maori, non-Maori' **** is dividing our country?! Let the council's carry on, this whole thing is madness!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is about control, not money. Leave the councils how they are! I feel like people who read this information will be blinded by whoever wrote it! It is NOT a good idea!

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The current government is incompetent and need to leave. They have done nothing but ****
**** this country with its **** woke-isms and colonialism rubbish! Why the **** can't people
just leave the past in the past?! Who cares? And if Maori people have such an issue with it, shall
we take back our healthcare? Our wheels? Our dole? For gods sake what is wrong with
everyone?! Leave the councils to deal with their own issues, which is more than the****
government is capable of!

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Record: 1633

Name: Sandra

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Can appreciate the intent but opposed to what is being suggested

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Strongly oppose. Money wasted unnecessarily on things other than the core necessities needs to stop to allow resources in to essentials such as water supply and associated infrastructure.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

No confidence in this proposal, at all. Opposed to any race-based rights to govern.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No confidence. Have repeatedly seen broken promises and don't expect this will change.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Sounds like an improvement however not confident proposed benefits would be realised as promised.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Quite disgusted really. Disappointed in the govt, opposed to anything treating groups/people differently based on ethnicity, don't see financial benefits to residents, opposed to the rushing to push it through regardless of feedback and opposition. Disappointed with local council too, many of which seem to have not acted with wishes of those who elected them. Concerned this will be a defining issue at election time, and the implications of it is. Devicive and undemocratic.

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Record: 1638

Name: Steve McLennan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Good intentions but wrong approach.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Non-sensical. The level of debt required, and the increased bureaucratic cost, are not justified by the size of the alleged problem.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It is racist. New Zealand is a multi-cultural society, and the vast majority of its citizens do not agree that the elite hierarchy of one race should have anymore say than any other New Zealander.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Privatisation is not a threat, and is being used to coerce the public's view on Three Waters.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The debt allegedly required to attempt to solve a non-existent problem will help financially cripple New Zealand for many years to come. The cost required to administer the bureaucracy will add to that crippling of New Zealand.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is bad policy attempting to fix a non-existent problem that will contribute to crippling New Zealand's financial position and race relations for generations to come.

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Record: 1643

Name: Shannon

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

That there is a lot of denial about the truth of the direction being progressed towards, and a lack of focus on protecting and respecting water as an entity. Old ideas, crumbling system.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Emotional. It makes me sad and sick, and a bit scared. Oh also very angry.

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Record: 1644

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This is another way for the government to mis-manage another asset.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Government data has yet to be confirmed by all parties and is another scare monger tactic

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not thought out without the right people and resources in place.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

N/A

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Perhaps we should invest in more than just the information that the Government provides.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

No to the water reform.

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Record: 1645

Name: Wayne Whitehead

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Stop promoting Māori ahead of European people. We should be equal

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Māori being put ahead of all other kiwi citizens must be stopped it's blatant racism.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Co governance is racist and promotes Māori it is wrong and needs to be stopped.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Stop promoting Māori ahead of all other New Zealand citizens it's blatant racism

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Stop putting Māori ahead of every other entitled New Zealander it's blatant racism

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This whole thing is about setting Māori up to be advantaged ahead of all other New Zealand citizens it is wrong and racist and needs to be stopped. Co governance is the worst attempt at

blatant racism the modern world has seen. Ardern and Mahuta need to be stopped the majority of the nation is against what they are attempting to do. Racism and separatism is what they are doing trying to promote and place Māori ahead of all other kiwi citizens it's wrong. We all have the same opportunities those that squander or throw away their chance via own choices need to stop blaming the past grow up and get on with life.

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Record: 1658

Name: Stephen Leaper

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I have travelled widely in New Zealand and have always found the water to be excellent. I have not encountered personally, nor have I had feedback from anyone I know, that they have encountered issues with drinking water. So I do not see any pressing need in this area. Yes, there was an issue in Havelock North but that has been resolved. I seriously doubt the 35,000 figure stated. Regarding the environment, I have seen great improvement over the years. As always, there is still work to do, but it is capable of improvement without a major transfer of ratepayer assets.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The Government claims larger water entities will be more cost effective but the Government's own peer review rubbishes the claimed savings. The Government claims there will be efficiencies. But how can it be efficient, or save money, if there are to be up to 9,300 additional jobs required to deliver essentially the same services. Will there be a similar reduction in local council sizes? If there isn't then there are no efficiencies, only additional costs. The costings presented also appear to assume the mistakes encountered by WICS (Water Commission Scotland) will be avoided because WICS have already created solutions to these. However, the model proposed for New Zealand is different and is in a completely different cultural environment, therefore it is highly likely that New Zealand will go through the same experience and associated additional cost. In summary, I doubt the figures put forward by the Government.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposal states that there is no ownership transfer but this is just window dressing as there would be no direct accountability by those controlling the assets, to local ratepayers. Decisions around selling assets, receiving dividends, and setting charges will be made by unelected entities, with no provision for councils to withdraw from the new regime. I note that I have yet

to see a successful bureaucratic monopoly, with no direct accountability, which delivers real value to its consumers. Any ownership model of public assets must have clear accountability as a base. This proposal includes very little in the way of accountability. The Government has relied on the WICS model. The WICS report is clear that their modelling is only relevant if adopted unchanged. Why has the New Zealand model differed so radically from the WICS ownership model? If the answer is that the New Zealand model needs to reflect the New Zealand environment (a fair answer) then the WICS model can not be used as basis to support the changes that are proposed in New Zealand. Or, the proposed New Zealand ownership model is not suitable.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is a complete red herring. There is no push for privatisation that I am aware of. It is worth noting that the proposed model has a provision that - any serious future privatisation proposal would need to firstly pass a 75 per cent majority vote from the Representative Group and then be put to a referendum, where a 75 per cent majority is required. So why is this method of change not being followed for the initial setup? i.e. a referendum of ratepayers.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The ratepayers will still end up paying for 3 waters regardless and I can only see additional costs in this area going forward. Since 3 waters make up about 30% of the councils budget. If the 3 water changes are pushed through I would expect a reduction in council of 30%. I would not expect the council to borrow more money and I would expect a 30% reduction in rates. That is on the basis of the changes the Government wants to make. There is nothing to stop local councils, in a common catchment, for combining to make cost savings. Just because the Government has a shoddy plan, it doesn't mean that a better one cannot be found.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not believe the reform will deliver better environmental outcomes, better water quality, greater investment for growth and housing and reduce future costs for communities. I have yet to see a successful bureaucratic monopoly, with no direct accountability, which delivers real value to its consumers. Any ownership model of public assets must have clear accountability as a base. This proposal includes very little in the way of accountability. It should be highlighted that the current Government did not campaign on these reforms during the last election and is now pressuring councils to support complex, far-reaching reforms during a pandemic, without time for local consultation. Given this is the largest redistribution of assets in my lifetime, I consider the due process around this Bill to be inadequate. I will be voting in the local elections based on the candidates response to this proposed reform.

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Record: 1661

Name: Ian Millward

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government has falsely framed the discussion around water and used our money to push their propaganda throughout. Right from the early TV adverts slandering the ability of local councils to manage, through to the late inclusion of 50% of the management being given to iwi. The latest false claim saying the system has been changed and is critical to prevent privatization is a misleading joke. Yes changes in a number of councils around NZ need to change their priorities around water management but these are best assessed and managed at a local level. Change the legislation that councils work under rather than confiscation and centralization. Historically centralization has had a poor outcome when it comes to efficiency and local sensitivity.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Government estimates are NEVER accurate. The provided figures are at best bias guesstimate made to support their argument and mislead the public. When did centralization to a bureaucratic body ever result in cost efficiency. Local bodies are better positioned to assess local needs and provide for local people. If they do not then we have the option to vote them out at the next election. How do we get ride of the proposed new bureaucrats when they fail to perform. If government provides a fraction of the funding, and where needed technical support that they propose to use for three waters to local government then I am sure appropriate results could be achieved without this undemocratic act of piracy.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Bureaucratic joke. The provision of the share structure AND suddenly red herring about privatization after the report are an obese going attempt to mislead public opinion. Democratically elected locally bodies are best assessors and drivers of local needs. This is another example of Minister Mahuta knows what is best for you and I am sure this same condescending approach will continue with regards to management of our water assets under

the new structure. How long until government changes the new management structure to further snatch control of our local assets from us?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The threat of privatization was never raised as an initial reason for three waters, but suddenly became a topic to distract the public after the backlash to their initial aggressive attack campaign on local councils. Assets are currently owner by the ratepayers/local community and so can not be privatized easily. If required separate legislation can be put in place to provide further protection. It is deliberately misleading to have been thrown up in context of the three waters campaign.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There seems to have been little clarity with respect to rural properties and how these cost structures will apply. The figures put out regarding future costing by government have been fanciful bias propaganda at best. Will the end cost to everyone really be lower? Or will groups such as rural property owners be getting hit harder than we are already being hit by the current government. While the assets will be nominally under council ownership how will this look going forward as the assets grow and change (while being funded by the new entity)? Will local council still be able to borrow against these assets, will this be against the value of the original asset or the supposedly improved asset value. If you do not give any control over an asset does this alter the borrowing potential. Maybe if government directly invested the bribes they have been offering councils and a portion of the money they propose to spend on this new entity into the underperforming councils then they voted rapidly uplift those with poor water quality to an acceptable standard. Again my earlier comment about under performance and over sized expenditure of large centralized bureaucratic entities applies. Logic and initial advertising always makes them look good, but execution always eventually makes them inefficient dinosaurs.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally AGAINST Three Waters. There will be loss of sensitivity to local needs. There will likely be a more dictatorial approach. There will be loss of democratic accountability. The assets are owned by ratepayers, and while the proposed recent changes give a thin facade of ownership back to us, the ability to manage and control our asset will be removed. This is still equivalent to government confiscating our local assets. The whole approach to Three Water by the government has been condescending, secretive, deceitful and manipulative right from the start. I have no faith that once they have wrestled control of our assets from council that they will not change the legislation and rules further to fulfill their thinly veiled agenda.

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Record: 1669

Name: Ashleigh Ford

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe it's in our best interest as people to have three waters. We don't know what could potentially happen in the future such as climate change, ocean and river levels and much more. Our water ways could become polluted with no proper action from individual councils. Three Waters would also have more money to help prevent this from happening in the future. This could create another public health risk.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe this is super beneficial as people/businesses will still have an income which will help our economy and will boost it. It becomes cheaper for people/businesses and farmers, basically everyone. This works in favour of everyone. This means we can focus on more important stuff like innovation within business and more

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

New management would be super beneficial, by having Mana Whenua on board as well as they are an important part of this governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is great, by having this shareholder based is perfect as everyone gets a say. It keeps everyone in a democracy as public have to vote on this.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I believe this is great as council will have more money to fund other projects for the city to improve it such as roading, infrastructure and more. This will improve our economy locally and nationally

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall, I think Three Waters is extremely beneficial. Water is scarce, councils could potentially be fighting for it in the future. By having the government looking after it properly and funding through one whole source is way more beneficial for the economy, it saves people money and more

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Record: 1670

Name: Melissa Neilson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Three waters reform is a good thing and will free ratepayers from the enormous costs of upgrading this infrastructure. The resistance is misguided and led by mis information and foolish idea the council's are businesses being stripped of their assets. These are public assets that need large investments to upgrade them. The public and the environment deserves better than the kind of non compliance that happens all to often around the country

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

See previous comment. These reforms will improve service and reduce cost.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

We need skilled professionals overseeing water services it is too important to leave to elected representatives many of whom are not up to the task

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think that there is enough there to protect against privatisation

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall i think it is a good idea and am quite angered by the misinformation that is being generated about what is entirely sensible. This approach has worked well in Scotland.

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Record: 1671

Name: Jeff Neems

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely support the Government's proposal and water management reforms.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely support the Government's proposal to reform water management.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Support this proposal.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Support this proposal.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is an absolute no-brainer. Totally support this reform.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Totally support this reform as proposed by the Government.

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Record: 1674

Name: David Moynahan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Unrealistic and over bureaucratic.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Too long for any saving, as I'll be dead by then. Savings need to be payable from day one. Penalty clause if no savings year by year.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Government needs to stay out of local government. Maybe set guidelines but local government to implement if affordable.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The Three Waters reform is privatisation effectively. No.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The assets belong to everyone and no one, past, present and future ratepayers. Ratepayers pay rates to support the continuance of the public works.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Rubbish. Ain't broke, don't fix.

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Record: 1675

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

From investigations I have made the Government is not being totally honest but does appear to be overstating the number of people suffering waterborne diseases to justify their case. The numbers differ considerably from those of the Ministry of Health

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not believe them

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It is not equitable to all ethnicities and definitely favours Māori

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I have not yet studied this fully

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Not happy. Ratepayers have assets worth far more than what government intends to pay for. The only ones to benefit will be Māori.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

We will be worse off with a lot more bureaucrats

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Record: 1722

Name: Abbie

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support your opposition to the bill. I think it's a good idea to think about public health and environment but consider the local regional council better placed to address any issues

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It's too expensive. People are suffering already. An independent analysis of the costs for each area would be appreciated.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

That it is adding beauracracy.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Unnecessary and ideological.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It is wrong. Any water rates should be going to the local council not to a politically drive. government body (whoever is in charge).

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It has a good intent but is an ideological shift and should be put to referendum because of its significance.

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Record: 1723

Name: Fossil McIntosh

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't believe a word any government says , if the government really cared about health etc , they would have strict environmental laws already in place and wouldn't mandate the poisonous 'vaccination' scam . It's nothing but theft . Previous governments have looted and plundered the NZ population owned assets over the past 40 years and now Jacinda has nothing much to steal now that it's her turn with her snout in the trough ,she has suddenly become a multi millionaire since the 'vaccine' push but the greed as always has no end .

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It's a scam . Ratepayers already own these assets , STOP THE THEFT !

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

ITS A SCAM .

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Lies !

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Why does everything have dollars attached to it? Humans need clean air and water and food to survive , access to water is a human right and the government should provide this free . Take your greed and kill yourselves

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1727

Name: W Allan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Keep the functions within Council you do a good job looking after the public health and environment. There is already a new regulatory in place.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

These new water entities will only increase water costs. It is the same group of people they will target to pay for these costs. The Council does a good job balancing affordability of services and meeting required standards.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance to remain local and accountability to the community. Do not agree it should be passed to persons not accountable to the community.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think this is covered adequately.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

No comment

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

These proposed changes are an attack on local democracy, an asset grab to non accountable persons. Hamilton City Council should OPPOSE these reforms. It will affect the viability of many Council structures and create poor synergy in growth management and planning. Keep these activities within Council.

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Record: 1731

Name: Paul Flanagan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the Government's proposed reform

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the Government's reform

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with Council that having only 4 entities may reduce representation of local regions, but agree with Government that reform is required

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I support the Government's reform

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I support the Government's reform

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall, I'm supportive of the Government's reform

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Record: 1735

Name: Mitchell

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Government incompetency will not improve health and will make it easier to pass blame. They have already increased the acceptable limits on contaminants in the water so they aren't for public health. If funding is an issue for councils then it's an easy solution for the govt to solve

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Cheaper for me would be nice. Sceptical

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Feels like too much admin and bureaucracy

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There should be no privatisation whatsoever.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Strongly oppose water bills, especially on sharehold properties unless separate meters

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Feels like a bad idea. I would like more funding to be put into water management from government as a solution but taking control over water management is a bad idea. I don't trust the amounts of bureaucracy. Government to appropriately spend the money and in the past with other govt services there is little accountability on their end. I'm against water meters so as a homeowner I don't like how they don't say how they'll pay for it.

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Record: 1738

Name: Peter Murfitt

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I totally disagree

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Record: 1745

Name: Chris Banks

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It makes sense to partially centralise the supply and treatment of water from a health and environment perspective. Councils have traditionally performed poorly, and are not motivated to improve

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with the government for entity model. It will be much better than what we have now

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It will be good to have professional governance. Councils have been poor at this

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Water should not be privatised, so protections against this are good

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They are good

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Definite improvement. Councils have not done a good job. Low voter turnout means councils are fundamentally undemocratic. This is a positive step. Water is too important to be run by councils. The only issue is lack of visibility over what alternatives have been considered

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Record: 1761

Name: Kevin McHugh

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am opposed to the Government's reform on Three Waters. The information provided on illness from water supplies, loss of service and spills to the environment is gathered on a national basis. Many of these are from small systems and do not reflect on Hamilton's three water services. I have lived in Hamilton for fifty plus years and have not experienced one instance of unplanned loss of service at my home.. Spills to the environment in Hamilton have decreased significantly over the last fifty years despite the three fold increase in population. This is as a result of improvements to Hamilton's three water networks and environmental legislation. Council has funded the necessary improvements to achieve this. An entity based on regional and catchment boundaries is better placed to serve the needs of the community and the environment. The three waters assets have been paid for by the ratepayers and should remain the property of the ratepayers who funded them.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am opposed to the Government's reform on Three Waters. There is no way that costs will decrease. They propose implementing additional tiers of governance and guaranteeing all staff will transfer over to the new entity. Where are the savings to be made. Removing decision making away from local people will not improve response times for customer inquiries or complaints.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am opposed to the Government's reform on Three Waters. The regional representation group will not have the same local focus as a smaller local entity. The local knowledge needed for local decisions will be lost. Representatives of the group will retain local biases.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am opposed to the Government's reform on Three Waters. This whole process by the Government has been bullied through without honesty and proper consultation. The protection may be there for now but I can see it changing in the future. Ownership should remain with the ratepayers who funded the system. If privatisation goes ahead shares should be handed back to the community who if they wish can on sell them.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The debt may be removed from Council's books but the three waters users will still be required to meet the cost of servicing the debt. The cost of providing Council's other services will increase. Office accommodation, payroll staff, HR staff, and numerous other internal providers to the three waters area will have to be funded from elsewhere. The strong growth in immigration over recent years has placed demand on all infrastructure. There has been no recognition of this by Governments via way of distributing the increased tax take for improving infrastructure. In the 1960's Hamilton built a new water treatment station, wastewater treatment plant and reticulated the city with water and wastewater services. Much of this funding was provided by Government. There is no reason why government cannot provide such funding today.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am opposed to the Government's reform on Three Waters. Smaller entities focused on catchment boundaries, funded by Government, with ownership retained by Council's is a better option. Hamilton City Council's infrastructure has continued to allow growth with few service outages. Overflows to the environment have reduced significantly since the 1960's.

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Record: 1762

Name: Stuart Aitken

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The case for change is being enormously overblown by continued misinformation and propaganda by this government. It is theft of ratepayer-funded infrastructure that will be governed on a race basis. Resounding no from me and should never be implemented as it wasn't campaigned on, therefore there is NO mandate.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There is no doubt this will result in huge increase in costs to NZers. As someone who suffers from chronic OCD, I wash often. Any increase in our household bills will see us join the ranks of those requiring emergency housing.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The case for change is being enormously overblown by continued misinformation and propaganda by this government. It is theft of ratepayer-funded infrastructure that will be governed on a race basis. Resounding no from me and should never be implemented as it wasn't campaigned on, therefore there is NO mandate.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This govt can't govern anything and have proven time and again they are the most deceitful govt we have ever had. I wouldn't trust them to stick to anything.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is all spin on improving the council's financial situation. It won't. It's also a flat out lie that HCC will retain ownership of transferred assets. Literally quoted in the legislation is that the council's will have NO title to these assets.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

No, no, no, no, no. Financially, no. Health needs? Not a chance. Absolutely racist theft of ratepayer funded assets at a fraction of what they are worth - and you don't even get the money up front. You are betraying your ratepayers if you agree to this travesty and should be immediately removed from office.

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Record: 1764

Name: [Graham Campbell](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

[As a ratepayer of Hamilton I totally object to the government taking assets from the ratepayers which have been bought and paid for over many years.](#)

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Record: 1767

Name: Troy Michie

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to happen

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to happen.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to happen. Ignore the racist frothing.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Needs to be stronger. As in, remove the possibility of any privatisation all together.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Needs to happen. Councils can't be trusted with spending in correct areas with so many obsessed with reducing rates without keeping infrastructure up to date.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Needs to happen. Our water has been wrecked by captured councils and industry lobbying with

the result being we can't swim in our rivers, lakes and streams because of poor management at council levels with active abuse of rules by profit driven companies and individuals. The HCC is deeply in debt and needs central Govt help to keep up with the costs of expansion (like the entire Peacoakes area) so should be welcoming the possibility of debt restructuring for long term stability, instead of listening to those tethered to outdated modes of thinking whose main opposition is mainly ideological, often completely disingenuous and some outright lies with maybe racist dog-whistling for good measure.

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Record: 1772

Name: Bob Coleman

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolute rubbish. So using the same network of infrastructure, but changing ownership will prevent health and maintenance issues. Haha...

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

They have no idea, every government treats our money with disrespect. This will cost us way more than you are publishing, but don't worry you will just raise the rates. Stop this now

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

So we are not all New Zealanders anymore? How could anyone think this is a good idea.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Quite simple, we already own the assets, don't take them away

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This will allow more debt to accumulate, which is bad. Local and central government need to live within their means, and not continually waste our money. This will just make it worse

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Stop this right now, it is bad for the future of our country. Stop wasting our money. Cut spending on unnecessary things and prevent over paying for services.

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Record: 1774

Name: Grant

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Perfectly fine how it is.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Going to cost consumers more.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Racist and sepratist agenda.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Thats like selling your car at a big loss and then saying you are finacially better off.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Clearly some places need an urgent upgrade on their water systems. Hamilton is not one of these places. It is clearly an asset grab and power is given to people based on skin colour. Wrong on so many levels.

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Record: 1782

Name: Glen Lewis

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I have ZERO faith in this government and support the view of the HCC to vote against the 3 waters bill

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

As before, ZERO faith in this current government and they have no grip on reality. Decrease services and increase costs is all they have done.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This proposal is going to make a mess of it all. The current system works just fine. Leave it alone

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

they are a joke

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The consumer is going to suffer!

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The current government is a joke and you cannot take anything they come up with seriously. The current system is working fine, as the saying goes if it's not broken, don't fix it. The water quality we have is already better than any other country I have been to....and that's quite a few over the years. We can drink from the tap and that's not something you can do in many countries. 3 waters is total **** and needs to put where it belongs, in the rubbish bin.

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Record: 1783

Name: Kathleen McCaughtrie

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Communities themselves know their environment best. It cannot be managed by an alienated office. Central Government is taking away the power of individual communities. The management belongs to them.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Basically it is all about big business for central Government. Creating ANOTHER organization for investment and profit for its own coffers.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Central Government taking away the mana of the people.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Corruption and propaganda for big business.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It is obvious. stripping away from local Government/Councils with the lure that they will be better off. Local Government will become a smaller and smaller entity while Central Government becomes more powerful and we all bow to its authority.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Back to basics is the over all international message of the current day. Environment and economic growth is a candle burning at both ends. At the end of the day what is the most important for quality of our survival? Money wont save us - every community is responsible for their environment.

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Record: 1786

Name: Nathan Ross

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It's a concern that needs addressing clearly. People trust both govt and council to get the basics done right. We pay rates to councils expecting clean drinking water that's not going to get us sick or worse. We pay taxes to the govt to ensure the councils are pulling their weight and not ripping people off, or using the money in such a way it's not meeting the standards required. Pretty shocked to find it got to the stage it's almost an epidemic that NZ's water is this bad. Good the govt are doing something about it. Trying to go standardise it sounds like a good idea, but trying to do so by such a macro level is insane. There is simply no way someone so far up the chain can manage the smaller changes further down... Look at how poorly massive corporations manage complaints from customers, vs smaller firms... that's just management 101 guys. If I complain to my council for local water to be fixed there is a chance (though small) it may be fixed in a reasonable timeframe. If I complain to some super govt body that manages 4 massive regions, they won't give a stuff. You'd be far better stopping all the talks, meetings, planning, discussions etc and wasting the tax pay dollars right now talking about it, and instead, simply spend that money helping support your councils to fix the problems at hand instead. Stop pointing fingers/proposing billion dollar programs/solutions etc. Just pick up a freaking shovel and help dig the **** hole. Less talk, more action.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The Waikato is in a magical situation wherein we don't pay for water by the Litre like the rest of the country, because, it comes from the Waikato. It's charged via rates instead. I like this system. I'm sure the vast majority of rate payers here also do. Going to a 3rd party managing the water, reeks of the potential to move to a pay by use system. That would **** off a lot of people very quickly. Rates going up slowly however is expected, it's just the nature of economics. I'm fine paying more rates to cover water systems being repaired and improved. More so if we ACTUALLY see results from that action. We pay rates to have roads repaired, but rarely so we actually see those results. Potholes are everywhere and patched by children. Never actually fixed. That sort of half baked repair **** **** rate payers. Do the same to the water systems and you have once again done the bare minimum to finger the dyke, but haven't fixed the leaks source. Do a proper job, up front and make it well known. In my general opinion from jobs I've worked at. People are prepared to pay more if they see a better result. SEE being a key word.

But let us pay the councils, not some 3rd party all seeing body that we will never see any results from...

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The Govt does the job the people pay it to do. Supposedly though our govt is blind deaf and dumb to anything its citizens actually give 2 fs about. People sat in the chairs rarely care about the ants they stood on to get their. They wasted 16million **** dollars asking what flag we wanted... before they **** asked IF WE WANTED A NEW ONE. What kind of **** waste of money was that. They could have spent that 16mil fixing the water systems preventing the need for this whole 3 waters event. But govt never listen. Mainly as half of them got into the chairs for their personal bank account and not giving 2 **** about people and their voices. You'd have a better, more structured and actually sustainable system if you just roll a dice each year and follow the outcome. Its less random and likely meets more peoples voices than the supposed elected chairs... Vote to see if you should roll again in 6 months.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Its the wording here chaps. VERY VERY specific.. Lawyers wrote those words. And chose them very specifically. I can protect you from a bullet. But likely only a hand full of times, then im dead and your exposed. When a super rich organisation with the money to bend the rules and the lawyers to make it legal comes along, were all fked. Walmart USA is wealthy. What say they decide they want to buy controlling share in the water management of nz. Then jack up the price of our life blood... Protections, preventions, proofing, all just words, easily manipulated by smarter and smarter lawyers. Write it as a comandment in stone and stick it to the wall of parliment. Write it on a document and encase it in glass and put it in a museum...some will still argue it and find a way around it using more words...

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

My problem with people asking about money is thst they are blind to other factors. A plumber and fix a pipe in a day for 5k, Do it in a week for 500 or take a day for 50 bucks.. Christchurch is a YEAR into still having the city poluted by human feces littering the air because of the fire st the waste facility. Someone with 200 billion dollars could have fixed that in a few weeks. Concrete over the place to encase the smell and toxins, de construct it bit by bit and then rebuild. Easy. But instead the council has to do it, on the cheap, slowly and painfully. Punishing the rate payers, plummiting house prices, making people sick, spreading filth through a city already struggling with other much larger issues. And what did the rate payers get? A \$200 gift voucher. Like **** ? Heres some money pls stop complaining doesnt fix the fact you are litterally breathing in human excrement. Daily, and have been for a year, with no end in site. We just went through a global pandemic that scorched the earth in terms of the worlds finances Theres a pointless idiitic war some nut job is droving for who knows what reasons, further

destroying what's left of the global economy, and we are closer to seeing nuclear warfare destroying the planet and countless lives. Oil prices are rising beyond control as people move to electricity and BP and Shell are desperately wanting that sweet \$. Charging a few extra dollars a year to ensure we have safe, clean drinking water and don't live in 3rd world conditions... it really doesn't make a drip in the ocean of issues guys. See the bigger picture.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I feel it's important we fix this, and do it right. I feel it's important it's done sooner rather than later. I feel it's time to stop wasting resources talking about it, and just do it or not. You're the government. Supposedly you were elected to run the country by popular vote. You were supposedly elected because enough people trust your decisions. I feel if you stopped caring about how to secure the next votes, and actually gave **** what tax payers or rate payers said, did, or cared about you would have already heard the resounding voice chanting NO to 3 waters. I feel you are scared to make a move at risk of treading on toes, of potential voters and this has nothing to do with actually fixing the problem. If it were you'd have done what was needed already and not wasted millions on talks and discussions. I feel you've asked for our opinions, as a courtesy. I feel you don't give **** what people actually want, because it's already being yelled at you by hordes of tax payers en masse, in all forms of media. I feel this survey was likely a massive waste of my time, and is likely filed under trash and forgotten like the 0s and 1s it was written in. But I HOPE, and sincerely so, that you think about what's happening in the world right now, in NZ, in each town and household, and say, Do we really want to do this? Are we really arrogant enough to disregard the cry of the people and do it anyway? . And if so, and you still do. I HOPE beyond a shadow of a doubt you have the **** to see it through, the tenacity to put the time money and resources into ensuring it's done right, policed right and managed properly. Not just started, left to its own accord to snowball into the too hard basket and left for National to **** around with a few years from now when you lose the vote. Because honestly I'm sick of seeing the govt start a project, use it as a rallying tool for votes, then abandon it months later after you get your seats. Do your job. Do it as though you care about it, and the resulting people it impacts and make a **** decision already. Just make sure you stand by it long term.

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Record: 1788

Name: James

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not support any of these

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree or support any of them

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree or support any of them

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not agree or support them

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I do not agree or support them

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I absolutely disagree with this reform. I do not support it at all, in any form.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1792

Name: Bede Perham

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

To HCC members, 3 Waters legislation must be opposed and voted down at every available opportunity to ensure that the infrastructure, the water and the funds to upgrade, repair and install new water requirements remains in the hands of Hamilton City Council. 3 Waters reform diverts funding away from Hamilton water funding and into a pseudo-corporate entity and directed by people who were not elected and are not accountable to the positions they hold and how the funds they manage are spent. Further more 3waters administration is structured in a multi-layered Marxist style ideology of excuse making, buck-passing and over-reach to enable misdirection and potential misuse of funds and assets meanwhile assuring non-compliance with budgets, deadlines and operations of those water assets. Ratepayer and

home owner.

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Record: 1794

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We need this

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This is good

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is good

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Good

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is good

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This is a positive move. I support

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Record: 1797

Name: Vaughan Oliver

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This is racist and illegal, no one minority owns water, to take ownership of water is to remove peoples basic human rights, don't be on the wrong side of history, fight for your ratepayers and fight for liberty

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Lies

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Water belongs to everyone not the government, it's a human right, keep the same structure, increase rates if you need to

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not far enough, privatisation only leads to less service and more cost to the consumer as always proven in the past, wake up or get voted out

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Waste of money and racially motivated to line the pockets of a small group of undeserving criminals with no flow down affects

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Stop this madness, it's clearly designed to divide the community and seize control of a human right, it's one more nail in the coffin of New Zealand's liberty and freedoms, only a fool would entertain this and New Zealanders are overwhelming opposed to this, respect the people of New Zealand who have clearly said NO WAY!

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Record: 1801

Name: Sanjay Sinha

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree .

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree with service and costs assessment.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The water resource should be under local government control. Funding needs to be provided by the government to allow the local bodies to do this job.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't believe this will stand-up in due course of time.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Financial control of assets should be at local government level.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Don't agree with the government policy on this.

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Record: 1802

Name: Guy Lewis

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Places that need help financially to meet standards should get help from the govt, but NOT under the proposed layers of bureaucracy and racist framework that is currently proposed. A far more simple, cost effective, fair system is needed. Councils should remain in charge of our water infrastructure.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If a council needs financial help then the govt can deal with councils on a case by case basis.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

People making decisions on the water and water infrastructure of a city or region need to be directly accountable to the local voters. Not a bunch of un-elected, un accountable people, some chosen simply because of the colour of their skin is pretty disgusting.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

If privatization means the people who control our water and water infrastructure are unaccountable to the local public then as above i am against privatization .

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Govt has a set aside amount of money yearly to deal with issues from council's on a case by case basis. This will cover growth areas and emergencies etc. It will be the responsibility of the councils to raise concerns/issues and future plans with the Govt to apply for funding. If the

Govts plan varies from that above then I'm against it.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

An extremely poorly thought out, expensive and racist idea. Too many layers of bureaucracy, unaccountable people and racial bias to ever be functional. Throw it out completely, start again.

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Record: 1805

Name: Judith Benton

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree. We want safe drinking water and healthy waterways

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The council cannot hope to keep costs down I agree a larger efficiently run organisation will bring costs down

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

People with the necessary skills need to be appointed There appears to be safe guards built in to allow local voices to be heard

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Happy with that

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The costs to the council are huge going into the future. The reform will manage these costs Being a larger organisation they will be able to get better deals financially

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Go for it. Great idea.

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Record: 1808

Name: Gail Westbury

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to be totally in Council Controls for us a Ratepayers.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Sorry have no faith or Trust in this Government and putting through Legislation taking the Control out of Local Govts assets and management.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally reject the proposal

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Totally reject Privatisation it has not worked for other Countries. Eg Wales. Plus this 3 Waters Agreement has been opposed by a large majority of Voters. Research of the document by Act. and National Govts. Clearly Shows (in 25 Years all water rights will be handed back to Iwi)

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Totally reject the Proposals

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Worst Legislation Power Control ever. Totally against it as a Ratepayer.

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Record: 1810

Name: Dave

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Public health is a concern, but not at the expense of the rate payer. Hamilton's water is well controlled and well maintained. I disagree with the forceful implementation being justified because of general public health. Generally, people's health and their willingness to look after themselves is appalling. We shouldn't be paying for that.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I want to know where the government gets their numbers from. We've seen their ability to forecast numbers with the likes of KiwiHomes or the cost of implementing EV chargers nationwide. They have conveniently gotten numbers to support their ideas without any transparency for the actual rate payers. I extremely disagree with the services and costs aspect. Their model has no solid evidence and is pinning the "average" rate payer against the state of a few rural situations. What percentage of the applicable population do those rural situations make up?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The governance aspects of the reform don't make sense. They're wanting to implement a 50/50 split of council members (who have been in their appropriate position through their career) and mana whenua; who have no specific role other than a "fair representation" which far outweighs the actual population ratio. That aside, creating committees and subcommittees is a perfect way of passing the blame when somethin doesn't happen right. All they do is give a convenient way of saying people are handling it, paying them way more than they deserve and then nothing actually being done.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The choice to prevent privatisation isn't bad, but splitting into shareholders based off of

population isn't great. Mana Whenua won't have any shares, but can still veto any proposal made; why bother then?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Horrible proposition. The variance between the governments expected income through taxes or cost of maintenance is far too inaccurate to be comfortable (between \$4b and \$6b revenue from taxes.... A 50% variance given in a colourful slide to try defer the actual reporting/forecasting inaccuracies) Your statements say that you don't even know what amount of debt would be transferred to the new entity - Am I missing something here? You're being asked to commit to a program without being told what you'll get from it? The sentence to say that the water management being removed will reduce rates is a non-starter. The rates will never reduce, otherwise your projected revenue is skewed and borrowing potential decreases. To that note, the advice from government about the entity being able to borrow more/have access to more money is also not well advertised. Will the amount they have access to be a larger sum due to the population being higher per entity than it currently is per council? Or is this also an unknown amount being advertised as a benefit without facts? How many times does the public have to say that the reform won't decrease costs? It NEVER does.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I've been fairly forward with my thoughts. The reform is a TERRIBLE idea. It'll cost the tax payers more money; give people more power without accountability and provide a platform for the government to sink money into with NO GUARANTEE that the more crucial areas actually benefit from it. They obviously know it's a less favourable idea, when councils were given the option to opt-out and they chose to, the reform was then made mandatory. So much for the option of choice.

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Record: 1817

Name: Ian Marshall

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Do NOT want any reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Government can twist figures to get what they want!!!

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Load of ****

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

They will give most of it to the minority. Don't trust them.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Load of rubbish.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

NO, NO, NO. How many times do we have to tell you the majority of people don't want a bar of it.

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Record: 1823

Name: Kevin Baker

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with the reform

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with this reform

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

All good

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Could be stronger

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Seems reasonable

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Central government sees the big picture and it is up to local government to work with them. Lot of this issue has been people opposed to the government and not the reform. Eg xxxx hoped a

new government after next year's election would see 3 waters repealed. We need leadership so all people can benefit leadership so the entity is headquartered in Hamilton.

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Record: 1825

Name: Nigel Thompson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely in favour of the 3-waters proposal as presented. It must be done and as soon as possible. Preferably in a manner that cannot easily be reversed by another government

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1826

Name: Ian Bridge

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Over the years many local authorities have not invested enough in 3 waters - that underinvestment should be sheeted home to those who have not charged enough rates. Hamilton has by the critical location of the Waikato river and thus Hamilton rate payers have already paid their share and should not be asked to pay again as tax payers. Those who have not kept their assets up to scratch e.g. Wellington, Havelock North should pay. Where non-compliance occurs central government should step in with a loan to local authorities, which has to be repaid. This is equity. Whilst there is a need to have a central standard which should be set by central government it is up to LA's to implement just as it occurs under the Building Act. The 4 entities will be huge cost to create and operate and existing staff will no doubt take redundancy pay. How can they effectively operate and know issues from one end of the proposed are to the other. Local authorities could do this much better.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The cost of paying for these huge entities each with their own bureaucracies will be huge and by themselves will not offer any improvement. Targets must be centrally set - all with same rules but the operations will still need to be local. What will happen with existing staff - no doubt another big round of redundancies - how will this improve 3 waters. Hamilton, Auckland and know doubt others can provide better services than would a central regional body.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am opposed to co-governance as the reference to the Treaty refers to equid NOT equality. There is not enough competent people in the so-called mana whenua to be in a position of competent governance. What happens to democracy - one person one vote. Surely what is proposed is apartheid. The focus has changed from what is common good to one of entitlement. If allowed this will result in a dumbing down of governance and in a zero sum game everyone is going to be worse off, including lower socio economic people.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Any government can change laws at any time. What they say this year could be changed at any time of the year. This is what Parliament does all of the time - change laws, change rules. There is absolutely no protection over what a future may do.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Someone has to pay, not only for 3 waters but for other services. Presently the HCC undertakes this for ratepayers. In future there will be another rate or other charge on some unknown basis in terms of cost and in terms of equitable charge. The best outcome always is user pay. HCC should not overly concern itself with debt as it clearly has the base to finance the debt over time. Obviously it would not be legal to confiscate assets without taking the associated debt. It is the loss of control over the use of those assets that should concern everyone.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

There are no guarantees that 3 waters will result in improved outcomes for every NZ. What is proposed is a very high cost model compared with central government providing loans to local authorities to rectify local issues without creating a huge monstrosity of corporate to undertake control of 3 waters. I am in favour of democracies and opposed to unelected mana whenua dictating how we should govern our NZ - all citizens regardless of race, ethnicity, culture (whatever that means). No one is better than any one else or should have more say than anyone else. Rather than create racial conflict we should look to make things work the best they can for every NZ. I am concerned about government gifting our assets to people who are interested in their sense of entitlement, whatever that means after 180 years, there may have been some losses in the past but there also have been huge gains. Let's all work together for a better NZ.

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Record: 1840

Name: Michelle Dennison

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

STOP 3 WATERS!!!!!! The co governance is APARTHEID & RACIST. The assests belong to NEW ZEALAND (thru Councils). 1 person,=1 vote. Cant get fairer than that.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 1843

Name: Nathan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Dividing the country Racist Promoting separatism Costly \$\$ mistake should they proceed
Another **** up

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

To Maori focused, they move to slow and are unproductive No financial thought into where the money is coming from and how to pay for it Poor service

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Stay as is, NZ owned for all people equally. Not to the Maori.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Totally disagree with Three Water. This is an asset grabbing and gifting to Maori

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Record: 1846

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Please, the Hamilton City Council is one of the most heavily indebted councils in NZ. There is no way the council can meet the water supply and infrastructure needs of this city now. You cant even manage the nitrate levels on farms in the area. None of our rivers or streams are fit to swim or drink. Stop wasting more time on money trying to defend what you have already lost. Get behind the three waters reform

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I imagine water costs may rise sightly over time, but at least we will know exactly what we are paying for and it won't be hidden behind operational expenditure.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

there need to an immediate co-governance and regulatory framework set up to ensure the best long term decisions are made.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Water should never be privatized. Never.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

In coming years Council will need to consider the needs of the community and other planned Government reforms to make sure it is best set up to deliver services to its community.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Please stop fighting against it.

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Record: 1849

Name: Ron & Annette Leach

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

We have been living in Hamilton for over 60 years, and have been very impressed with the way our City Council has handled our water supply so effectively. We would not be happy with our water supply being managed by a faceless Government department. sincerely, xxxx xxxx, xxxx, xxxx . xxxx xxxx

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1850

Name: Peter Thomas

Organisation: Private Citizen

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support three waters. The government can raise capital for development at cheaper rates than a myriad of smaller entities. Simply, the state of Hamilton Lake is a disgrace. Once upon a time you could swim in it. Why has it been allowed to become unswimable? That's an urban lake. Why has Lake Waikare deteriorated. If it was Whangamata or other beach resorts there would strong objections if they had been allowed to deteriorate like the Lakes mentioned. Would you swim in the Manukau Harbour, French Bay? Why have those places been left to deteriorate to such an extent? The degraded state of our waterways is a disgrace for a country with such a small population. xxxx xxxx

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

There is a need for local representation on the governing bodies to provide oversight. Seven

billion people have not enhanced the planets environment. Petty parochialism has to be overcome.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1851

Name: Daniel

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with the need to better ensure well being of people and the environment beyond what we have been currently doing. Having water be part of the council all to often risk of health of the public is weigh against reputation and members of the public are not informed about spills and contamination of the environment. Separating water services from councils allows for better advocating for higher standards.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I expect much higher cost in the future if we don't follow through with the reform. In hamilton we only built a waste water treatment plant in the 1970s. Prior to this most properties would have been on septic tanks. like most things the cost of maintenance of a new asset like a car is relatively small in the initial years of maintainace. In my time living in hamilton ive seen the city grow substantially. This means there will be a rapid increase in cost of replacement not even including inflation. Looking at the pipe placement across the city there are large numbers of pipes that run under houses. As the city density increases the cost of replacing these pipes will increase.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I think having the decisions made by people that understand the industry and are qualified will lead to better outcomes as management of services heeds a longer vision approach than 3yearly elections. A regional approach will allow for other outcomes that would other wise not be considered.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I view underinvestment as a greater risk than privatisation.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I believe removing the financial burden of the water would allow council to invest more heavily in improving public transportation. With increased density's as the government proposes council will have to look at how they keep congestion down.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am optimistic about the water reform. I believed everyone needs to change how we view resource like fresh water. No council has wanted to touch water metering because it is politically unwise even as we have to have water restrictions every year so people can have green grass in summer.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1852

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Unsure how these would be improved.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I'd rather see a range of analysis.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Unfavorable.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Fine.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Fund councils instead.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Waste of money, ignorant of public opinion and doubtful that meaningful improvements will be delivered. Fund councils differently or revisit the 4 entity model.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1853

Name: Martin Pim

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Obviously it is essential to have clean pure potable water at the tap of every household in the country, but that is not the sole responsibility of the local authority as some houses water supplies come from either their roof or their own private bores . The Local Authority is contracted by the population of any given area to supply maintain and develop the asset as a community owned service that is funded by connection fees and the 30.8% of the rates take from the house holders and business owners of the community. this 30.8% is the largest consumer of the rates . It appears that there is a requirement to invest in the utility , a utility that is community owned and the responsibility of supply is contracted to the local authority by the population . The Local Authority and / or the Central government, do not own the systems, the citizens do.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

With 30.8% of the rates demand being taken to support the reticulation and disposal of the water utility, and, with central government coming up with a figure that is two to seven times the cost to the house holder. with out quantifying those figures in greater detail to achieve exactly the same result for the end user doesn't sound like very clear or honest argument, and how does central government propose to achieve a better result by increasing the areas administered, not reduceing staffing, dusting it off with a flipant scale of operation statement, and, introducing an ownership model which if used in corporate business would be viewed as fraud ? I currently have potable water to my house and effluent, grey and black water removed , how can that be improved upon ?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This Governance model seems to forget that the utility does not belong to the local or central governments. The utility belongs to the population of the country and the respective civil authorities are charged, under social contract to maintain and develop the systems taking their

revenue to operate from the 30.8% of the rates as working capital. The population of this country is cosmopolitan, coming from many many countries across the globe 17.1% of the population identify as Maori which, in a democratic community, to demand 50% of a utility which has been developed and maintained by the greater community is not acceptable. Again I repeat that the utility does not belong to the local authority or central government, it is not a private entity, it is a public entity, owned and responsible to the public at large to provide potable water to the gate and remove storm, grey and black water and dispose of it.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Under the local authority regulations and regulations you will find that the local authority is the body charged with the distribution and disposal of potable water and sewage to and from properties. there is no opportunity for privatisation under the local authority by-laws.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

So as I see it, with the council divesting its self of their water commitments the householders rates would decrease by 30.8% and also have a credit for the capital sale and outstanding interest for the use of our money since the outset of the utility. the councils borrowings are unlikely to be a responsibility of the rate payers as they were not signatories to the loan documents. So I can expect a credit from the Hamilton City Council for my share of the utility ?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am sure that there is a need for up grade of the utility, but I am very suspicious of the motivation behind the Maori ownership demands, I can not see how a better system can be provided by the contractors, the Hamilton City Council, and I can not see why this system is being 'forced' onto the people of Hamilton and New Zealand by politicians who are giving contracts to family members without openly making them available to the public at large. I dont trust this Government to produce a reform that doesn't have small print that will be detrimental to the population, shareholders, current owners. with out some 'fish hook'. if not, why the 50% Maori representetion ??

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1855

Name: Charles Fletcher

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

NZ water is amongst the best in the World, so this is dropping a massive sledge hammer on something that does not need breaking. The Auckland Water Care model is working and, on a regional basis, is a superior option. The one problem the Government identifies as the reason for change is something that was quickly fixed and not a truthful justification for change

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The reform introduce a complex bureaucracy which makes no sense and will cost many time more than they are projecting - 9000 new employees with guaranteed salaries at current levels or better! Having dealt with NZTA and other centralised Government bodies, there will be a serious degradation of services and no value for money at all. This is a reform which should not proceed as it will be a failure

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This reform is a scam. It is the taking control of ratepayer assets with no future accountability and the total abdication of democracy. As a ratepayer I have no say in what happens going forward due to the bureaucracy which will facelessly make the decisions, including the ability to run up huge debt with no controls

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Once again we are presented with smoke and mirrors to disguise the true nature of the future. Even with no dividend or profit share for the ratepayers/Councils it seems iwi are able to benefit indirectly through ongoing consultation and veto powers resulting in payments to the iwi/maori corporations with no accountability. This may not be privatisation but it is the loss of public assets and a back door means of funding Maori interests

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Democracy is destroyed by this reform and, as we have seen in the last three years, debt levels will escalate well beyond anything the Councils are likely to spend, resulting in assets which have no resale value stranded by enormous debt - the cost of which will far outweigh the economic benefits the reform will supposedly deliver. The failure of accountability and the inability of ratepayers/Councils to do anything to control the bueracrats will make a mockery of any benefits the reform is supposed to deliver. It won't happen and we will all be the losers

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a sign of madness if any one believes that this reform will deliver on any of the outcomes outlined. It won't because it is fatally flawed. This reform must not proceed. There are other options which will preserve ratepayer and Council democracy with better financial outcomes and accountabilities.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1857

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think It's pretty clear this government has no financial sense.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Creating separatism towards the many cultures that create NZ.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Same as above.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Wouldn't trust them with anything to do with money.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It's a waste of money, it's designed to further divide the country, it's another letdown and more far-left **** .

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1858

Name: Kristen Mac

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not believe that centralizing control of the water management will improve all impacts on health or the environment. I think it will be trying to provide a one size fits all approach to a range of needs and issues. I think that it would be crazy to plan to prevent all infractions in relation to environmental impacts of stormwater failure as the costs of achieving a fool proof system would outweigh the damage done by the occasional failure.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not believe that these costs can accurately be compared. It is probably based on modelling and we should all know by now that that is a very unreliable basis for any decision making. It is also suggesting that all the local bodies are hopelessly useless at providing services. If these figures are correct then they probably apply to all aspects of the core services provided, then all should be centralized. However I do not believe that.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I thought I lived in a democratic country where everyone had the same value in society. To suggest that there should be proportionately greater representation in the governance, for a specific group of society, is a suggestion that not all New Zealanders have an equal right to value and respect the land they live in. I believe the governance of any public entity should be based on skills and not cultural heritage or race or sex or age or financial position.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Don't have a strong opinion

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This would potentially have significant impact on the control of the cities future growth. If the controlling structure makes the cost of developing new sections prohibitive this could stop the growth of the city. This may be acceptable but it may not align with the local councils ambitions for development and growth. Decisions may be made that prioritizes water infrastructure development over traffic, Amenities and other aspects of town planning, they should all be considered in balance. Separating out one part of the plan allows for an unbalanced approach.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think it should remain in control of the people most impacted by it.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1862

Name: Sue Farrell

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am in favour of the reform. Clean water is fundamental to public health, and disparities in the integrity of drinking water supply/waste environmental impacts in different regions and councils must be addressed.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I have no issue with the services and costs aspects of the reforms.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am in strong favour of the governance aspects of the reform.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am in strong favour of the protections against privatisation. New Zealand's water should not be considered to be a financial asset for profit making investment.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am in favour of the financial structures of the reform. Water management is too important to be left to individual councils across the country. The temptation for underinvestment in new infrastructure or maintenance is fuelled when councils are struggling to balance books. I can accept that some councils will likely be better off, some worse, but the importance of public health and environmental impact must take precedence.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am very strongly in favour of the Three Waters Reform.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1866

Name: Geoff Young

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

My view is that the 3 waters reforms will remove the tendency for poor ill informed decision making by well meaning elected officials who have typically stood on a platform of minimal rates increases deferring essential expenditure on the 3 waters infrastructure. I see throughout the country, councils kicking the can down the road on reticulation and capacity because these are underground assets and surely they can do it another year. This includes minimal expenditure on inflow and infiltration measurement and elimination which leads to gravity systems flooding and raw sewage going into storm water and then receiving waters. This happens in Hamilton in multiple locations every time there is significant rainfall. If this was a farm or a business, they would have been prosecuted into oblivion. I want someone running waters who is going to address the issue of uncontrolled urban pollution from historic stormwater reticulation rather than leaving it in the too hard basket. I finally want the reforms to remove the ability of councillors to interfere in trade waste decisions and enforcement. This is not necessarily a Hamilton issue but I am aware of numerous incidents elsewhere in the country where large employers or well connected business owners have used connection with councillors to cut themselves a good deal, in some cases this has gone as far as providing the trade waste user with what is effectively a subsidised waste treatment deal. Finally, I want people in charge who have some liability for their actions when they screw up. One of the real frustrations for me with the Havelock North Fiasco was that the xxxx in charge had been at the table making the decision not to secure the well head which could have prevented the issue going onto Parliament with his Teflon coat unmarked. Elected officials responsible for such decisions should carry the same liability as Directors of businesses. This is highly unlikely to happen so we need to move to a totally different business model.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Quality infrastructure and service delivery costs money. The expectation of many that either there are no problems or the problems can be fixed without cost to the consumer don't live in reality. This will cost what it costs, public health, adequate water, waste water and storm water assets are essential in this modern world not nice to have. We are blessed with abundant water but we need to protect it.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Anything would be better than the current local body model! Water makes up 40% of most councils activity yet I cant name a single council that has a dedicated 3 waters person sitting at the executive group table. They are normally bundled up with roading solid waste and playgrounds. This shows how serious most councils take water. Providing the terms of reference for the Governance boards are adequately framed up and the board members have some responsibility for the decisions they make then it has to be significantly better than the current model.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't have any concerns that the assets might be privatised. I don't believe that can or will happen.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

For most councils, these assets are a liability. Hamilton may have significant investment in 3 waters but where is the money coming from to fix the overflowing sewers and the substandard stormwater? What is the anticipated spend to over come capacity shortfalls in reticulation particularly in those areas where infill intensified development is going to overwhelm the existing infrastructure. Hamilton has done a **** job of this to date predominately because of general reluctance to commit any resources to the planning of it. I am happy for these assets to remain community assets in the hands of professional managers.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

As someone who works in the water industry, these reforms are way overdue. The sooner the happen the better.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1872

Name: Kelly Tucker

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't agree

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Sucks

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Sucks

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Increasing the costs for ratepayers is not fair. Take it out of councilors wages they all earn far too much

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1875

Name: Danielle Marks

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is increasingly important that mana whenua are at the table. We have seen Councils all around the country be complicit in their obligations to ratepayers(all of us) and severely injuring and/or killing people by their lack of action. I support the overall whakaaro around public health and environment being intertwined, instead of treating them as separate issues. The wellbeing of all people living within the boundaries of Hamilton City Council cannot be separated. We are a part of the environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

We need to address the outsourcing that has occurred in local government in this space and particularly with wastewater. Our rural communities have been paying a lot towards rates with no action being placed in their communities, creating more distrust in Council. By implementing the services and costs aspects that the reform will bring, it will drastically positively impact so many marginalised communities that Council do not engage with on a regular basis.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Mana whenua must be at all aspects of governance. This will be a non-negotiable part. If not, there will be severe consequences. This must be done on a consensus basis by mana whenua roopuu, and not just PSGE's. They cannot drop off at the lower levels, and especially at the operational level. Actually honouring te tiriti recognises the necessity of having mana whenua at all levels of governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

We must stay away from privatisation. We start to lose the community control and engagement and cause more issues when things become privatised. This is again, what has happened with outsourcing in local government, and we have lost control of resources and destroyed taonga.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is because Council has not addressed all the issues that was raised at the beginning. Council needs to stop pretending that this cost hasn't been coming for a long time by their neglect in the treatment of waste water, drinking water and grey water. Much like the abandonment of mode shift by Council until this current term, there will be a lot of financial structures put in to address the three greatest issues being raised this election, and have been for several terms.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support the reform. I am greatly and deeply disappointed by the Councillors positioning, centering white supremacy in their decisions. Council has neglected the three waters for so long, it is timely that central government have finally stepped in to address these issues. I am excited for more Maaori governance in a crucial area of Maaori interest.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1876

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

they are throwing away the whole tray because of one bad egg. Occasional assist from central government is all that is needed not a total overhaul.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Its speculative at best. It also puts government in position to privatize assets in the future when the bill for maintaining the services gets to high.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not necessary. Over kill. they could achieve their stated goals with a regulatory structure without taking over assets.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Its all a smoke screen. nothing is stopping future governments from getting rid of protections.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

no better than existing system.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Its the power infrastructure reforms of the 90's with extra steps, now look at the power costs. It will drive up price of water services year after year. just another thing the central government can hold over its citizens to force compliance.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1880

Name: Kelly

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This legislation isn't about people and there well-being. It also has nothing to do with the environment

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The government is wrong if they think they can give the rate payers investment away .

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I find it disgusting that the government says we are all one people one minute then creates total separatism between maori and European. Maori has no right to have specific governing rights .

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The labour government hasn't achieved anything positive for this country and its people so far so this will be another fail

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Anything I hear or read that is produced by the labour government is taken with a grain of salt as the lies and spin that come from the party never cease to amaze me

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't think I know that it will only end up costing rate payers more and more . It's our investment in our town who the hell do they think they are giving it to a bunch of maori to control.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1881

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think we should stay as we are. Why should we pay for the short comings of other councils, when our council has looked after our areas extremely well.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Not happy with the governments reform, they are passing the buck so they don't have to pay for the upgrades required around the country.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Would prefer our water requirement be managed by our mayor and councillors.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Water belongs to no one and should never be privatised.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Not sure. As an example Auckland merged all the councils to save money, in the end it ended up costing more with rates increasing throughout Auckland. If it looks too good to be true it usually is.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Not happy with it.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1896

Name: Raymond Mudford

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Overloaded with beaurocracy, lacks common sense and totally disrupts the operation with no consideration for those who work in the system. Too much politics and spin. Let's hear the facts instead of watching the darts being thrown at the wall

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Another set of unsubstantiated figures, that mean absolutely nothing. Interesting these figures came out BEFORE any redesign had started. Conclusion - spin

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance in both central and local government does not exist. Appointees have little or no board experience. There are an increasing number of so-called external experts involved in these processes bring no improvement to governance. Conclusion- only interested in feeding from the trough.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Smoke and mirrors. Subsequent governments can always change the rules retrospectively. Listen to the Mangawai case

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

History is telling us that both central and local government show no respect to taxpayers and ratepayers ability to pay. Too many projects approved through consultation are incomplete,

constantly showing cost overruns and new unapproved projects eating up funds destined for approved projects. Conclusion: no trust in any proposal where grass roots citizens are not involved in the idea development

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Spin. It is more about a small number awarding themselves financial rewards Conclusion: greed

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1902

Name: Kim Leong

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree with the three waters reform. You are stealing our assets.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

No to three waters. They are stealing our assets.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

No to three waters. They are stealing our assets.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No to three waters. These assets are owned by the ratepayers.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

No to three waters!

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

No!!!! You are stealing our assets!

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1903

Name: David Cowley

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The whole thing is too complex for the average Kiwi to comprehend and comment on. It will not matter what the public say, the government will continue on its path of doing what it wants.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Don't trust the Government in respect of anything they say to do with their promises to protect our assets.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It won't be privatised while this Government is in control, but it won't work.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Would be less cost for the Government and taxpayer if money was simply put into problem areas without all this proposed administration.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not believe that this reform will deliver on its promises. In the end it will cost New

Zealanders a fortune.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1904

Name: Garry Edward Mohn

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The Three waters programme should be stopped. • Democratic process has been eroded/removed. • Ownership has been removed, assets stripped. • Gives councils little influence. • Councils need to be able to promote the best outcomes for the community but councils will have no confidence its concerns will be heard. • The proposal says councils still technically own the water assets but without the ability to influence, without the ability to hold the board to account, they have no teeth,"

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Nothing will be delivered as promised by this reform and the costs will be horrendous. rate payers and those renting are going to be paying a high cost. Many will not be able to sustain those costs. I would imagine that the water costs would go directly to the tenant's directly as power bills do! Water rates/taxes will continue to climb every year or similar to power increases. When the power industry was deregulated, and we promised cheaper power ... it never happened. What this government is saying amounts to and lot of lies.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't think there is any accountability to the people it is suppose to serve.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Very poor

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

These need a lot more work and I don't like what I see. Much of it looks like it's plucked out of the air. End users are going to pay for it heavily over the coming years. Q; What is the end game??? A: Ownership by Maori

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I disagree with them and only see troubled waters ahead (forgive the pun). 1. It will not work as this Labour government says it will. 2. Costs will spiral out of control for the general population. 3. Democratic process has been eroded/removed. 4. Ownership has been removed, assets stripped. 5. Gives councils little influence. 6. Councils need to be able to promote the best outcomes for the community but councils will have no confidence its concerns will be heard. 7. The proposal says councils still technically own the water assets but without the ability to influence, without the ability to hold the board to account, they have no teeth,” 8. What's the end game???? answer, Maori control. This reform is bad all-round.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1911

Name: Lyn Sadler

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Happy to keep as is, regional control is how it should remain.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

No change required, local body control is good.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance should remain as is with local body control over water.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is inaccurate, the local bodies are doing fine and do not require intervention by the government.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Again this is inaccurate! The local councils are completely competent to continue as they have been and do not require any intervention in this matter.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally against this reform. There is no intervention required to improve on what is already a well oiled cog. Complete waste of time and tax payers money.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1912

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

where do we say NO

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

NO

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

NO

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

NO

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

NO

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

NO

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1916

Name: Tania Duvall

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally against the reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally against the reform

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally against the reform

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am totally against the reform

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am totally against the reform

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally against the reform

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1920

Name: Holly Wallbank

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I strongly believe that three waters will have a positive impact on public health and the environment. It will impose a national standard on water. We have so many problems in our country with our quality of water and illnesses because of this. Something has needed to be done for a number of years and I believe that this proposal is a step in the right direction

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that three waters will have a positive impact on the services and costs. New Zealand is a pretty small country and having this vital service fragmented across councils reduces the buying power of each entity in charge of water. A centralised approach will be able to borrow to carry out much needed maintenance and will not beholden to rate increases

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I have no issues with the governance structure and think it is a vital perspective and safeguard to have involvement of Mana Whenua in selecting the Water Service Entity.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Due to parliamentary supremacy I don't believe that water rights can ever be truly safe from privatisation but I think three reforms is a step in the right direction. It will prevent councils from privatising their services

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Positive, being able to take on more debt will allow maintenance to be carried out right and not subject to political pressures over rates rises. It also appears that it will lower rates for Hamilton.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I strongly support three waters and it is long overdue improvement. Hamilton may have good water but there are issues and definitely benefit from the privilege of our natural resources. I want everyone in New Zealand to the same level of water quality as we do. In a country like New Zealand sewage should not be running through the street and people should not be sick from drinking. Every person has the right to safe, clean and accessible drinking water and three waters is best chance in a long time that we've had to achieve this. Councils have had decades improve water and unfortunately many not done that. It will be positive for environment and economy. As a rate payer, I hope that Hamilton City Council gets on board and works constructively with the government to improve it. We need to do better as a country and our council should be part of the solution.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1923

Name: Julian White

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It sounds like this sort of action is long overdue. It is good to see the Government taking a big picture view.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am a bit concerned that this will result in the creation of new bureaucracies, and possibly wasteful spending (for example, on consultants). However, I can see advantages in the economies of scale which will benefit many New Zealanders

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Again, some concerns about the creation of new bureaucracies, but otherwise seems sound

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Satisfied

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They sound favourable for Hamilton.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall I am in favour. It is good to see the Government taking a big picture view and grasping the nettle which others have been unwilling to do. It is hard to see a downside for Hamilton. It seems to me that opposition to Three Waters is very much along political lines. I do have some concern that a future National-led Government would follow through on their threat to repeal the Three Waters legislation, thereby making the whole exercise a big waste of time and money. But we shouldn't let that possibility deter us from needed reforms.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1925

Name: David Lay

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This three waters idea being promoted by this Labour Government has to be the worst of all the crazy schemes they have. To even think that giving away all Hamilton city's infrastructure to some crazy scheme in the hope that they will crack a wa Inuit with a sledge hammer. In cases where the Councils have not got it right is their problem. NOT National government. If the government wants to get involved then support those Councils that need the help. Hamilton's water is fine. We have a river that we should be able to take whatever we need. But we don't have any problems with our water safety. Therefore Labour back off! I certainly do not agree with this and nor do,I expect any of the Hamilton. It's Councillors or xxxx to support it

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SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

By giving away the majority of the city's assets for pittance how can the City be better off?. National Government needs to stay out of this. This three waters idea being promoted by this Labour Government has to be the worst of all the crazy schemes they have. To even think that giving away all Hamilton city's infrastructure to some crazy scheme in the hope that they will crack a wa Inuit with a sledge hammer. In cases where the Councils have not got it right is their problem. NOT National government. If the government wants to get involved then support those Councils that need the help. Hamilton's water is fine. We have a river that we should be able to take whatever we need. But we don't have any problems with our water safety. Therefore Labour back off! I certainly do not agree with this and nor do I expect any of the Hamilton. It's Councillors or Mayor to support it

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It's a NO GO! It's a crazy scheme and should not be entered into under any circumstances. The infrastructure belongs to the. It's and it is the. It's. Our iOS job to maintain and improve it. If that means spending less on new subdivisions and new roading then so be it. This three water scheme should never even be This three waters idea being promoted by this Labour Government has to be the worst of all the crazy schemes they have. To even think that giving away all Hamilton city's infrastructure to some crazy scheme in the hope that they will crack a wa Inuit with a sledge hammer. In cases where the Councils have not got it right is their problem. NOT National government. If the government wants to get involved then support those Councils that need the help. Hamilton's water is fine. We have a river that we should be able to take whatever we need. But we don't have any problems with our water safety. Therefore Labour back off! I certainly do not agree with this and nor do I expect any of the Hamilton. It's Councillors or Mayor to support it

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1930

Name: Terry McKain

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am fully in support of the government's efforts to protect and improve our public health and our environment, particularly with regard to water. I can see the reasoning for greater local involvement and say, particularly for big entities such as Auckland and Hamilton, but I want the overall thrust and intent of the reforms to go through and not be diluted, sidetracked or blocked. We can't afford any more delay

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

These reforms are essential and must go ahead and will free councils to spend money and other important social services and amenities. A strong yes from me

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I support it. It will provide better decision making and remove politics and the need to get re-elected from the equation. I fully support co-governance. It means that at long last we are ruling in accordance with what was laid out in the Treaty of Waitangi

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am totally opposed to the privatisation of water and I do not think this legislation goes far enough in protecting us from privatisation of these assets. I think the protection should be strengthened

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It is a no brainer. Only an idiot, a racist, or someone that wants to sell our water, would oppose this

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am generally in favour of the 3 Waters reforms. I can see some value in clarification of who owns the waters, some surety and input into decisions on a local level, and strengthening of protections to prevent the sale of water and certain sectional interests, like agriculture and industry collaring control of water use

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1931

Name: Natasha

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the Government's reform is not good for Hamilton. I think the current Hamilton's systems are perfectly fine. The Government's reform is not relevant to Hamilton. The Government's reform will only make it worse for Hamilton.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The Government's reform will create more bureaucracy. It looks like Hamilton's assets will be taken from Hamilton and given away to other regions making Hamilton ratepayers to pay for other regions. I don't believe the Government's reform will bring costs down as more money will be required to create and maintain a new organisation. I don't believe that one Entity that looks after many different regions will be othered to look and solve the problems of Hamilton. I hardly believe that day-to-day services will remain the same. Overall I strongly believe the Government's reform is not good for Hamilton

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't think Hamilton will be fairly represented. The creation of new organisation just adds another level of bureaucracy and will cost money. The Government's reform is not good for Hamilton.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't see how the Government's reform protects assets against privatisation. One organisation will have power to decide on privatisation.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

We will have to pay the debt anyway so I don't see how transferring the current debt to a new entity will solve the problem.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall I think the Government's reform is NOT good for Hamilton. The reform will add another layer of bureaucracy. I don't believe the reform will bring costs down. I also believe that Hamilton's needs won't be fairly represented and or taken into account. Hamilton has a great water systems. And Hamilton City Council probably know more about Hamilton City needs than some Entity

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1937

Name: John Badham

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There are many examples of public health problems with 3-waters. Contaminated drinking water supplies, highlighted by Havelock North in 2016, but continuing in many places with e-Coli and/or nitrate pollution, eg Christchurch drinking water, and boil-water notices elsewhere. There are also many problems with river and beach contamination from sewage spills, and overloaded stormwater systems in heavy rain events; all leading to no-swimming notices. These events also contribute to environmental pollution of rivers, streams and lakes downstream of cities, towns and intensive farming areas, such as Waikato.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

All councils, including HCC, have been underfunding properly maintaining and replacing their piped water services and plant for decades. It is easy for the accountant's pen to arbitrarily reduce deferred maintenance allocations because they are largely unseen, whilst allowing funding for new developments to continue. For example, HCC's water supply pipes in the older parts of the city which are leaking huge quantities of expensive treated drinking water to leak into the ground, instead of all finding its way to households and businesses. (add cross boundary costs)

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1945

Name: Sharnia coronno

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree with the public health or environment reforms. Listen to people, we are not happy about this

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree with the tree waters reform including the services and costs

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree with 3 waters

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Listen to your people, a large number do not agree with 3 waters

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I do not agree with three waters, including the financial structures

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think the three waters reform is terrible for the people of New Zealand and future generations.

Keep it local. It's not the governments water, it's everyone's water so should not be governed by three waters.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1947

Name: Sharon

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We have great water in the Waikato so I'm sure there will be no public health advantage. Council is doing a great job of looking after our water assets and the environment

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The government has no idea what it is talking about... Creating so much bureaucracy is only going to add to costs and reduce services.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Rate payers and council should keep governance of our water assets - they are ours!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

They just want control of everything but don't want to pay adequately for it

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

We should retain ownership and decision making power over our own assets. The government and Maori want to take over the water assets without proper reimbursement and then make money off them but apparently they are still ours? Why does the government not just write off all council debt but let us remain in control?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think it is a disgusting attempt to steal our water assets. Water should not be owned, it is everyone's.... It does not belong to one group more than another. STOP THREE WATERS!

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1951

Name: Susanne

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that the public health risk has been overstated. I think overall nationally the water has been safe

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If they going to invest additional money why can't they just have that available for council to apply for.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The best people to understand my needs are local people this structure does not provide that sufficiently

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Do not support it HCC

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1985

Name: Gail Taitoko

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Because I trust Nanaia Mahuta and Jacinda Adern, when Nanaia says we need an overhaul of our drinking water, storm water and our waste water, then it must be overdue!! If people in NZ are still dying from our drinking water in this day and age, that's absolutely disgusting! Obviously some city councils are doing a real poor job of looking after these three areas (and probably our waterways as well), and if you're one of them HCC, then it's you Nanaia is talking to.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Again, I trust Nanaia and Jacinda, and know they've done the consultation and the sums, and if they say it's going to cost dah dah dah now but will be cheaper in the long run, then let's do it!! City councils could've done the calculation and the mahi years ago but you didn't. Now take your kick up the **** from Nanaia and do it now!

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I'm not sure sorry ... gotta trust govt when I know so little. I believe this current Labour govt under Adern has our best interests at heart so I trust them.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Any and all protection against privatisation (and the National party) is absolutely essential!! I like the idea of a separate entity overseeing these three waters.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Don't have much of an opinion here sorry

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I like it, it's overdue, I thank Nanaia and her govt for bringing it to our attention and because a lot of our waterways that once were beautiful and are now filthy, it's perfectly understandable that these three water systems are desperately in need of an overhaul!!

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1986

Name: Kaye Whittle

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with Hamilton City Council's concerns over the the proposed reform - all points as outlined earlier in this survey.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am not sure how this is being quantified, different methodologies can produce different figures. Having said that, the point Council makes about our Entity B being too wide/broad an area, is pertinent. We need a more focused Waikato area to better target ratepayers' dollars to local problems. I do think though that the current situation with Hamilton city is probably too narrow/small a focus. We could achieve more by pooling Waikato \$ across a regional area.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I would prefer the main entity body to be Councils, with a provision for mana whenua inclusion at 25%, as part of that. 50/50 alongside as proposed seems too overfunctioning in terms of balance. I think it is vital mana whenua are an important part of any new approach/structure ... but they are within the overall group, not a separate equally-sized group alongside.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Looks good.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am ok with it as long as the area for 3 Waters management is a Waikato Regional one, not the

wider Entity B area proposed. As mentioned before, this would help target \$ better.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a very complex issue and proposal, no surprises there. Two problems: 1. Not long enough consultation period has been given to councils/NZers. More time would allow more people room to consider all the info. A 3-month period wd have been better. 2. Given the sheer amount of info on and the complexity of the change, it is unlikely most NZers have the time and/or ability to focus on and fully understand what is on the table and its implications. I count myself in that. I am doing this survey only because I woke up at 5am and made a decision to put my sleeplessness to good use! I had intended to give feedback but until this morning I was doubtful that I wd get into the headspace needed during the busy daytimes, to commit to going online to do that. The advert/clickthrough on Stuff was the prompt this morning though. Regardless of my comments above, any consultation opportunity is better than none. I think Council has done its best to summarise things in the content of this survey, and provide related documents with more detail. Well done! But very few people, including myself, have the time or motivation to read all that material. It is not practical - and it wd create more costs - but maybe it wd have been helpful to have 'info ambassadors' on this one. People who cd travel across each region/including team members who wd be available to contact for a chat (a quick and simple Hotline 0800?)... to demystify the issues and people's quick questions into lay person's terms, especially for those who won't be reading all the info. Again, all that is a luxury and wd have only been feasible if there had been a longer consultation period and the \$ to provide such consultation support. Never mind, Council is doing its best to get the Govt info (plus Council commentary on it) out there. Thank you.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1987

Name: James Burnett

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with an emphasis on public health and environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't believe the Govt numbers. Probably based on making people redundant, a bad thing. This Govt has shown itself to be untrustworthy on other matters, and the sooner we get rid of them, the better.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It is a way of handing control to Maoris which means that they who see themselves as people of the land, and the rest of us don't belong here and should leave. So the decisions will favour them, to hell with the rest of us. Because: The Water Services Entities Bill sets out the roles and responsibilities of the regional representative groups. Each regional representative group will consist of between 12 and 14 members, with half of its members appointed from mana whenua within its region, and half from territorial authorities this means that if only one person from the territorial authority is Maori, then the Maoris run the show. They will gradually come with new restrictions, you can't fish here and you can't swim there etc. That is undemocratic. This MUST be under the local Council authority so that there is accountability. The whole 3 waters is a sneaky mechanism to remove accountability from Councils and give it to Maoris. It is all part of a larger co-governance scheme that is NOT what the Treaty of Waitangi is about. The Waikato war of the 1860s was partially to remove co-governance from Ngāruawāhia.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Good, I oppose privatization. In Europe they privatized water and it led to increased costs and lack of control over water. Madness.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The Councils have failed to implement all their projects simply because there is not enough money, and partially because councils have got into all kinds of other services that are not as important. Someone has to pay for it. A better way of funding councils would be to address the elephant in the room - the multinationals who pay little to no tax in NZ. Tax multinationals and use the money to sort out infrastructure.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Strongly oppose.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1988

Name: Ashish

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

should remain as is, no changes require for this. waste of money, effort and time.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

the cost is already high and asking for more is a nightmare, council should use rates money tax money to develop the city. Proposing a increase in rates or asking for water bill is ridiculous.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 1991

Name: Sheryl

Organisation: Carruthers

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally opposed

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Services will be impossible to keep up with demand and costs will outweigh current structures

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Unbalanced

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Socialist and damaging to democracy

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Stealing assets from councils is undemocratic. This is designed to fail as the reforms are for one race only

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Ashamed that nz's government could even contemplate taking democracy from its hard working

citizens

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2004

Name: A Bell

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Nothing wrong with Hamilton's water.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

No entity has ever been proven to cost less when centralised.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Anti democratic, too much room here for 'jobs for the boys' ie nepotism.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Leave with Council and will be owned by the community.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

As population grows there are more ratepayers to pay for the assets.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Not supportive of the change. The Government will underpay for the assets which the community have paid for. Absolute tyranny from Govt.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2008

Name: Monique

Organisation: Leaper

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that Nz's water system is one of the best in the world and we don't need the government taking control

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The government will be adding extra layers of be bureaucracy and I have no doubt that we will be paying more for our water which will probably be metered and there will be no reduction in our city council rates

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

We will be lucky to have one representative on the management board of the three waters from Hamilton. We will not have control of the assets this city has paid for and built up over many years

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Who is talking about privatising it? This is a red herring

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

As a rate payer I believe we will be paying more for this additional bureaucracy and I am sure that the people of Hamilton are not going to be happy with that.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I believe our water quality is excellent and adding more bureaucracy will not improve it. We will have less input as Hamilton citizens and less accountability from the government. We can't opt out so I do not want Hamiltons water supply to be taken away from our control and be charged extra for the privilege.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2010

Name: Ray Blackley

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There are councils within this country who have deferred maintenance and upgrading of 3 waters structure within their boundaries. Therefore getting the this work up to acceptable standard will be costly. The cost will fall back onto the Ratepayers

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe without the Gouvernment input the full cost will come back onto the rate payer. With the reform the standard will be consitantly the same throughout the country

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The 3 Waters will mean a standard and service which will be equal across the whole country. It will mean local councils can then concenstrate on core work and plan on future growth

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am against privatisation in anyway or form. I cannot say what any future Government will do going on past results

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I believe what is laid out by the Government is fair

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

With seeing the recent growth of Hamilton and knowing that the city's systems are just coping with it it would be stupid of the council to go against the Government's intended policy.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2014

Name: Gail Mc Lean

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely against this change

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely against this

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely against this

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Absolutely against this

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Absolutely against all changes

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Absolutely against this reform

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2017

Name: Adam Blake

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support them fully.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I support them fully. While the impact on individual Councils and their ratepayers will inevitably be inequitable initially, we need to see past this to the future benefits for NZ's ratepayers collectively.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I fully support them. Focused 3 Waters expertise and economies of scale while retaining Council and community input provides a powerful combination to raise the quality of infrastructure and services.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I support the protections against privatisation, i.e. unless endorsed via a referendum.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I support it. While there are clearly details still to be worked out, the benefits are clear: In relation to Council's overall financial position, debt for Three Waters is much higher than its percentage of income. Passing this debt and income to a new entity would mean Council is financially better off immediately and would remove significant future costs from Council's books.

Overall – what are your views?***Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?***

I support them fully. Some initial inequity for individual Councils and their ratepayers is inevitable, but it's clear that even for a well-resourced and managed Council like the HCC there are immediate financial benefits. In the medium to long term all NZ ratepayers will reap the benefits of safer drinking water and better quality governance of 3 Waters services.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2020

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This reform will create financial pressure on families who are struggling to make ends meet. The costs of living are already unbearable; even for more affluent families high living costs have negative consequences. Water is a basic necessity which people cannot live without. In creating a solution to this issue more problems are likely to develop. Perhaps if we weren't experiencing a living crisis families would be more capable of coping with additional tax. The two questions I put to you are, is there another way to fund this reform? And could these improvements be made with less cost?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2027

Name: marie-Thérèse Borland

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is the responsibility of individual councils to ensure the public health and environment of ratepayers is maintained . Ratepayers need to be heard at a local level on these issues not nationally where some views will be subverted by strong opinions not relevant to local communities

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The costs will be underestimated and this government is renowned for lack of delivery and blowouts with nothing to see for it. Centralised health services will prove to be yet another example of this. Such structures become overly cumbersome and inefficient due to the size of them

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not see this government having a strong handle on good governance and if the governance model is not strong it becomes blurred by operational matters that are not the domain of a governance board. This results in the operational management taking on a role that is not within their mandate

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Once control is lost locally then privatisation can become a strong likelihood and always be subject to the whim of any govt strapped of cash/funds. I would not endorse this as a possibility as profit becomes the driver and shareholders needs for good dividends dictate

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Would these staff talked about as having the opportunity of change of employer want to change places of residences as may be required under the govt proposal. Families in NZ have had enough disruption over the last couple of years. I would prefer local councils to look at increasing areas of efficiency at a local level. Hamilton is growing better than lot of other cities and therefore is more likely to be able to offer re employment opportunities without moving families around the regions.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Very doubtful that this will result . Local rate payers need to ensure their councils are held to account on these matters otherwise the democratic process becomes diluted out and ratepayers lose interest as they believe their locus for input has become watered down and too remote from them

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2028

Name: W Mitchelmore

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The public health and environmental aspects of the reforms reflect basic common sense. Unfortunately they are being promoted and communicated in an overly complicated and quite divisive manner that appears to be deliberate.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The services and associated service networks are poorly defined in the Bill particularly in relation to stormwater management and control. The result is likely to be a future feeding frenzy for the legal profession and associated story tellers at the expense of ratepayers and captive customers of the WSEs. The estimated costs savings appear to be questionable. Future funding costs appear to be highly optimistic given the latest trends in the finance markets and the validity of the costs associated with the stormwater service appear to be optimistically low given the environmental degradation concerns underpinning some the reforms. In this regard, there is no recognition of the fact that Scottish Water does not provide stormwater services. The stormwater cost estimates appear to have been largely constructed using localised Shire centric information sourced from Australia and supported by a peer review of convenience. There does not appear to be any recognition of the ongoing cost of stranded stormwater assets (particularly shared use areas of land) that councils will retain and the future cost of water services that councils will incur (particularly for water use and wastewater) once the assets transfer to the WSEs. WSE costs of providing water and wastewater services to parks and reserves and council-owned buildings will need to be accounted for by the council and then continue to be recovered from ratepayers in their rates.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The efficiency and effectiveness of the governance arrangement over the longer term longer is of concern. What is proposed appears to add avoidable additional cost and complications at an administrative level for the WSEs that will adversely affect their performance at the expense of

their captured customer bases.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The protections against privatisation apply adequate in relation to the services. However, the protections in relation to the risk of future privatisation of the natural water resource are inadequate. The S129-124 of the Bill should be amended to specifically prevent the Minister from ever issuing a government policy statement that could result in the privatisation of natural water resources and/or the payment of monies by the WSEs for access and use of natural water resources.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The Bill needs to be amended to ensure the government of the day undertakes to underwrite the cost of all of the debt WSEs need to fund the services they are required to provide as provided in their approved management plans and strategies. Without an underwriting guarantee the financial figures provided in support of the reforms are little more than pie in the sky predictions.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I reluctantly accept the need for the water and wastewater services (ie closed access network services) to be removed from councils and provided by a dedicated single purpose organisation. Unfortunately, councils have become overly compromised multi purpose operations that don't possess the structure or resources to fund or make the right decisions for highly capital intensive water and wastewater services. I believe stormwater services should be retained by councils (or appropriate council alliances) to ensure decisions stay closely aligned to their District Planning aspirations; as well as to ensure local concerns are adequately accommodated particularly in regard to environmental outcomes. The reforms should not proceed unless the Bill is amended to specifically prevent the Minister from ever issuing a government policy statement that can in any way result in the privatisation of natural water resources.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2031

Name: Terry Bonner

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Govt should only set standards and monitor public safety.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Govt not geared to provide services as needed, when needed. Costs would not fall where spent.
Govt should provide a finance source to existing Operating model.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Misguided and seem to be part of an undeclared programme. Should be governed by those who paid for and own facilities etc.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Another joke. Seen this already in other so called protected deals.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Good idea for finance. So why not just provide to existing owners like is done with roads.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Another big Steal. Based on some overseas entity which cannot compare with NZ. Each area has its own particular engineering challenges. Leave it to the locals. Make finance available from Reserve Bank.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2032

Name: Dr Jim Cooke

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

My view is that the Government's concerns on the public health and environmental aspects are 100% correct.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The services and cost aspects in the Government case are compelling. I would like to see an independent expert panel validate their figures.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

They are sound. Whilst Hamilton is fortunate in having well-qualified professional staff running the water services, the actual overview of those services and the direction they take is at the discretion of Council. Council is elected every 3 years and there can be significant turnover. Thus there is a risk of lack of specific expertise on the priority areas for 3-waters management and renewal. In my view the replacement of Council oversight with a professional Board based on expertise is a desirable and necessary step to take.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think the protections against privatisation are appropriate. They require a high barrier to privatisation but do not prohibit it entirely.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It sounds good, but the devil is in the detail. As before I would like to see an independent

assessment of the figures and some assurance that the water services fees paid to the new entity + council rates will not be greater than what would pay in Council rates should the reforms not go ahead. In other words I would have expectation that Council rates would decrease following the reforms, not stay the same in order to fund other Council projects.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

My view is that the reforms are long overdue. I think the reforms are well thought through and have the potential to deliver the benefits stated, particularly to our poorer communities. There will no doubt be changes to the reforms as it moves through the select committee stages but overall I see nothing that should derail the reforms before it proceeds to the next stage.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2037

Name: Dave Moulden

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Don't allow this to happen

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

They will increase

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2045

Name: Chengying

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Strong against the new changes! We trust hamilton city council, not any third party can manage water better. That is the current fact. And the current government wants to replace our water service by a third party which is completely not acceptable! How can they make sure the new service would be better than Hamilton City Council? Have they proved it? If new changes damage Hamilton citizens health can the government take response for it? If some places of the country face water problems, that means they need reforms instead of us. What's more, if people living outside of Hamilton feel their water quality is not good, they can move to Hamilton. We are welcoming them. In one word, as a fact that our water quality is the best over the country which has proved our city council does very well in this field. We don't want any changes. We trust our city council more than any 'third party'.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

not agree with any reforms please refer to section1

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

not agree with any reforms please refer to section1

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

not agree with any reforms please refer to section1

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

not agree with any reforms [please refer to section1](#)

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2047

Name: Basil Swart

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Can NZ do better - yes, most definitely. How? By ensuring that the people behind the politicians are competent by hiring people after due diligence has been rigorously applied. NOT by a blanket theft of installed infrastructure. 1. Having observed what happens when a government concern takes over from councils, in other countries, I am totally opposed to this blatant theft in the disguise of reform. 2. Nepotism is already rife in this government, and will only get worse. (Family consultants being hired at exorbitant rates.) 3. Nepotism leads to self-empowerment, which leads to corruption on an unprecedented scale. 4. Corruption leads to self-enrichment on an unprecedented scale. 5. Self-enrichment will lead to the wholesale erosion of the financial resources of entities controlling the 3 waters robbery scheme. 6. Wholesale erosion of the financial resources will lead to even worse breakdowns and a lack of funding to fix the issues we have now. 7. New Zealand will be in a worse state than it is now as far as infrastructure and 3 waters is concerned.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Anyone can do statistics and numbers and slant them in the direction that they need to contrive a case for themselves. If a council has to spend one dollar to fix something, how is it possible that a new top-heavy entity that has become massively staffed can spend less than that dollar to fix the exact same problem? This government is fortunate that most people who vote for them are stupid and can't figure this out.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This entire reform has not been thought out for the good of all. It is skewed to ensuring that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protection against privatisation seems to be quite robust. HOWEVER - he who holds power wields the pen that changes laws. 3 Waters, Firearms, electrification of the vehicle fleet. Very ill-concieved yet rammed through as if it is the best thing for NZ. BE VERY CAREFUL - no government can guarantee anything.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Please see my previous comments on a karger entity fixing stuff for cheaper.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

DON'T DO IT!

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2050

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2054

Name: Sue cooke

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

For consistency of standards throughout NZ 3 Waters wins hands down. This is an opportunity to streamline services and ensure ALL areas of NZ will have drinking water quality of a high standard and river water quality will be protected

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This is the best way to ensure services are delivered to communities efficiently and as a result at ultimately lower cost. Though Hamilton has a high standard of service delivery there is still room for improvement. Why for example is there always a severe water restriction in the summer when there is a huge river flowing through the city?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This should result in independent, skilled management of resources. The structure has good protection against any political interference, unlike council managed resources. It will be run by people better qualified and with more expertise than the generalists serving on city councils.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There are enough protections in place should this ever become an issue.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is a forward looking reform which will ease the huge financial demands placed on the council in a rapidly expanding city.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I believe that the benefits of the reforms will far outweigh any concerns about loss of control of our assets. This is an opportunity to support a forward looking reform which is both necessary and beneficial for NZ.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2083

Name: Patrick Wightman

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Standardisation and more focus on maintaining good water quality and infrastructure would help ensure incidents such as Havelock North 2016 do not happen again. However, this could be done within councils though a national regulator/auditor.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The lowering in rates with reform is expected. However, we would presumably be paying for water elsewhere. Will Hamilton (or NZ households in general) households now have to pay for water services? Otherwise increases in taxes/inflation?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Rather bureaucratic. Regional group, subregional group, Board. That's a lot of management and cooks in the kitchen before it finally gets to the servicepeople carrying out the work. Also, I completely disagree with the Co-governance approach for the regional and subregional groups. To have at least 50% of those groups from Mana whenua is racist. Each position in such an important organisation should be based on best fit for the role. 1840 is a long time ago. NZ is now a melting pot of different races and cultures, not just Maori and 'other'.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I agree with the protections provided that services are kept affordable and the new 3 waters organisation actually does a good job

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Having to pay for water services will put responsibility of water usage in every Hamiltonian's hands instead of just the rate-payers (you pay what you use). This should benefit rate-payers but make lower-income non-rate payers struggle even more to make ends meet.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

There's a lot of good reasons for a reform (safety and financial); however, the package as a whole is wrong and needs reevaluating/tweaking particularly around the co-governance by Maori and 'other'. Also, I don't think this Labour government can effectively implement such a drastic change for the good. They are all talk.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2087

Name: Stephen Knutson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There is no need or point for this to happen in New Zealand, Its just money been given to people that dont need it and if the **** hits the fan they wont want to pay for it. I am very very against this happen, and would even go to boar water to stop the payment fort his stupidity

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Its going to cost more and more to pay for more people to make it worse for the maoris and kiwis to have their own system as that is what the thre maoris want. just more political **** in this corrupt time we live iin

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Listen to what the people of New Zealand want nd try to make changes thata everyone can appreciate

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

stay as we are and start trying to curve the spending of money that is being put in others pockets

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Stio wasting so much money on things we dont need and tru to pay off some of our debt first

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

A complete and utter waste of money and time

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2096

Name: Scott Lawrence

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Undemocratic

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Record: 2099

Name: Julia

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolutely opposed to all government reform of water in New Zealand. I have zero trust in the agenda they are implementing. Their arrogant dismissal towards the opposition is unprecedented in a democracy. This should be a referendum issue. Nothing of this matter, nor He Puapua was disclosed nor voted for

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Government says means nothing. Just look at all their so-called modeling over covid. Like any good household, I expect councils to live and work within its means and not be wasteful. There is a huge amount of money that is being wasted in the system already. Address these and no hikes in spejustifies justified

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Utterly against this whole model of cogovernance and layer upon layer of unelected and unaccountable beaurocracy. We need more transparency and less people ripping off the public purse. Racism works two ways, I'm opposed to any form of it. It needs to be about the best outcomes, value for money and services provided to ALL New Zealanders.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The government has shown itself to be dishonest, opaque and deaf to the voice of its citizens. I have no trust in anything they say that will safeguard people.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Again, the words government says strike distrust and fear into me as I don't believe the modeling they have used to be fair or reasonable, and they have left out a whole lot of factors that they will no doubt claim were unforeseen when it's all too late.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

100% opposed to all and every aspect of the three waters reform. It should not proceed. I am disgusted by the total waste of money that has already been 'flushed down the toilet' and am absolutely against another \$1 being thrown at this.

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Record: 2100

Name: Paul Le Normand

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think this government can't organize anything so health and water should stay the same as it is now

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

They don't really know the costs and are just guessing

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not in agreement

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't trust them

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They are idealistic not realistic

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Local means local knowledge. Centralized control means we as the rate paying get overlooked

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Record: 2101

Name: ron corban

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

as a person who provides their own water and sewage supply and treatment having to pay a 4th form of governance to do a job I don't need done is ridiculous. Creating more governance to do a job that current structures should be able to do is stupid and it couldn't possibly be cheaper. Change doesn't solve anything by itself , enforcing current rules would be enough to ensure quality and supply

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Creating another form of governance couldn't possible lower costs we already have national government regional and district and city councils thats more than enough bureaucracy to get the job done

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

overly complicated and unnecessary

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

council work has already become privatised enough and in my opinion has lead to extensive cost increases due to decision makers not knowing how to value things correctly

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

transferring debt? how exactly would that make it better for a rate payer ? how exactly do they plan to save so much money? the same thing happens just with more cooks in the kitchen you

already have complicated structures in place which basically remain and and another layer of structure added on top of systems already in place, ridiculous!!

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

another pathetic attempt by the government to attempt to fix a problem through changing something without addressing and rectifying the actual problem

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Record: 2103

Name: Howard Davey

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

They are better managed locally with direct inputs from constituents and direct accountability, ie we can directly contact an elected councilor over issues. (or contact HCC officials)

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The costs of upgrades to services will be what they will be, but again, the fewer levels of management and the closer nexus between the decision makers and the providers the better the chance of accountability and cost control.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance should be via local elected representation, ie one person one vote

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Sounds like promises that may or may not be kept, once we loose local control we will have almost no say, just a sham of 'consultation'. Who really trusts what is done in the name of national efficiency...they will look at American models(or some such thing) and say we know best and the times have changed from when earlier promises were given.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The reform is flawed as too is the funding model.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The reforms will probably deliver poorer environmental outcomes, no better quality than the locals would have achieved, and greater costs...the idea that greater centralization leads to cost savings and greater efficiencies is no more than socialist dogma...the worry is that nobody was elected on this policy yet we are likely to have thrust down our throats.

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Record: 2109

Name: David

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Corruption, deceit and dishonest tactics of co-governance and asset grab by Government

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Corruption, deceit and dishonest tactics of co-governance and asset grab by Government

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Corruption, deceit and dishonest tactics of co-governance and asset grab by Government

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Corruption, deceit and dishonest tactics of co-governance and asset grab by Government

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Corruption, deceit and dishonest tactics of co-governance and asset grab by Government

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Corruption, deceit and dishonest tactics of co-governance and asset grab by Government

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Record: 2110

Name: Robert Thomson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is necessary change, that Councils have been dragging their feet about.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Sounds better than water meters. We have degrading infrastructure and little being done to fix, and a considerable need to expand it. Consumer protection is also desperately needed.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not ideal, but we need to be moving forward on reform.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Absolutely brilliant. Let's keep essential Kiwi assets Kiwi.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The desperate need for new infrastructure and repairs to old necessitates a shift in thinking, and relief of Council's debt should be welcomed.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

We need to be adapting to the changes necessary to cope with changing climate, population, and badly neglected infrastructure. Reform is needed, and this does that. Full steam ahead!

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Record: 2130

Name: Basil Wood

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There is no evidence that centralisation and increased bureaucracy reduces costs. In fact opposite, because the structural changes add more inefficient management layers and bureaucracy stifles innovation

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not representative of nor accountable to the communities they serve

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Opposed. Government functions should be devolved to, and held to account by, the communities they serve. Not centralised; otherwise, we end up with bloated, unaccountable bureaucracies, stifling innovation & serving corporate partners, instead of the locals who seek solutions relevant to them

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Record: 2146

Name: Quyen Gilbert

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

[Not in favour](#)

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Record: 2179

Name: Wynell Harris

Organisation: Tsuhei Msrae

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Health and well being of the water important for the earth.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Water infrastrucutr needd to be updated for the future of iur heslth but at what cist to the people of New Zealand.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

After resding the informstion its about the heslth abd well being of humans and the planet but at the end of the day its who ipays. We do need a bettrr system and resding the info gives me a better understanding of the reform do i m alll for it.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Health an well being of the people Sepsrate entity User pays Our marae suffer from water problems and the cost for ongong repsirs is huge so habingcthe reform will help our marae and

whaansu to a bettrr life the same ss your vouncil.

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Record: 2181

Name: Robert Wilson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Tell the Government where to put the 3 waters, nothing about makes sense other than one minister telling us that we will do it her way or nothing! Yes it will cost us more, no it does not make sense, (what does this minister know about water?). All the Government has to do is make a water standard and then make every council have and then keep their water up to this standard, simple as that. I could go on but I think you get my point, I'm 100 percent against 3 waters and for the Government to say most people are for just shows how out of touch they are with the people around the country!!

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It won't happen like they say, they are just going to steal the assets from the council then give them to someone else who will want to make money out of it.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Plain and simple ****

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

LOL

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

sugar coating to cover the real cost to the end users.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

DON'T let them take our water!!!!

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Record: 2182

Name: Grant William Erskine

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Many of the public health issues are minor, but are being focused on as a means to push and promote this agenda so that government can give away control of a natural resource to Maori, who don't own it, nor have the experience to manage it any better than its being done now. Instead of spending a billion dollars pushing through this unnecessary reform agenda, government should have given that money to the councils to spend on the existing infrastructure. A minority group within our country (Maori Iwi) should not control a natural resource

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The reduction of costs sounds good - but is it real? How long after the Iwi take control of the water supply before they start charging us for it, and then holding us to ransom for its provision.... this 'reform' seems to be a cover for privatisation,

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Mana Whenua should have less control. Jobs and management positions should be appointed to the people best qualified and with the most experience, not to meet a quota of having the right number of Maori involved to keep the Iwi happy....

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Sounds OK in theory, but with so much Iwi and Mana Whenua involvement it's halfway to privatisation already. The Iwi will always want more. More money, more say, more control. And the more we give in, the more control they will take, until they own the entity. I do not trust the Labour government at all. The change of the names of govt departments and organisations like Plunkett, and New Zealand Transport Agency over to Maori names signals the real agenda here.... giving away control of the country to an uneducated minority

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Sound good. If the council can wipe off it's debt I'm all for that. But the new Iwi controlled entity will want to recover the funds to pay off that debt (unless the government decides to wipe the debt to keep Iwi happy). Lets say they don't wipe the debt... the new waters entities will have to start charging for the water immediately just to service the debt.... and no doubt they'll charge more than we pay now...

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I'm very suspicious of anything this Labour government does. Most of their objectives appear to be to give naming rights and control of this country over to Maori. 17% of the population given power over the other 80% of the people to make ammends for mistakes their great great grandfather's made.... its nonsense. Stop renaming towns. Stop renaming streets, and taking down monuments. Stop renaming organisations and govt departments. And don't think about changing the name of Hamilton, New Zealand. Its NOT Kirikiriroa, and its Not Aotearoa. Its Hamilton New Zealand. Let's keep it that way.

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Record: 2185

Name: Malcolm Carlyon

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Clearly there is a need to improve the quality and integrity on all water services including waste water, stormwater and domestic water.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There is a lack of detail around the project costs and savings and this makes it impossible to clarify the numbers presented by government. Management of the services under a large organization as proposed by government will lack accountability, become slow and unresponsive, breed bureaucracy, be inefficient and waste rate payers and/or tax payers money.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Managers, decision makers and in fact all employees of any organization should be selected and appointed based on the qualifications and/or experience. To propose to appoint employees and group members based on race rather than skill is neither democratic, necessary nor intelligent. All New Zealanders deserve to have their financial contributions and assets managed by an organization that strives to engage the best possible resources. The proposed government reform falls well short of this.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is possibly the only aspect of the reform that makes sense if the proposed reform was to progress in its current form.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Again there is a lack of detail to support the governments figures. Spending more money and employing more people rarely results in efficiencies in fact quite the opposite.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The proposed reform lacks a majority community support and therefore is unpopular, this will significantly impact the success of this proposal. There have been no alternative reforms presented for New Zealanders to consider. This suggests that the reform process has been rushed and has not looked at other options. Due to the proposed structure of the proposed reform reduced future costs are not achievable. The lack of transparency and the hidden agendas throughout the process question the integrity and motivation of the government in particular Nanaia Mahuta. This reform has all the makings of a national financial and political disaster headed up by a minister that has no infrastructure or service management experience or credentials.

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Record: 2187

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Makes good sense

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

A real strength of the reforms which rightly acknowledges the role of Maori

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Could be stronger

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Not so sure

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Excellent progressive legislation which is essentially being opposed to on racist grounds

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Record: 2202

Name: ROD BOWMAN

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The majority of what this government says are far from the truth!

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There is very little honest detail, and the cost aspect is in Fairyland!

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The structure of all the various committees is not only costly but not necessary, when at the end of the day it is all about TRIBAL CONTROL, that has never worked anywhere in the world before!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is LUDICROUS because putting it in the control of CORPORATE TRIBES is already putting it into the hands of PRIVATE CORPORATIONS!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

PATHETIC! There are no safe guards whatsoever, and at the end of the day they can charge WHATEVER THEY LIKE!

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is not about Water Reform at all only the theft of Natural Assets by a Maori led Caucus for the benefit of the Maori Elite! The sad and unfortunate thing is that rank and file Maori will fall the first financially victim to this confidence trick!

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Record: 2203

Name: Kevin Knight

Organisation: N/A - Retired Public Servant now finding it hard to live.

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Has some merit but I still believe that as a 50 year Hamilton City ratepayer we should be 'losing' the control of very expensive assets, even though word games are now been played by Gov't as to our still owning them (but having a large centralised and very expensive bureaucracy controlling/running them). We will have to pay considerably more for over time to support that bureaucracy, when we see frequently they don't really work. All aspects from planning, to design, to construction take a huge amount of time with no real accountability.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Much of what is written is 'spin' and history does not support some of the claims when it comes to other centralised bureaucracies.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

How can 16% of the population represent/take 50% responsibility?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There are already enough recent examples of our present Government 'changing' its rules/going back on its word.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

No comment as I do not want to see the '3 Waters' initiative introduced where Hn Ratepayers lose control of/responsibility of its assets. I would prefer that NZ be 'split' into say 4/5 Regions

with each having fair C-Governance and maintaining control of all aspects of their 3 waters - the bigger supporting the smaller with expertise etc with some funding from central Government like roading and the like.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

They don't know what they are committing taxpayers/ratepayers to. It is just so sad they don't know the real cost of their centralisation initiatives - in the widest sense.

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Record: 2212

Name: Darrin Smith

Organisation: personal

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree that the current system does not work for all areas - smaller areas with a greater area and fewer ratepayers to contribute to the upkeep of the local system. Not all areas have this issue though.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

why should Hamilton residents pay for other areas? we have a massive area (smaller than Auckland) Auckland which has the largest population seems to have the smallest area and cost???

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

the decision makers (board/rrg) should be living in the areas they control. There is no mention of this.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

the councils should not be the shareholders, those who pay into it should - us , the ratepayer.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

hard to know whether the figures are correct. the government hasnt confirmed whether the debt would be taken from the council. You would have to assume this as a no.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton's water quality and storm-water issues are not the same as other areas, therefore there should be regional entity overseeing local councils who maintain full control. The 3 waters system is too sparse and unfair I have concerns around local authorities losing control I also have concerns of privatisation.

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Record: [2221](#)

Name: [John Simmons](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Brilliant, this is the first government to seriously address causal problems and legacy issues associated with water, and propose change. It is appalling that almost 30% of NZ's water supplies are substandard. The level of non compliance and non conformance with wastewater plants alone is reason to support the changes proposed. I do not support HCC position in opposing the four entity model, and do not support a Metro Advisory Group - it is clearly signaled by Government that it is time political interference was removed and politicians kept out of the kitchen. Put the water management responsibilities into a professional organisation, with clear and transparent objectives, with a scale and size to capture efficiencies. So, HCC councillors - time to remove parochial views and mindsets, let the entities be set up and give them time and space to get on with delivering quality services. There is no need to get hung up on representation issues - Regional Rep Group appointments should be via an election process, for both iwi and others with a maximum of 10 persons. Sub regional advisory groups may be needed in some entities, but leave it to the entities to determine - less is best. The Entity Board is the crucial component - the members must be professional directors with the prerequisite skills to direct and oversee a substantial commercial enterprise - this is no place for local body politicians

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

In a similar context to the Health reforms, water services need to be delivered affordably and equitably. This is the major challenge and it will fall upon the regulator to ensure each entity is provided with the correct policy framework and directives to ensure equitable delivery. What has been missing in the past has been the overview and compliance checking of consents, permits and authorisations by regional councils and MoH. It is noted that the entity boundary between B/C does not follow the Manawatu catchment boundary. The reform will lead to better quality water supplies nationally, greater resilience in supply, future proofing for supply, treatment of wastewater and stormwater management - this was never going to be achievable under local government. Appropriate investment will be possible under the reforms, whereas previously local government could never bring itself to rate at the appropriate level for fear of elected reps being voted off council. The new Entities will have huge capacity to borrow, recover user charges, and raise capital for infrastructural improvements - functions well away from

political interference. Government needs to ensure there is no risk of privatisation of any function in 3 waters - contracting out of services is acceptable with appropriate boundaries, but the NZ public will be adamantly opposed to any whiff of a sell off.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Firstly Councils need to get over themselves about their assets getting absorbed into the respective Entity - they are community assets and the deliverables are public goods. Asset ownership is immaterial - they will be there forever, able to be used as collateral, but never traded. Support the Regional Representative Group, but not in the form proposed. I believe local authority politicians have no place on such a Group, and membership should be via election at large within each entity- 5 seats for Maori Iwi, and 5 seats for elected persons. Maori Iwi representatives need to have the equivalent skills as the other representatives - there is no place for the token appointment of someone who allegedly represents iwi. Each Entity can decide if sub regional advisory groups are necessary - less is best. The Entity Board is the engine room for these reforms - it needs no more than 8 professional appointees with the prerequisite skills and experience to govern a substantial commercial enterprise - they will need to be of the highest quality as the buck stops with them.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Adequate, but consider this will be seen by the public as the greatest risk - NZ simply will not tolerate water assets being sold off to the highest bidder. Water is NZ's most valuable strategic asset. Never say never but the legislation needs to make privatisation an impossible outcome.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I support the HCC having an increased borrowing capacity of \$256M - this enables a focus on core business, community assets, and building climate change resilience. This is of major benefit to HCC ratepayers. It is expected the transition costs will fall on the new Entity - not HCC. Hopefully water metering will be introduced by the new Entity- something HCC failed to deliver on, and a more suitable charging regime for water supply, stormwater and waste use. Given the terms and conditions Government have expressed I cannot understand why HCC councillors are reluctant and opposed to accepting the reforms proposed. Time to stop being parochial and embrace the reforms so we can make some progress.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

As a ratepayer I will benefit longterm, the Waikato will benefit longterm and NZ will be so much

better off. Reforms are well overdue and necessary. The proposed Entities are viable, generally sensible however should retain complete river catchments. Hamilton's population and value of assets should have no bearing on the Regional Representatives Group - the group is there to provide community direction to the Entity Board. There should be no way that Councils retain planning and financial control over the new entities - this is the very thing the Entities are being set up to avoid - political interference. Politics is the reason we have dilapidated infrastructure, underinvestment in assets, and non conformance with regulatory standards. Governance arrangements proposed are not complex, and the Entity will be completely capable of addressing the strategic needs for Hamilton City, so cannot support that contention put by HCC. It will be interesting to see what constraints are placed on the Entities around service delivery mechanisms - will they require their own workforce, be able to contract out, enter into long term multi Entity contracts? What standards will be set by Taumata Araroa? We do not want situations to develop whereby Maori iwi hold the process to ransom. Representation on the Reg Rep Groups should be via an election process, not simply appointed by TLA's - this will result in more of the same. There needs to be a major shift in attitudes to make these reforms work - new reps, new ideas. Regional advisory panels could have TLA reps.

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Name: Lorna Gribble

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I understand the need for people to have healthy water, and some areas are more at risk not to deliver on this

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the areas planned are to big, 4 areas should be 6-7

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

many councils are concerned about governance so obviously this is a big issue of contention Council who have done a good job and built up assets and looked after them want to have a strong voice and be involed

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No government can guarantee this - future govts can change the law - selling assets is something they do!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

HCC says it will be better off - but will I - I am sure overall my rates for water wont go down. to much is unknown

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Its to rushed - slow down and explain it better. maybe the govt could help the areas that are really effected badly with infrastructure issues and prove that 3 waters reform is the way to go. Some unreasonable impacts on rural communities and farms - it could cost a lot to meet a standard

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Record: 2227

Name: ROD BURCH

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I realize that the water infrastructures of many smaller communities are in need of major upgrades to bring them up to modern health standards and improvement to the environment. I think that government funding is required for these smaller water systems but I would not be happy for our Hamilton Council to relinquish control our water infrastructure to new government system.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I can not see how they get the massive differences between the with or without reforms.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: [2233](#)

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2235

Name: Bryce Watkins

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We can always do better with water treatment and accidental discharge of untreated waste. I think Hamilton has done a reasonably good job of managing water assets and I have no confidence that a centrally managed co-governed organisation would do a better job.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

How are these cost estimates calculated. I simply do not believe that the same water services could be provided at substantially less cost whilst investing more in infrastructure. There is no logical credibility in that claim.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposed governance structure is convoluted and unworkable. It is also undemocratic and racist.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protection against privatisation is irrelevant. If future councils and constituents decide it is beneficial to privatise their water assets they should be able to.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Any additional funding has to come from water rates or central government. Either way ratepayers bear the cost either through water rates or taxes. There's no way that current HCC rates will be reduced by more than the new entity water charges. We'll end up paying more and

that will increase over time.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

None of the government's claims will come to fruition. We will pay more and get less. We will lose control of our water assets and the ability to prioritise investment. Co-governance is undemocratic and the proposed structures will be unworkable. The huge amount of taxpayer money spent so far will be wasted.

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Record: 2247

Name: Denise PARSONS

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am opposed to the current Government's Three Waters reform and believe full responsibility should remain with Hamilton City Council

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I am opposed to the current Government's Three Waters reform and believe full responsibility should remain with Hamilton City Council

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am opposed to the current Government's Three Waters reform and believe full responsibility should remain with Hamilton City Council

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Record: 2248

Name: Des Johnston

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

While cities such as Hamilton have been doing a good job with maintaining the quality of our drinking water, the safe disposal of our waste water and the effective management of our storm water, there are many small councils who are struggling to find the money to upgrade their facilities. This is apparent from the number of incidents occurring where drinking water is unsafe (either temporarily or is increasingly deteriorating with bacterial contamination), waste water is released into waterways from treatment plants or broken infrastructure, or storm water exceeds the capability of the infrastructure to cope. Providing an environment in which all councils can afford to provide safe drinking water, effectively treat waste water and minimise the detrimental effects of serious flooding must benefit the public health and environment for all New Zealanders.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This is an area where the reforms probably need more thought so that the distribution of costs is fairer.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Making decisions based on need rather than on desire must be easier to achieve where the governance is removed from the possibilities of parochialism.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The provision of water services must be protected against privatisation and I think the Government has this covered. We don't want the disaster that eventuated from the electricity reforms of the 1990's.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Anything that removes the burden that providing water infrastructure for a rapidly growing city such as Hamilton has to be of benefit.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I agree in principle with the reforms but am disappointed at the way it has been promoted and apparent lack of consultation with the major stakeholding councils.

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Record: 2249

Name: Partho Roy

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I disagree

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Disagree

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Disagree

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Disagree

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Disagree

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I feel centralisation will not be a good idea for Hamilton

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Record: 2253

Name: Anindita Sinha

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I disagree with the government proposal

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The government got it wrong

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I disagree with the governance aspects of the government's reform

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Government is wrong

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The financial structures are unrealistic

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I disagree with the government

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Record: 2260

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think its good to look at how to protect overall health and the environment. I think these could be part of any future funding and are not limited to this model.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't understand why it is so much less with the reforms. If it is about the ability to borrow, that ability could be given to Councils, as could bulk buying. I'm keen not to pay more, but I also don't want to lose local control of our water services.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It is reassuring that there are protections against privatisation but I would like protections against user-pays water rates.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

When the Regional Councils separated rates payment from HCC, both quickly lifted in a way that would not have been acceptable if they had been paid together. I worry that we will just pay more overall as it is hidden once separated. Who monitors the overall payments being made by households? There needs to be limits on increases.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

As a ratepayer, I have more influence over locally owned assets, but I also understand that this might be better for all concerned financially (as noted previously, as long as both entities don't sneak up rates once water is pulled out separately, as happened with Regional Council rates separation). I am very against user-pays water rates as this discourages good hygiene practices and simply punishes families. Whichever way it goes, I would want a guarantee that no residential user-pays systems are allowed.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Don't do it. Not right,

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Don't do it. Going to make things worse.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Don't do it. Going to make things worse.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Don't do it. Going to make things worse.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Don't do it. Going to make things worse.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Don't do it. Going to make things worse.

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Record: 2263

Name: Wendy Hampton

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the Governments stance in regard to public health and the environment. Climate change, with changing weather patterns including drought makes water security a fundamental issue for survival.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

These steps are necessary.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This makes sense to me.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I hope the protections are adequate, as privatisation would be disastrous.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Appear to make sense though metered water makes more sense, rather than capital value (if this is the correct box for this)

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I'm in support of the reforms.

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Record: 2278

Name: Michael Tribe

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is a long time coming. There have been many issues over recent years, highlighted by the Havelock North issue a few years ago, but there have been a vast number of less publicised incidents over the last 40 years. I believe that what is being said in regards to public health and the environment are sound and are issues that have to be addressed consistently.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I can only accept the figures the Government is giving. Research has been done and there is no real reason to doubt them. It is concerning that the Hamilton City Council has not seen fit to produce any figures to counter the official information, or to verify it. Having lived in a number of communities over the last 45 years where there have been escalating costs in providing and treating water and noting the impact on being unable to afford the costs of improving local water infrastructure I feel confident that the figures give a reasonable overview of the potential for ballooning costs for water provision if nothing is done. Although one of the most important functions that a council can provide, provision of a reliable water supply and the associated infrastructure seems to have a lesser priority than what can be seen as more sexy projects. Accordingly despite having an almost unlimited water supply on our doorstep we do not have a totally reliable supply of water, especially in summer, and some of our waste water systems seem to be at risk. I say almost unlimited supply of water, given that Auckland can take an immense amount and not have restriction when Hamilton does. A lack of planning and infrastructure construction is an obvious reason for the poor supply we have.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am totally in support of what is being proposed. The governance model appears to be well thought out. Councils will have a say in what will happen and action will be co-ordinated rather than being piecemeal as at present. Even if Hamilton was the example of efficiency it is apparent that there will need to be huge investment in the coming years and the costs will be

prohibitive. If there is an opportunity to have someone else pay these costs through a different governance model I am in favour.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

As presented I am confident that water will not be privatised. Whilst the overviews are reasonably simplistic it appears that privatisation will not become an issue. Given the way members of the Hamilton City Council have been talking I am not confident that the HCC would not consider privatisation as an option, especially in light of the rising debt levels that council is considering.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Again, as presented the financial structures proposed seem to be a win win for everyone. There is no increase in costs for the HCC and it still retains nominal ownership of the water assets. As there will be no need to fund future water programmes there should be an opportunity to fund other projects that could provide social benefits to the Hamilton community. I cannot see why the council would not see this as a benefit rather than as an imposition.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I believe that what the Government is proposing is fantastic. If we look outside the Hamilton city immediate region and look to the whole region and country there can only be benefits for all. If, however, we maintain our bunker attitude we will simply perpetuate what we have now and this has proven to be less than satisfactory over the whole country. We only have to look at the massive problems that are facing Auckland to see what the future may hold for Hamilton. If we look at the third world supply in small towns like Oamaru, which has well documented issues, we may well be looking at the future. That small towns in Southland must have 20,000 litre water tanks in their back yard to guarantee household supply because the council cannot guarantee a reliable water supply is unacceptable. Whilst these are extremes they are realities. That big cities have marginal water supply and treatment systems is a problem. For smaller centres and rural communities that are being required to provide more and more services with a static or in many cases declining population we are potentially seeing a health, environmental and financial timebomb. In a country with only 5 million people we are in a situation where there can be equity and all people can have access to a reliable and safe water supply. Accordingly I take my hat off to the government for being bold enough to introduce Three Waters.

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Name: alec

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Approaching it with a centralized approach that I do not believe is fair or would provide the best outcomes.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

That it xxxx basically. If you look at it historically, centralization consistently increases costs and reduces accountability. Hence xxxx

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Undemocratic, and against the principles of fairness.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Makes me feel like privatizations probably the way to go.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They are a great incentive to do away with the council in general. If we are centralizing 30% of the core service at a benefit to rate payers, Why not do away with the rest of them?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Honestly, I feel ripped off by the council. But the government blasts me in the **** more frequently and severely. I feel like both are **** ; however long term I find the decrease in local control over our core assets and the decrease in democratic accountability - with the centralized structure, that not only decreases our local control but also dilutes it to a half against un-elected officials is of the greatest detriment not only on a council level; but also on a national and cultural level.

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Record: 2295

Name: Melanie Holdsworth

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree with 3 Waters being taken out of local Council hands, local people can take care of public health and the environment in their own area.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not believe the new entity of 3 waters will be cheaper for local households. It will be more expensive and we will have little or no say or control over our water.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance of our local waters should stay with local control by our own Council. I do not agree with the Government reform of our water.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not agree with the Government trying to take away our local control of our water, and I am against the privatisation of our water.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I do not believe Hamilton will be better off under the financial structure of the Governments 3 waters scheme. As a city we will not be financially better off in the long run, and it will cost all households a lot more in water rates.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I disagree with the above statement from the Government. We need to keep our water systems local and we need to lobby the Government to stop 3 waters Reform. I do not believe we will be any better off, we will be worse off. Locally we will not have better quality water, we will lose control over our water infrastructure and it will not be good for the environment. I am totally against the 3 Waters Reform.

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Record: 2299

Name: Lina Park

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree to some extent. Only as far as a national organisation and re-thinking is needed, but I disagree that Hamilton is part of that. It's vital to respect our taonga and te mana o te wai, but why go beyond Waikato and Waikato Awa? That is where Waikato iwi and hapu have their mana from, so I'm not sure how sharing that would be okay. Isn't it tapu to expolate your local taonga and whenua with who are not your whakapapa? Sure we are all part of Aotearoa and I'm not trying to engage in a regional war. BUT. Wouldn't it be more HARMFUL to merge all water management system NOW the way it's been proposed where it's sure to DOWNGRADE the whole standard of the operation for all? Hamilton, and Waikato, have one of the best water system and thanks to our mighty river, a confident source for it, too. I notice the difference when I travel out of town, to Auckland, Wellington, Napier, Tauranga. So if we're merging with as far as Taranaki and more, then what? It's easy to take what's good and make it worse; but it's hard to take what's gone bad and bring it back up to standard. I believe this proposal from government has the Hamiltonian's water health at stake; at Hamilton ratepayers' cost; with the quality of Waikato River as ransom.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If there is as much difference as 13 times the rate paid in rural areas - Is the new entity actually as effective? Hamilton City Council is very active and engaging with what they do about our water... Awareness programs, how to guides, and so on... And Cost is not just about money, there is time and energy involved, too. How does the payment work? Do we get another bill in the mail every now and then... Is that really sustainable? Sure the price is scary and daunting, but we're comparing 2022 with 2051. That's way too far into the future - who knows, humans may not even drink water any more - to make any solid assumptions. The numbers don't lie, they say - but I am yet to see how that much reduction and efficiency maintenance is possible. And because it's a national entity, I'm not sure if the proposed increase/decrease is FOR Hamiltonians specifically or at the reformed, national level. What about the initial cost of changing the system? I can understand that bigger management often mean less cost in the long run, but does it not also cost specialised care? I'm worried that Hamiltonian's rates paid will have to be used on improving other areas' water supply, something we and our council (that we voted in!) have worked tirelessly for.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

See, THIS IS WHY three waters reform is a sham. No mana whenua? Mana whenua has no governance? And we call ourselves the mighty chiefs? No. I believe this is against Tikanga and the democratic process of the current council-managed system. We vote our councillors in and hold them accountable for any troubles. RRG? Why should I trust them to have the interest of Hamiltonians as top priority?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

But isn't this already in place? What's that got to do with the reform (at least in Hamilton)?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Water is Hamilton's, and Waikato's biggest asset. Do not pass it to anyone, even our own government. I'm not saying we should monetise or privatise it for profit. If we lose it we're losing our city's autonomy! I can't help but see a lot of big promises and not many details. I agree bigger entity would have more options to save and invest. However... Each entity will decide the best way to recover these costs for their region. -- So, exactly as how each council is doing it now? Why change what is not broken - I understand that Waikato River water quality isn't what it used to be, but as a whole we've been managing our water pretty well. I don't really follow the reason for the compromise. Hamilton will lose in this, be it water quality or cost recovery. This is not good for our city. Charging could be on a capital value rating system (like Hamilton's rates now), -- But with bigger demographic as the standard group? And the paid money will go for everyone, not just for Hamilton? I'm not sure how it's beneficial??

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It's out of touch, it only benefits certain groups and demographic. Apparently there is a prominent professor on this subject who's had this run successfully I think in Scotland? <https://www.1news.co.nz/2022/06/19/three-waters-reform-expert-responds-to-criticisms/> But I strongly disagree with what has been proposed. This just reeks of tapu, for a foreigner and outsider to comment and dictate our wai, our mana whenua, and our tikanga. Had the proposal come from Māori beliefs and for cherishing the taonga we take for granted, then I'd have read it differently. It would have been written differently. It would have been our way, our mahi and respectful to Māori land. It's ridiculous at how fast the government is pushing this. Another quote; Mahuta told Q+A with Jack Tame that the opposition of several Northland councils was "curious" given the touted benefits, and that the proposals depended on everyone being in. --

yeah so not everyone is in why don't we stop and take a look? An actual, long and hard look?? Maybe you did something wrong? Maybe the touted benefits underweigh the looming and instant un-benefits??? The Far North and Kaipara will benefit significantly from these reforms, so it's curious they're taking such a strong position when there are many communities in the Far North that are still on boil water drinking notices. -- So our Minister recognises some regions will benefit more than others, even they are opposing this change. And thinking why isn't this working? This is like shouting to a drowning man you can do it bro! Tough it up! instead of actually trying to help. We oppose it because it's disrespectful - some mana from someone with moko on her own face. Asked if the Government would simply legislate objecting councils into its scheme, the Minister dodged the question, Seymour said./ It's clear the Government intends to bully councils when its hapless attempts at persuasion fails. - I do, as a citizen, feel bullied. The central government is basically lining up the councils and seeing who are the goody two shoes. Being that kid on the playground saying you can't play with us. This is not democratic at all. Your own people are opposing the bill, Labour, please just dump it. Seriously. It's just pure joke. Some Scot makes a report and you think yeah why not? Don't you have any shame? How much louder and more frequent do we need to say we oppose to this reform? Are you going to listen to this, at least??

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Record: 2303

Name: Peter Marsh

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Grossly exaggerated

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is the most racist piece of legislation ever drafted in New Zealand. It is based entirely on ethnicity and ancestry. It is seriously undemocratic to give 50% of a national asset to a minority that only comprises 16% of the population. Linking it to the Treaty of Waitangi is rubbish as successive governments have given in to the vocal maori minority for the sake of political expediency.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not trust this current government to protect the majority of citizens in this country. Privatisation of public assets has not worked in the past and will not work this time.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am certain that central government could find some way to devolve taxpayers money to local government to fund three waters. I do not approve of the proposed funding model.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This is a racist and divisive piece of legislation designed to appease the minority Maori caucus of the Labour government. Ignoring the majority voters of NZ is foolish and fatal.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: **2310**

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2312

Name: Claire

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

If the new reforms ensure safer drinking water for all that is great. Environmental factors can possibly be met best at an agency level rather than a council level. Do all councils atm have enough money to thoroughly fix and maintain environmental factors in our water infrastructure?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I hope Hamilton is able to still receive free water like we do now. Would a new entity be able to access the money to upgrade and maintain

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't think it is much of a worry having an entity whose only job is to deal with the water and therefore the focus and decisions are fully committed to the water.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Never want to see water privatized.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Good.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2317

Name: Neil Brimblecombe

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

User Name: xxxx Survey Code: xxxx I strongly oppose the reforms proposed in the Government's three waters bill. Some councils have planned/done well, some may not have. Some of the factors that had us deciding in settling in Hamilton for our retirement was the fact that much of the infrastructure is in good condition, functional and reasonably futureproofed. I object to having that decision taken away from me to possibly subsidise another council that has not maintained their infrastructure similarly. Quite simply, The Govt could give low/interest free loans to the Councils/regions that have not been able to maintain their water infrastructure to bring it to a minimum standard.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2363

Name: Stephen John Hawley

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agreed that there is a need for a significant improvement in the way New Zealand manages its water services both to improve water quality and in the treatment of waste. I do not think the Government's proposal is the best solution. It seems to focus more on the Political aspects rather than the Technical requirements. It may deliver better services but at a greater cost than necessary. There are also political aspects to the proposal that I do not agree with. So I am against the Proposal.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

No-one is arguing against the need for reform. The question is whether this Proposal is the optimum way of delivering it. The Minister in her YouTube presentation says the cost to upgrade NZ water will be between \$150 and \$200 billion over 30 to 40 years. Quite frankly I do not believe her. That sounds like a worst, worst case scenario designed to scare people. If that figure is correct it does not matter how the service is delivered; it is still unaffordable. Based on the Government's track record of pronouncements versus delivery to date I have no trust or faith in them.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Awful, awful. This is where the Government has used the need for reform as a political opportunity to introduce an element of the race based separatist agenda. This is probably driven by a need to appease the Maori caucus within the Labour party. This is my principal objection to the proposal. It is Separatist and Divisive and will not serve New Zealand well.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No strong views. This is a straw man point. No-one thinks there will be a strong enough drive in the government or the country to privatise the service. It is not the New Zealand way and no

government under MMP could ever deliver that.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton City Council is being short changed on the asset transfer.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The need for Reform of Water Services is a given. I do not think this Proposal is the best solution both in terms of: 1 Governance - The Government has used the need for reform as a political opportunity to introduce an element of the race based separatist agenda. So the governance becomes a Political consideration not technical or managerial. 2 Delivery - The Entities are too large for a geographically disparate country such as NZ.

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Record: [2372](#)

Name: [Felicity Noble](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

[No to this NO.](#)

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Record: 2373

Name: Clifford Gibson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am supportive of Government's plan for "3 Waters". My reasoning is as follows: - 1. The proposal will significantly reduce the possibility of privatisation or corporatisation of water management, avoiding the potential of the failure, characterised by the NZ Electricity market. 2. A NZ wide standard for water management is as important as a nationwide standard for air quality. 3. The cry that the Government plan is "confiscation of an asset" does not stand up to scrutiny. Although some local authorities have managed water to a reasonable standard, most have not. My view is that for most local authorities the water management infrastructure is not an asset but a liability. I suggest being a liability water management investment is unlikely to get councillors re-elected which is why we have 3rd world outcomes in many areas. 4. Investment

needed to get water management outcomes to an acceptable standard requires:

- Government funding of infrastructure upgrades using access to funding that does not compromise local authority credit limits.
- Acceptance that equality means a model that is adopted by all local authorities irrespective of their water management and investment performance.

5. The objection to co-governance is in my opinion either driven by racism or ignorance of the difference between governance and management. I contend that the Waikato River Authority is an example of a largely successful (although not perfect) co-governance model. I am not a member of any political party, nor do I have any formal relationship with a local authority other than being a rates payer.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2374

Name: Colin King

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

having been born and spent all my working life of in Hamilton some of this involved with the development of these services and have seen the great work that has been done over many years it is not right to have control taken away from our city and will make my views in the upcoming elections local and and national

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Record: 2375

Name: Phillip Curnow

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Dear Councillors, In brief, I have no confidence that this project of nationwide water control will be more effective or cheaper, than if run under the Hamilton City Council, as is currently the case. I urge the HCC to vote against the arrangement. I obviously, cannot speak for other locations, who have to make their own decisions. As a major metropolitan area, Hamilton has the necessary scale and technical knowledge to manage the three waters matters in-house. I have not seen evidence to the contrary, nor indeed does it appear that this has been suggested. Therefore, no advantage exists for Hamilton to contemplate being part of this proposed change. Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

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Record: 2384

Name: Brian Dobbs

Organisation: Dobbs Family Trust

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The infra structure (which effect pubic health & the environment) has already been paid for & is governed by democratically elected boards of governance. There is no need to replace them with government appointed boards.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Costs will go up & services go down with more bureaucracy & racially appointed boards of governance

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The way 3 waters is set up replaces democracy with bureaucracy, which is a recipe for disaster

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Privatisation is usually a good thing as the private sector is far better at running an organisation that governments

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

By restructuring the water system in this way , it will cost the tax payer far more to administer. Prediction if it goes thru in its current format - financial disaster

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This is another poorly thought out & short sighted government policy. It is un democratic & racially biased.

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Record: 2385

Name: Colin Keeble

Organisation: N/A

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Issues today with water/wastewater relates to age of infrastructure and lack of maintenance. We all want a better environment and standards for our population. Three waters reforms is only the Governments thoughts on what is the best scheme to improve this. Existing infrastructure should be funded better by central government if this is the issue. Taking away the infrastructure assets from local councils and giving control to nameless groups/entities is not the best way forward. Water is for everyone irrespective of race, it is something that has been on earth for millions of years. It does not confer ownership irrespective of whether there is a treaty signed in 1066 or 1840 or whenever. It is well proven that central Government control is not the best way to manage most things-it just leads to lots of expensive consultation, allocation of huge amounts of money and poor outcomes. eg Kiwibuid.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Ask any Aucklanders how the amalgamation of their councils is going and how much their rates bills have risen! Having a CEO of Watercare earning over \$700,000pa is something that should not be repeated. Unfortunately we are seeing it with our healthcare reforms where people are being hired for reasons other than they are the most experienced for the position. Government expenditure figures are trying to scare us with their amounts. We now have the highest inflation recorded in the country for the last 40 years. Of course costs are going to rise!!! These reforms are politically driven, not aimed at improving services to customers. At present after the Covid-19 pandemic and the billions spent supporting the health and financial needs of the country I question where the additional funding is going to come from. I don't recollect anything mentioned in this years Budget announcements.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

New structure giving Mana Whenua equal representation with local councils in Regional Representation group is ridiculous and racist notwithstanding Governments promotion of

Maori/Iwi interests at all costs. What next-changing all the European street names in Hamilton to Maori?? All people are water recipients irrespective of their ethnicity. I seriously doubt that the reforms will treat rural consumers the same as urban consumers, the former group have lower standards as they are on bore water and have septic tanks. I am fearful that reforms will create another Government gravey train for some segments of the population. As a consumer I will lose control/influence of the water resources and infrastructure in my city.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Totally inadequate!!!! Water services should never be privatised and water as a resource should never be able to be owned by one population group over another. Where water services have been privatised overseas it has proved to be a disaster- local consumers have faced poorer service when pipes burst and excessive Corporate costs have been passed on-business is done to generate as much profit as possible. No-one should gain excessive profits from water. Water services do not want to go the way of electrical Companies which have been sold off over the last 2 decades, eg Contact Energy, Mighty River power and so on.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am against selling off Council infrastructure that I have helped to fund over the last 22 years as a local ratepayer, especially as not solid figures have been decided upon. No infrastructure should be sold off below its book value. Also how can one put an accurate value on water/sewage pipes or a middle aged sewage treatment plant? Water/waste water services are one of the cornerstone services that we expect local councils to provide for us, along with rubbish collection, libraries, parks and so on. Council would lose \$71m of income per annum, an amount that will continue to rise faster than the rate of inflation if past performance is anything to go by. Figures showing increases of 80% in workforce needed shows the building of a big monster-where will these workers come from? There are too many unknown factors in these reforms for me to support them.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am strongly apposed to these reforms. They appear to more about gaining control and financial advantage rather than improving the quality of services. Perhaps funding could be raised at a local level under current setup by allowing Councils to keep the GST that they collect on their rates? I support leaving things as they are but having councils seeking funding from Wellington for their projects, much as they do with say roading. This would leave control/ownership in local hands but enable improvements on an ongoing basis. The value of all water services should not be sold off to a Central Government organisation for less than it is worth. You as council owe that to past and present ratepayers who have funded facilities. I understand that water/wastewater projects are not sexy for councils and often receive stringent consultation from groups of interest fearing that they are not value for money.

Perhaps councils need to do more educating of its ratepayers in this area. I look forward to the outcome of Council submissions to Government with interest!!

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Record: 2397

Name: Andrea Cap

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not accept 35,000 people in NZ get sick from bad water each year- I haven't seen facts to support this. I do not want control of my assets given to a government appointed entity - local ratepayers should have the responsibility to meet their local needs. While Hamiltonians may travel to other areas and use their water- they introduce other financial benefits to those areas - through employment and tourist spending for example.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I accept reform is required but I do not want the iwi groups to decide those reforms. I totally disagree with the current proposal

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not accept the current proposal I do not accept the governance of the assets by mana whenua- The water belongs to everyone.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not accept the government will protect my interests against privatisation. This proposal will give control of my asset to iwi who are a minority

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I do not agree with the proposal- Hamilton will be giving control of financial spending on asset improvement to a body not immediately connected to the area. There is too much bias on iwi

requirements - the government has already said money will be prioritised to get iwi resourced to manage. This is not how I want my money spent

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I totally disagree- the proposal is unfair unjust and undemocratic. It is racist. I will not vote for anyone who supports this reform.

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Record: 2398

Name: Penny Taylor

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government should let councils carry on with running their own areas. Each region has different requirements so does not fit with a one size fits all approach.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Government is incapable of spending money wisely. The government is incapable of running anything efficiently. Governance should be left to councils.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The council is more capable than the government.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not trust this government at any level.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton should retain its own control over water-related assets. If three waters so called reform proceeds the government will then charge Hamiltonians to fix Wellington and Auckland inadequate water infrastructure.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This was not discussed prior to the election. The government's three waters sold as a reform is nothing but ideological rubbish dreamed up by some academics.

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Record: 2400

Name: Marica and Nelko Levis

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I like our council to manage our water resource, separate from government body

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do believe that council can manage the cost far better

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

i do not have fait in there governance

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Things change with every government So will this protection

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The structure is well and good while it last which is not what happens

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am very much against it. we can manage our resource on our own

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Record: 2402

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protection from privatisation is the main key but to what cause and how long before we lose out on demands everything come down to money!!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Financial way of making money always lead to more lending, and repayment it's alot money

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Who is benefitting from this reform the people of aotearoa or private companies or just the government, alot need to be done now but it's always a struggle.hamilton citizens loosing not winning the whole country in matter of fact

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Record: 2406

Name: Martin Maarhuis

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Not liked

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Too expensive

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Lacking detail

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No protection

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Not liked

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I can't see this going ahead

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Record: 2408

Name: ROSS NEEDHAM

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Far too many steps and administartion

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

CAN be changed by the Govt at any time No trust at all in ant Checks put in place now

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

How did they value our water tower in Ruakiwi Road ????????????????

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Not in favour at all .. And certainly not happy with the Value Arrived at , and the Governance Provisions proposed Control should be local and not ruled by Wellington Govt

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Record: 2409

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2417

Name: Raella Kahuroa

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I see what the Government is going for here, and certainly believe that safe drinking water and access to water for everyone should be a community health priority. I am not convinced, however, that the government's proposal is the most effective way to achieve this. The proposal sets out a confusing governance structure that puts too many fingers into the pie - the whole thing looks unwieldy, and could ultimately be a burden to the ratepayer.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The Government's projections look good on paper, but I am not convinced: the amount of bureaucracy needed to run this will, I suspect, be quite costly. Councils have a vested interest in keeping costs down for ratepayers - governments not so much.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

To say this looks unwieldy is to put it mildly. This looks like a behemoth that will chew through time and resources consulting and seeking consensus. While the council system is not perfect, I think this new system is highly problematic. I am also not fond of moving control away from local councils, who are directly accountable for the water to us as ratepayers. Will the government care about a local issue? Water is a taonga that belongs to local communities to oversee - not for the government to manage as it sees fit. I do not see this move as democratically informed, and it smacks of a we know best approach. Let water ownership and management stay local!!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I have read through these, and while they look good on paper, they are not perfect. Subsequent governments could find ways around these provisions, or even repeal them. Governments make laws, and they can repeal them as well. I'm not saying it would be easy to do that,

however, it's not impossible either. Maybe for my lifetime it would be okay, but over the generations these protections could be subtly eroded until one day, privatisation becomes a reality. The government has the best of intentions but governments change. Leave ownership with the local councils.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't buy it. The government is definitely talking this up.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't like this plan, and I don't think it will accomplish what the government says will. I also don't think that subsequent governments will necessarily follow through on the plan. With an election so close, I think make this an election issue, and as a nation we will choose the plan we like by electing the party with the most appropriate model for our country.

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Record: 2426

Name: Sue Holmes

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

You don't need to give control to central government to look after the health of our water in Hamilton. As you have just pointed out, its one of the best in the country and I think we can better look after it by keeping local control. You can see quickly where upgrade can be done and get to then to prevent bigger issues. And if you stopped wasting money on the trivial stuff you have been, then there is abetter chance for the council to budget of the care of our water and the piping systems

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

You are not giving a clean and balanced picture here. There are benefit to keeping things local. Stop trying to muddy the waters with this negative hype. If the council had a better handle on budgets and finances and spent wisely we can do a better job locally.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Larger organisations are not always the best for looking after our valuable resources. You become a small number in a big unit. there is not the intimate care of local governance. Pull your heads out of the sand, stand up and deliver the services I pay my rates for you to do!

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It is not protecting against privatization. You are giving a large chunk of it to iwi to manage, that's privatization right there!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The way I see it, the councils will lose financial control. You won't be able to make decisions things like setting charge, selling assets, receiving dividends etc. Keep control in the hands of the local council.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally against it. It smacks of bringing apartheid into this country! At the very least, it's undemocratic, full of unnecessary bureaucracy and will lead to higher water charges in spite of you lot thinking that it won't. Open your eyes and stop playing this stupid political game.

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Record: 2428

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The 3 waters reform looks to hold a higher standard for public health and for the environment, which I believe is needed.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It seems obvious that there is a large amount of investment required to get our infrastructure to a level that is fit. The governments reform seems to bring a controlled manner to gaining this investment while providing a reasonable price increase.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Great idea to great a regional based approach. Seems to benefit the smaller councils and overall bring up the standard of infrastructure of Aotearoa as a whole.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The format seems to have a reasonable amount of controls in place for if privatisation was to be an option.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

No issues with the approach to be billed outside of our rates for our water.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think the reform is going to be beneficial for our communities and environment. Our deteriorating water quality and growing communities are only going to create more pressure on our aging infrastructure. The reform creates a chance for water, something that is a precious resource, needs to be looked after by a specialist organisation that can invest appropriately and have a future focused outlook.

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Record: 2429

Name: Mark Flyger

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton's water service is one of the best in the Country and doesn't not require reform as suggested by the Government. Our drinking water has been excellent over the 64 years that I have lived in the city. Government's desire to have clean stormwater enter our streams, rivers and lakes is placing an unreasonable cost on development in the city and on ratepayers. Some regional co-operation would be useful (whether that be through a joint entity or not) however any entity should be structured without racial considerations.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Any increase in costs can be covered with a reduction in the general rate and with prudent cost cutting.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The governance aspect of the proposed reforms are racist and need to be stopped. The proposed governance model is top heavy and will add nothing to the smooth running of our water systems.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Allowing for privatisation would reduce costs in the long term and allow for the easy transition of ownership/control.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Council will not be better off after the reforms. They may have some money in the short term but Council's propensity to spend and waste will soon see that money evaporate. The reforms themselves will cost the ratepayer or taxpayer more money and should be stopped at all costs.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

They are unnecessary and a complete waste of money. The proposed ownership structure is racially motivated and an attack on democracy in disguise.

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Record: 2432

Name: Joan & Robert

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Local democracy should be controlling local assets relating to their health and environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Local services always work more efficiently and reduce costs. Local knowledge is vital.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

One people one country. Democracy is being undermined.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Have zero faith in their protections. They talk a lot but rarely deliver.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Very disappointed with the path we are taking. Leave our water under our local Council management. What is wrong with the government just giving the money to the existing Councils if they need to upgrade.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Rubbish. Won't be voting for them.

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Record: 2434

Name: L Fergusson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

As a Hamilton rate payer I unreservedly support the stance of Hamilton Council.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not trust the reform proposals being managed by one national entity

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I prefer the Hamilton Council's proposal

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't trust this governments Three Waters proposal

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The general cost of living is escalating at an alarming rate I prefer the rationale for local management

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't trust this reform. I accept improvements are required in delivery of water services both

nationally and at a local level, but believe Hamilton Council are in a better position to manage improvements rather than one national body. The government need to stop spending huge sums of money on ridiculous advertisements (whether it is Three Waters, Land Transport Authority etc) and divert those sums of money to getting the jobs completed in a safe, timely manner y those who know their community best.

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Record: 2436

Name: Garth

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Ensuring the highest quality of water should not be bipartisan. The most effective steps to achieving these should be taken. 4 entities provides buying power and size that would be lost on a smaller scale

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Four entities is the most appropriate, as shown by the study the government has undertaken

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance aspects are sound - people with the right expertise should run these entities, so that the politicization aspect is removed

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The government should retain control indefinitely

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Waters are a current sinkhole for finances. Regardless of the decrease in funding, the associated savings appear to outweigh these. The council should ensure associated savings are passed along to ratepayers (eg not use any surplus without consultation)

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is a good thing. It either needs to happen now, or in 10 years for double-triple the cost and with extra health risk

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Record: 2439

Name: Dan mason

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that the reform will lead to improved outcomes for public health and environmental measurements

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I prefer the upfront cost of undertaking the reform now, rather than the delayed and more significant cost of playing catch-up later

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I would prefer the reformed governance. While local city council governance has good potential for engagements such as deliberative democracy and citizens councils, I do not trust local government to manage this now. Nationally, local government has a shocking track record of ignoring 3 waters funding, presumably because it is hidden and not flashy - not what gets votes. This leads to essential infrastructure being ignored and politicised. Even now, with central government attempts to reform the governance of this absolutely essential infrastructure, we have local Hamilton politicians race-baiting and scaremongering, playing into the fears and racist attitudes of citizens who do not understand co-governance. I am sure Council staff are well aware of which elected member has been leaving their racist petitions around local CBD businesses. The co-governance aspect of the reform really is a bare minimum in terms of meeting obligations to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, but it is progress. Taking governance out of the hands of local councils is essential, as local councils cannot be trusted to manage such vital infrastructure without falling victim to politicising and underfunding. This is too important to be hit with an austerity budget by elected members more concerned with being re-elected than doing their jobs.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I have no strong feelings in any direction regarding the financial structure. The proposed structure appears fair, but I am not qualified to make a more informed decision. I would urge Council to not resist the reform based on the value of the assets being taken by the entity, as councils across the motu have proven that they cannot be trusted to manage the asset properly to start with.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am 100% in support of the reforms. I am disgusted by the racist fearmongering displayed by some Elected Members who are clearly playing to a particular voter base. I feel as though councils cannot be trusted to manage this asset without neglecting or politicising it and so it should be managed by a more competent entity.

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Record: 2444

Name: Rick

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to be more focused locally with less layers involved.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to be more focused locally with less layers involved.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to be more focused locally with less top heavy decision making layers involved.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Needs to be more focused locally with less top heavy decision making layers involved.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Needs to be more focused locally with less top heavy decision making layers involved.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Reform is needed but not this.

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Record: 2448

Name: John Haliday

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Water in all its forms needs to be provided by efficient and healthy means. The proposals put forward by Government adds nothing to what is currently already being done by Hamilton City Council. I entirely agree with the Hamilton City Councils submissions to Government on the 3 Waters reforms. This Council has done particularly well historically in delivery by City Waters of potable, stormwater and waste water to their citizens and ratepayers. I have lived right next to the Waikato River in Hamilton for nearly 70 years and as a child I would swim at Pine Beach in the central city with my siblings and other neighbourhood children. I can well remember raw sewage floating past and condoms hanging from the willow tree branches along the river bank. The Waikato River is vastly superior in water quality these days due to Puketapu Sewage Treatment station being established in the late 1970's by Council and other measures they have undertaken to address pollution. I walk the river paths daily and I am impressed by the clarity of the water which is a credit to HCC. There is no need to fix something that isn't broken.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Water in all its forms needs to be provided by efficient and healthy means. The proposals put forward by Government adds nothing to what is currently already being done by Hamilton City Council. I entirely agree with the Hamilton City Councils submissions to Government on the 3 Waters reforms. This Council has done particularly well historically in delivery by City Waters of potable, stormwater and waste water to their citizens and ratepayers in an efficient and financially responsible way. It is easy for the Government to make promises of savings but history shows in many areas of reform there is little if any savings to be had and to be passed on to the ratepayer. If there are other councils not delivering in these respects then the Government has the ability to send in commissioners to oversee operations just as they do with Health, Education and indeed complete oversight of all council services as is the case in Tauranga. Some reforms may be necessary particularly the structures around financing future upgrades to City Water Services but these can be managed quite adequately within Council and with financial aid from Central Government.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Water services in all its forms needs to be provided by efficient and healthy means. The proposals put forward by Government adds nothing to what is currently already being done by Hamilton City Council. I entirely agree with the Hamilton City Councils submissions to Government on the 3 Waters reforms. In respect to proposed governance structure. The complete transfer of ratepayer financed facilities as proposed in this legislation runs contrary to democratic principles. The proposed 50/50 sharing of governance between Pakeha and Maori interests also introduces a completely unfair regime. The represented governance should at the very least be elected by the local residents who financed these capital works through their rates.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Completely inadequate

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I entirely agree with the Hamilton City Councils submissions to Government on the reforms. Some reforms may be necessary particularly the structures around financing future upgrades to City Water Services but these can be managed quite adequately by way of Councils existing debt structures and with financial aid from Central Government as needed.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Completley unnecessary for the residents of Hamilton who are currently very well served and all areas by City Waters

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Record: 2449

Name: SHARON L PAYNE

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with the Government that change and improvement in how water is supplied nationwide is a problem that needs addressing and like wise the management of wastewater facilities needs better governance, we cannot afford to have wastewater contaminate waterways or the oceans.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

At present local bodies are unable to provide good water services in many areas of our country especially smaller rural areas. this affects households, schools & businesses. Ultimately Government is responsible for ensuring all citizens have good water services not just those that live in easily managed areas of the country. The Government's proposal for the services and related costs of the reform give me hope that an equitable water service could exist nationwide & I certainly think that is a good thing. I am not confident that our local council is capable of managing the massive upgrades our city's water services will need in the near future, their decision making over some absolutely ridiculous activities eg the Rostrevor St debacle leave me in grave doubt as to their collective ability. I have more confidence that fairness of supply nation wide will be achieved by a specialist team than by a patchwork of local councils.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

As stated earlier I think specialist skills are required and the governance aspects as suggested in the Government's explanations look to provide just that.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protections against privatisation are essential and well thought through.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Heavens I am not a financial wizz kid I am an ordinary citizen but I do note that at present a third of our rates are collected for water services, that is a lot of money the council currently collects and I am no sure that even keeps pace with current needs let alone allows for future development. Surely by employing a specialist skilled team to focus entirely on water services & management we will have a better long term result for our community. No matter how well meaning our councillors are they are certainly not specialists in every field and I would go as far as to say some aren't specialists in any fields.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I feel it is high time the Government stepped up and took responsibility for this absolutely vital part of our nation's wellbeing. Stop leaving it to assorted little councils to deal with such a major issue get the 3 waters reforms in place and ensure that nationwide New Zealanders have top notch water services.

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Record: 2452

Name: Callum Brown

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Do not approve

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Do not approve

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Do not approve

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Do not approve

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Do not approve

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Do not approve, gross government overreach, unnecessary centralization with poor framework, impacts more than it benefits. Under no circumstances should this reform proceed.

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Record: 2457

Name: Matt

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

No it's up to is as Hamilton.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think it's rubbish we already pay way to much. Our voices won't be heard

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not a fan. The govt can't run a **** thing without running it into the ground

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

No anything in this country that gets given to the govt turns to shit. I do not support this

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I bet we will end up with water meters on every house making us poor poorer. Iwi should not have a view and neither should the govt.

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Record: 2458

Name: Steve van der Ven

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

We the people, who have paid for the infrastructure, need to be paid for the infrastructure. We need more local control than what is to transpires. Less bureaucracy. It's just costs more

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Local governance only

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not strong enough

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

First pay us the people, what we already have paid

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name: PHIL COWIE

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Likely to lead to better outcomes

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Greater cost savings likely with reforms

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Very important don't want water privatised

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Agree with proposal

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Important that they are introduced

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Record: 2463

Name: Sarah-Jane Saravani

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

If the Government were concerned about the provision of water to citizens it would not have let local councils struggle on unsupported. Clean water should be a right for citizens of New Zealand and not be used as a political football. Local citizens of Hamilton have a vested interest in the provision of water infrastructure as it belongs to us but this does not prevent national government from supporting this model instead of trying to dismantle it and remove assets from ratepayers.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Again, there is nothing to prevent the government from supporting the proper continuance of local control of assets. Costs will rise, certainly, but they can be supported at a national as well as local level. This happens in every other sphere of life in New Zealand, why should water be different? This would relieve the burden from falling solely on ratepayers.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Utter nonsense. We all know this is a Labour government attempt to strip infrastructure assets away from local ratepayers who have been funding them up to this point and pass them to Maoris. This is an unacceptable model in the 21st century, as Nanaia Mahuta and her various Labour stooges on local councils have learned.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Inadequate and pointless. A sop to the easily-led. Labour will not be the Government going forward and so will have no control over what happens to this model in the future. A glance at other water management systems around the world indicates that privatisation is extremely likely to happen at some point in the future so the Government protections are irrelevant.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

A sop to the easily-led, once again. HCC has no record of careful expenditure. The Council would continue to spend heedlessly and maintain/increase massive debt level regardless of whether water infrastructure costs were passed to another body. Ratepayers would be no better off, as stated, they would still be paying for water costs (in addition to ever-increasing HCC rates), just to a separate entity.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

An exercise in theft. Stealing from ratepayers to hand assets to Maoris. Not very pleasant, especially as it was attempted by stealth at the start. The PR nonsense that accompanies this belated consultation exercise by HCC and its community is blatantly one-sided, a distortion of the truth and therefore nothing short of puerile.

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Record: 2467

Name: C A Dixon

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Of all the criticism that government has made about incidences with the health of the public water , there is no evidence that they are creating a system that can address those issues. Setting up so many levels of bureaucracy will mean there is less focus on addressing the problems, if they exist, and passing the buck will become commonplace. I trust this government to mess up everything it touches.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I trust this Government to lie about every aspect of finance and cost. Whenever have they achieved anything within budget? They are incompetent in handling financial estimates and cook the figures whenever it suits them. To suggest that there are substantial projected costs on councils to update their systems and that the new regime will do it efficiently and cheaper is typical of the propaganda that we are used to hear from them. Never have they proven to be correct. A hint about extra costs to the ratepayer comes where they suggest that the new entity can borrow more money than councils can. That simply means more costs on the ratepayer and yet they claim in their figures that there would be savings. If the government had spent more time analysing how councils allocate ratepayers money on spending particularly on core infrastructure instead of wasting it on fancy schemes outside their core functions and then censured councils accordingly then the problems we supposedly have may not have eventuated.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I trust this government to create unnecessary levels of bureaucracy peppered with people of little competence and slurping from the gravy train. This is exactly what they are doing. I have no confidence that if this stupid scheme goes ahead then any problem with water locally will be dealt with promptly and effectively. There are too many levels in the systems that no one will want to take responsibility to get the grass roots job done properly

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I trust this government to cock up everything it does. So far my trust has been justified.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Passing debts on to someone else does not make you better off. The ratepayer still has to foot the bill. All these estimates are Pie in the Sky . Even Hamilton's claim that it has earmarked \$400,000,000 for water services in its Long Term Plan is wrong, the figure is \$600,000,000. The new structure provides a steady flow of income to a bunch of buddies with little or no experience in governance. It makes no sense to say that after getting paid for selling the asset that we then retain ownership of the asset but are unable to do anything with it. Unless it is a simple way of getting round a legal issue of selling an asset that was not discussed in the Long Term Plan and thus concealing the liabilities created. I trust this Government to fill the back pockets of its friends.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I trust the Government to lie to its people. I trust the Government to provide the best **** . I trust the Government to overestimate any benefits. I trust the Government to underestimate the costs. I trust the Government to throw our money at anything or anybody who will further their agenda. There is nothing in Three Waters that makes me question that trust.

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Record: 2469

Name: Brian Milicich

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The Government wishes to take control of rate payer assets paid for by many generations. I don't see any costings, actual procedures with what will be done. A lot of promises as are current government policies. This needs longer to properly consider the impact on New Zealanders.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

All projected estimates. Most government services and costs usually have huge overruns and don't deliver their guess work.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Councils should have a majority share of control of the waters

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Easier to legislate controls to prevent privatisation. If protection is required perhaps the Councils need it now.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Presenting a convincing one sided view. Los don't work in reality. A huge experiment.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

We need some of the aspects of reform. Taking over total control is not good. Their estimates and current borrowings do not instill any confidence.

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Record: 2475

Name: Pamela Rose

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I disagree with the 4 entity proposal. Local concerns are best looked after by local elected councils that are accountable to the people in the area they serve.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I have no confidence in the Government plans about services and costs. It seems to be rare that Government actually give accurate outlines about what services they can provide and the overall costs generally exceed their original estimates.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance should be by people and organisations voted into their positions, held accountable for any lack in providing services promised. Local feedback and public discussion should be sought before putting any changes into place.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I simply don't have confidence in the assertions the Government make. So often they say one thing then do the exact opposite.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Local ratepayers and taxpayers have financed the infrastructure over many many years. The control should remain local.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I consider the current outline of the Three Waters Reform by the Government to be totally unsatisfactory.

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Record: 2486

Name: Ben Petch

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

With greater ability to invest created through the reform, the environmental performance should improve faster than otherwise

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Sounds like services will be much more cost effectively delivered in long term which is positive.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

A partnership-led approach is mandatory under Te Tiriti. A skills led board is a good idea.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Likely to be effective.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is a great opportunity to scale up how water infrastructure gets delivered to benefit the ratepayer. Council will struggle to afford all of the growing costs for three waters infrastructure according to the already unfunded gap in the infrastructure strategy - this shows it's already struggling to afford the costs.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Agree with the government.

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Record: 2488

Name: Ross sutton

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2497

Name: Alan Tsai

Organisation: Johnnybro Development

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am a small land developer in Hamilton that I have been living here for 28 years. I migrated from Taiwan. In relation to three waters quality, management, efficiency, policy etc, I am satisfied with current policy which local city council control and managed it(CCO). The kids needs which parents know best than grandparents. That's the best democracy system. The central government should focus on policy decisions, legislation, management ,financial support for regional or city council. Add nationwide model and reform sytem ,I can feel that simply to build another bureaucracy structure , I sincerely suggest don't need it.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

From the points of economy and management, big city and provincial city performance are better than rural areas. The rural and regional areas doesn't have enough capital, resources to manage and maintain their three waters systems. what I suggest above, central government should focus to support and help them. Let the weakness become stronger, but not let the existing stronger to be weaker. Partly amend, don't do that for nationwide reform. The costs and services should be back to normal naturally.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The Hamilton mayor, councilors, and Hamiltonian know best than another special bureaucracy organization. If the mayor, councilors didn't do the good job, or didn't respond the citizens complaining immediately. The Hamiltonian would know more citizens need than the special organization. Naturally then the mayor and councilors wouldn't be elected again. That's the western world democracy systems function. Provide some problems arise from three waters, it will be transferred and approved by more administration staff, structure, organization to deal with. Didn't build another bureaucracy organization to run the three waters systems. Spend more money on it.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It's uncertainty. Policy is still changing some times later. That's dependent on politics. Keep the current policy, much more city council and regional council in New Zealand doesn't support the reform model and wants more discussions on it, you could easily to imagine and judge the two different systems.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Western democracy system is the less powerful central government, and gives local resources to local government (city council and regional council)to manage. Here have different roles for central government and local government. The three waters systems belongs to local resources, naturally belongs local government to manage. Just like military and public relations belongs to central government responsibility. City council can't do that job. If three waters assets (maybe other units)staff, and all related resources would transfer to central government special organization, then how about the main reason for current city council keeping ? and what meaningful for us to vote for mayor and councilors to manage the city next term ?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Current policy is better than the uncertainty new model and reform. Three waters systems belongs to local businesses, naturally belongs to local government, city council to manage. Haven't sufficient discussions isn't a good way. Maybe nationwide momentum is another way to do.

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Record: 2500

Name: Diana Aquilina

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

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SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2506

Name: Dianne

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Loss of autonomy at a local level, total handover of this to government authority. Whatever government chooses to dictate i.e how water is dispensed, what is in it, who gets it, how much etc etc will be out of our control. Globalist agendas will dictate how water is managed the people's autonomy will likely be taken away. They will say it is for public safety but it is not. It is about greed and control and Globalist agenda.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Unacceptable and unnecessary, keep it at a local level so it can be micro managed locally and so the people can remain autonomous.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Total overreach, they have no right to dictate to the extent they are suggesting. Decisions should be kept at a local level.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Total over reach!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

5 levels of beurocracy to get to the top. Pretending they will create a whole lot of jobs and then save money!! They cannot justify any of it as economical or effective. This is not about benefits to the people it is about wealth transfer to the top.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This is globalist over reach, it is a lose lose situation and poses a major health hazard to the people.

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Record: 2514

Name: brett erceg

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Every one wants an improvement, but not like this.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

propaganda

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Thief and racist

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

more propaganda, It should be up to them, but the Hamilton people.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

na

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Something should be done, but this is wrong. Sealing our assets, and setting up a racist body.

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Record: 2516

Name: Vinil

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: [2521](#)

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2543

Name: G

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am liking the governments new proposal from what I'm reading at the moment

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

As stated from my last comments

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governments proposal looks promising

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Again liking the governments proposal

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Having worked and still work in government sector - I feel this is a positive move towards improving on transparency and equity costing for both urban and rural communities

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Record: 2544

Name: Linda

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree with it.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree, it should stay how it is.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not agree, it needs to stay the way it is

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not agree, nothing should change

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I do not agree with the government at all. Our financial structure needs to stay with the people and not get into the governments hands.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The government needs to stay away from our water supply!

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Record: 2545

Name: Lorne Fowlie

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that there does need to be more investment in the growing needs of our city for clean water and it's ability to manage waste water. It is vital that these services do not impact the health of the river or any other waterways. They are right that there needs to be change in this area.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This is the first sticking point for me. They say that their model will increase cost efficiency but with so many levels of bureaucracy I do not believe that this will be the case. Nor do I completely trust their forecasting of actual costs. For any model to be beneficial to the end payer/user there would need to be complete transparency and that is unlikely to be given.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Too many layers. Any decision will have to go through so many different processes and people that it will be slow to respond and likely cost more to do less.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It is completely dependant on voter interaction at the end point and it is an unfortunate fact that voter interaction in this country is low. I don't feel that having it privatised is the worst thing as long as council or government retains the ability to stop the public getting reamed monetarily for a basic human right.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Nothing is set in stone so any opinion is invalid. Give us what is definitely happening not what could possibly happen. They say they can forecast future savings but can't tell us how we will be charged moving forward. I smell potential for us to end up with no real benefit as the end user and even less say in what happens.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

They don't have a very good track record of delivering on anything that they have said will benefit us. I don't think this is a good idea. I agree that change needs to be made, and that sooner rather than later, but I don't believe that this is the correct option. The way that this whole thing has been handled right from the outset by the government makes me very untrusting and I do not in any way support the three waters reform.

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Record: 2553

Name: Brian Prestidge

Organisation: N/A

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with the Government's reform plan

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with them

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with the the governance aspects

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I agree with the protections against privatisation

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The proposed financial structures are sound

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The Government's Three Waters Reform plan is sound and full implementation is urgently needed.

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Record: 2560

Name: Anthony Whitehouse

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that the existing structure is doing a good job of looking after public health and environment. Any breaches are being monitored and mitigated.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The governments figures and projections are highly suspect and I have no confidence in them. I suspect that the opposite is likely...that the cost to Hamilton water users could well be higher under the new structure

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The suggested governance is far too convoluted, requires more people and cost than the exiting governance, and is less likely to be able to focus on local situations. Unelected members means no ability to remove those non performing or with agendas not in keeping with the people. Moreover the requirement that half of these be maori is shockingly racist, and has no place in a democratic society.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think that privatization is actually more likely after the governments proposed system, as there will be one centralized body with total control. This would be far more attractive to commercial interests than the existing smaller disparate organizations

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamiltons water infrastructure has been built up and paid for by Hamilton ratepayers. The government is proposing that they pay only a fraction of the value for these assets which is an immediate loss. I have no confidence that rates will reduce sufficiently to offset payments to the new entity, and every expectation that the reforms will result in higher costs for everyone.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The governments proposal makes no sense. If they are really concerned about improving the quality of water services then they could achieve that by assisting the existing organizations with low cost loans. And the mandatory inclusion of Maori cogovernance makes me question if the whole exercise is really for this purpose.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2569

Name: Chris Parker

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Government should focus on the councils that need the resources and help to improve their infrastructure. Painting a broad stroke over the entire country would be creating more work than focusing on a particular area/council. Some councils are run better than others and have varying degrees of state. Start with those who have historically had issues and need the help.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

requirements on the new entities to consult with the public on major strategic decisions or changes to levels of service or charging mechanisms. - why? what does the general public know of the ins and outs of how our water is processed and the infrastructure is run? I would not trust this current government with money projections either, especially with this current world wide issues.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

As long as the people governing this are there based on their skills and knowledge. Can say 'no' when things dont look/sound correct, then it is a good idea. Too many 'yes' people and people who dream up things which cannot be practically be done.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Very good idea.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Dont trust the government to manage any financial structures. keep it to local councils who are closer to the ground.:)

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Government should try to focus on places and areas that need better infrastructures and managing. They should work with the councils that want to join them. If the public of a particular council do not want to join, then this should be heeded. This proposal seems all rushed and forced.

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Record: 2573

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

These changes aren't needed , it's purely being stolen by the government and shame on this council for not protecting rate payers assets . Shame on council for not consulting the public sooner and leaving it until last minute.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Prices will rose for rate payers and tax payers .

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance shouldn't be taken away from citizens and given to others divided by race .

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There are none , pure steal by government and then having control given to a selected few who aren't elected

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Should be left in control of the elected council .

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Only going to be a bad thing for all of us except a chosen few chosen by government , chosen by race.

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Record: 2581

Name: Emily Coffey

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

There is absolutely a need to improve water infrastructure in New Zealand and it makes sense to centralise it and take advantage of economies of scale. I don't care whether Council or central government controls the entity that provides water services, but I do care that every person in the country has safe and steady access to water. I believe we should take advantage of the Government's deeper pockets, there will be a huge cost to prepare the networks for climate change and growth. I also think it's a wrong and selfish attitude to not want to share resources with other cities, towns and regions who do not have as robust water sources or infrastructure. We are not a country of independent states, we are one island nation at the bottom of the world. Their water is our water, so if we have the best water, so should they.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Again this feels like a no brainer. Continue with piece meal services from underfunded Councils and see costs skyrocket, or centralise services for efficiency, more investment and better infrastructure - plus a Government to hold accountable at the end of the day for any issues. I choose the latter.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Messy, convoluted, difficult to understand and bureaucratic. It sounds like the plan is to just bring everyone from existing water entities into a new entity where they can try fight for the best outcome for their turf. This is not an efficient management model. I agree that the operations should be managed by water infrastructure experts and a CEO makes sense. Run it like a business. Instead of a group of fallible humans arguing their spot should get more or better than others, why not use computer algorithms to determine the needs of each city/town/region, based off previous water usage, population growth data. Upgrade all infrastructure to meet one standard, and maintain it to that level. Mana whenua DO have a place in this entity, they have more foresight than pakeha when it comes to sustainable use of

resources. I think there is a better model for governing and managing water than what has been proposed.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Great.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Take away expected costs in the billions, reduce debt and get a cash boost for reinvesting? Sounds like a no brainer. Water costs should be metered per use, to encourage people to conserve water (it's not hard). Property value based charges seem completely unrelated to water usage. If you're rich and have a pool, you're gonna pay more because you use more. Without this reform, how exactly were we going to fund the 400 million needed in the next ten years, and the 1.6 billion needed in the next 20?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I absolutely support the concept of water reform, I am dubious about some of the content. I feel like emotions run high with this type of proposal and that the emotional response of 'don't take my asset away' is not rational given the facts. We need safe and steady access to water services. We need to reduce the long term cost to Councils and communities. We need to prepare our infrastructure for growth and climate change. So we need water reform. In an ideal world we would have a more simple and effective management system of the entities. Why shouldn't the government be held accountable for these services? Why shouldn't we strive for efficient and effective services for the entire country?

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Record: 2585

Name: Elizabeth Holland

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Keep water control under local council control NOT PARLIAMENT I am against 3 waters

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Record: 2587

Name: Ian Burney

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am for it. Better quality overall nationally....cheaper for ratepayers/taxpayers. Much better than the current messy,uneven fragmentation.

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Record: 2589

Name: Fergus McRae

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe the Government is all hot air. The reform is NOT the answer. This has highlighted the need to apply great ownership of reasonability onto local government for the maintenance and upgrade of the existing network. The inclusion of central government into this will add another layer of bureaucratic management which will slow progress. This sounds like more paper jobs and less work on the ground.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Does this projection of cost include inflation? It's all well and good in stating these numbers but honestly where has it come from? How does the central government propose paying for all this upgrade if it is under their control? More taxes taken from somewhere else..print another few billion dollars?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Woke and divisional Why would mana whenua get 50% representation when they are not 50% of the population in NZ. If central government want to introduce race division in governance should there then be set representation of Asian, African, American etc.. Sounds like they are just changing it to a board so they can change the means of selection.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Good. With the funding being paid through rates for common interests why would anyone/entity be able to gain financially from the sell of an asset they haven't solely paid for.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

why don't central government pay upfront cost as loan to local government for structural improvements if their only reasoning for this reform is the health of all people.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Will slow development/progress, will give iwi part control of a community asset, and central government don't even know how much purchasing all assets will cost. Now is not the time, and should not be brought up till 2051. Give the local councils time to improve the system and if required give them funding.

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Record: 2590

Name: J.Vermeij

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

If this is up to the government , they will come up with unrealistic standards that will be expensive to comply with and in the end have very little gain for public health and environment. They will come up with a “one size fits all” policy based on ideas of bureaucrats in Wellington and that will not work for the rest of the country.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I have no confidence in any financial prediction by the current government as they have plunged us into a inflation that has at least doubled the price of everything.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It sounds like that we are going to get an other large government entity that makes it impossible for the end user to get any input and if iwi are involved than nothing good will happen as they will block any progress with questionable cultural claims.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I feel that this in principle is a good idea as essential services should never be in the hands of a commercial entity.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Still not comfortable with any financial predictions this government makes, it might sound good in the short term but we might regret this in the long term .

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Not convinced on any of their arguments, it's just another attempt to get more power over the population, just like the DHB reform. In the end the government will call all the shots, and the people have no options other than obey.

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Record: 2594

Name: Ron Williams

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

this i agree with but the overarching body needs to do its job. In its present form is has not carried out its obligations. A fail.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

as with all centralised government control services would worsen and cost would escalate. The numbers do not stack up as presented and are liable to questionable theory.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

i oppose all changes proposed until all aspects are put to a public vote

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

the proposals would not provide any protection against privatisation as the diluted local representation will allow Government takeover at any time

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

idealistic and doomed to failure.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

totally opposed. The scheme is to control water at government level without local voices being represented. Promises of representation race based is not welcome in New Zealand.

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Record: 2595

Name: chris krystman

Organisation: NA

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This can't be forced onto Councils into giving up their assets and that are in good financial position

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This Government reform will NOT reduce the cost to users, i totally reject that premise

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This can't be forced onto Councils into giving up their assets, that are in good financial position and am suspicious of their motive

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

If you combine all the waters together into one identity it makes it easier to sell and privatised. So that argument doesn't stack up

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Not transparent, and can be manipulated any way you want

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The Government track record to deliver anything to date is dire. Consequently why would i trust this to be any different

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Record: 2598

Name: Ruth Bouchier

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the Government reform is a long-overdue and sane approach to what has become an unmanageable situation. Although some councils have been better custodians of their water systems than others, the extent of the upgrades and maintenance necessary are far beyond the means of many, including Wellington's. The asset-grabbing complaints of the gainsayers are shortsighted and inaccurate. The fact that so much of our water is unhealthy and undrinkable calls for a fair overseeing of the resources and Three Waters seems an excellent response to a multi-pronged problem. This is an opportunity to make clean, sustainable water equitably available throughout the country.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It is a no-brainer. Provided the projections are accurate (which I trust they are), it would be irresponsible not to adopt the centralised governance of our water, otherwise it will mean either unaffordable and inequitably distributed costs to ratepayers throughout the country or further localised dysfunction as councils fail to undertake necessary infrastructure upgrades for fear of losing votes.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am happy with the proposed governance and have no problem with the 50/50 arrangement. I think it is vital to have iwi input into decision making but find it reassuring that the assets will still belong to the councils. I think it has been poorly understood by certain members of the public (perhaps because it hasn't been sufficiently emphasised) that this doesn't represent a Maori or a Govt asset grab, but rather an opportunity to pass the responsibility for water management onto expert entities which will presumably be more efficient. These govt bodies will also be devoid of the vested interests which I feel are often an impediment to councils undertaking necessary infrastructure spends, in order to reduce rates.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I totally agree. Anything that can eliminate the spectre of privatisation from such an important service as clean water is highly desirable. Where would some of our former national assets be now if they hadn't been privatised for short, peppercorn returns?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They seem sound. I understand that some councils charge rate-payers for water usage and others (such as Hamilton's) don't. Although I'm currently a beneficiary of free water, I believe that it is a resource New Zealanders should all be expected to pay for, as we do for other utilities. It would be good if this charge were equitable for all.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally in favour of the Three Waters Reform and my only criticism is that it hasn't been sold to the sceptical public more positively and vehemently.

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Name: Steve Reeves

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This seems like a very good idea. The safeguards against privatisation, the ownership models and the governance models all give confidence that we can repair and then maintain what is heading into being a broken system if the current structure etc. are kept.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This pooling of costs, expertise and effort seem a good idea. Looking around the world and seeing how overcharged (and in bad shape) privatised systems are shows that route is not one we want to go down, certainly. But also it's clear that the scale of underfunding over many, many years (driven largely it seems by the sort of councillors who have very short-term views) can't continue.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It's good, since partners in the use of water get to decide policy. And also knowledge and experience will be there in the appointed board.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Looks adequate...and I hope that it will be improved if the usual suspects try to work their way around the protections.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Looks good. The size and expertise introduced by the reforms will be of benefit to us all.

Overall – what are your views?***Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?***

This is something that is badly needed, given the poor performance of councils over many years. The often-cited bad ideas around not investing in infrastructure so that (some) people can have lower rates has come home to bite us. This scheme seems a viable way out of that mess. Keeping the ratepayer representatives out of this will be of benefit to us all, and let professionals and those connected with the land and water itself have a say in the future.

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Record: 2611

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

My submission is to state that the government's reform does not have my consent, as a ratepayer of Hamilton City. I implore my elected representatives of Hamilton City Council to better represent my views. PLEASE DO NOT ACCEPT THREE WATERS IN HAMILTON.

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Record: 2615

Name: Ron Williams

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

only okay if government means to have real consultation on such matters. consultation with local is not being offered. to little local consultation all promise

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

over such areas because of land differences and present water quality this proposed model will not be able to deliver. current regional councils should be given the task of delivery of all water rules and likewise for all waste water and surface water. Already in place and has the resource to carry out delivery.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

totally fails to give local views. government appointees really ??? no to all aspects of this governance aspects.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

a government will likely fail in this aspect as it does in many other fields. will just fail to deliver larger models lose the effinity to keep it local and remain in control.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

taxes and rates are set forms of raising funds for maintenance and develop assets passing these functions to government will not improve the situation probably make it worse. just oppose and not trust any government to ably distribute monies

Overall – what are your views?***Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?***

I write to oppose the Water Services Entities Bill (Three Waters). Under Three Waters our community will not only lose its voice in local water management, but it will not only lose its voice in local water management, but will also lose control over its water assets. Currently water is managed on behalf by my local council who is directly accountable to me as a ratepayer. under this model, my voice will be represented by a panel that has a maximum of seven council seats. in some entities those seats will be shared by 22 councils. CONCLUSION I oppose the bill because every New Zealander should be able to turn on the tap to get clean, drinkable water but that is not the reality for some of our communities. That has to change, but Three Water is not the answer. Central government needs to work with local communities, not against them as Labour has done in this process, to find workable ways to address the financial challenges preventing sustainable solutions, which could include establishing council controlled organisations or contracting water services. For these reasons, I oppose The Water Services Entities Bill (Three Waters)

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Record: 2621

Name: Jacquie Griffin

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support the Three Waters Reform due to the long term benefit of it

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Record: 2628

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton may be doing a good job but this is just one supply out of many that are stretched. Levels of service and environmental outcomes vary widely. Best managed under 3 waters rather than individually.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Support the 3 waters approach with cost savings by managing across broad regional areas rather than currently where each water supply does its own approach.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

rather a skills based approach than the current politically driven approach.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Support - they seem appropriate.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Sensible. Councils are not well positioned to fund and manage future demand and issues relating to climate.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Sensible - the management of key resources shouldn't be a local political football. E.g. past election campaigns to meter or not. Should be based on facts and outcomes not people trying to get elected. Three waters should be extended to four waters and include flood schemes managed by regional and district councils.

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Record: 2631

Name: Esther Lynne Bowden

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Thank you for this opportunity to express an opinion. It is proving to be, that any proposed legislation/improvements planned by this present government are potential disasters. Health being a major one thus far. The other parts of hei puapua are not in the interest of ALL New Zealanders and our other ethnicities but have the hallmarks of apartheid, as have almost all other agendas proposed. Why would a council give away management of their own water management to what is proving to be unknown advantages to the rate payers affected. IN SPITE of the written rhetoric..... It is a poor deal when rate payers have made investments specifically into water supply over the years, much more than the compensations offered. YES, maybe Hamilton needs more investment in the ever growing reticulations required for the exponential

growth in urban development, but not as much as the older NZ cities (Wellington/Auck/ Chch/Dunedin) or the smaller boroughs. We older retired Hamiltonians have MUCH to fear..... our rates increase EVERY year. I like so many have a fixed income some of which is eroding. We also have maintenance issues on our own properties to find funds for. Show me ANY successful change this Government has made in their tenure thus far that has proved to be advantageous to us ALL. If this is to our city citizens/residents advantage why would there be so much negative reaction to what we do know and informed of thus far...details are ALWAYS withheld. An example: A Hamilton General surgeon speaking on television last night on how few public hospital operating lists he regularly had up until recently as his normal operative time. Thus far this year, he has only been able to use 3 out of dedicated 20. Mr French also being President of the NZ General Surgeons Assoc of NZ, says he has NO idea what the improvements planned in the new health structure are. Gen Surgeons as with ALL specialties including GP's should be privy to the improved health service we are NOT playing with fair and even decision making..... as always the front line users of improvements planned have not been consulted. Co governance is NOT an option. Think of the percentage of Maori to COLLECTIVELY other ethnicities EXCLUDING European who do not ask for special favours. Maori are taking so many developed New Zealand services which will not be maintained as is often seen when ownership changes to Maori. There are multiple secretive agendas with this hei puapua document as we are witnessing. Many election pledges promised HAVE NOT come to pass. Why would we trust this plan..... Also consider there are also MANY Maori who do not agree with these changes. In my 80 years I have never known so much suspicion and dissension of a government as New Zealanders are expressing during these troubling times. Thank you for this opportunity xxxx xxxx..... xxxx xxxx xxxx , xxxx ,xxxx

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Name: Mrs S Steer

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton City Council is doing a good job at keeping our drinking water of a good quality. They have worked on new property stormwater containment systems, but obviously have a little way to go if they have had overflow issues. These and any other issues are best dealt with by our own Council as they know what is happening in the city and what is needed.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

They say it would be cheaper initially but really in the long run there is no guarantee. Service would be compromised eg: ringing our local City Council the caller is talking of John Street Hamilton area not John Street in a huge entity area that they call taker has no idea of. Keep it local, local knows what's best for local.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

You can never get better than local knowledge, bigger is NOT always better. Hamilton City Council is who I pay my rates to and who I want to govern my water assets. One big board etc does not fit every city/town. I do not want my rates to be paid to a big board that will discuss, then probably elect a smaller board to discuss and research further to then have maybe an outcome months/years down the track.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The Government could never guarantee that privatisation will not happen no matter what they say now.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Govt is talking a lot of figures, some to which are not confirmed so how can an informed decision be made? If only some assets are to be carried over to the new entity but still owned by the community seems very messy and why would a good business person consider doing this? Hamilton City just needs to learn to prioritise all its spending (not just water) to be able to afford the future requirements of the city.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Nothing beats Local . The local knowledge of what is required and when its needed cannot be decided by a board trying to run a massive area. Hamilton City Council puts early and strict restrictions on water to its residents in the summer months when the demand is high but are then asked/expected to give up some of their quota to Auckland who are Never put on restrictions. Hamilton shows responsibility, Auckland shows ignorance and expectation. Yes Auckland will not be in the same area as Hamilton but it shows that local is best they know what is required and when its needed. I think that although it is always said that we are using more water than the previous year / years it is also forgotten that Hamilton in particular has a rapidly growing population that to me seems not to be accounted for when comparisons are made. Population / housing growth / business growth will of course need more water, more wastewater and more infrastructure. So what Govt say they will deliver and what will be delivered are two different things. The whole reform is extremely messy, bigger is not always better. Hamilton City Council knows what's best for Hamilton and maybe they could make some cutbacks to helps things along but let local take care of local!

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Record: 2639

Name: David Cap

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't support selling our cities assets to the govt. I particularly don't support any form of Co governance.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally oppose Co governance, don't want IWI control in any form

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There appear to be none

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Keep as is

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Absolutely poorly thought out. no consultation. giving too much control to IWI.

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Record: 2640

Name: Kim Jenkin

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Individual councils would be able to provide the same services as the proposed new service if they directed the funding to the councils rather than wasting it on setting up a new governing body.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If the government gave the councils the money they are spending on setting up this reform then the councils would be able to spend that money on infrastructure and those estimates would be meaningless. My preference is for the infrastructure and process to remain with the councils and the government to redirect its funding to make the necessary changes. My understanding is that as a person living in NZ we are entitled to free water as it is considered essential for life. I would not wish to be paying for water going forward. I do acknowledge that we pay for the removal of waste water in our rates.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Someone who does not live locally does not understand the particular requirements for each area. The areas are too broad. The costs for people should be put into the councils to assist with managing it.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The statement "continued public ownership of water services is a bottom line" is a contradiction. If we own it and don't want it why is it happening. This change leaves it wide open for privatisation in the future meaning all New Zealanders can be left in a situation where they can't afford to buy water to drink to sustain life.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

As far as I can see the person on the street is the one who is going to be impacted. Rates will no doubt not change and we will have another water bill to pay for. As I said previously free water is a basic right of all people who live in NZ so how does the government make all these estimates. If they expect to grow their GDP by \$14 billion to \$23 billion over the next 3 years then they will be charging the every day person way to much for something that was free to them previously. New Zealanders already can not afford to buy food. If they have to pay for water and they don't have the money then their health is going to deteriorate which will impact the hospital system.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't believe that the so called benefits will be realised at all. The people will lose ownership of something that currently belongs to them and will have to pay for that privilege. I acknowledge that the infrastructure is aging and needs work. Use the money being wasted now on actual infrastructure and straight away we will be in a better position without all of this unnecessary change. The proposed jobs would be at councils under the current system so it is incorrect to say it will provide more jobs at that will happen anyway. The so called public consultation should have occurred before this started. The government stated that there will be opportunities for public consultation over the coming years. Yet the government state this will be up and running by 2024. Therefore, the government are ignoring the public already and as we know the government will not agree with the people and will not take any notice of the public in the future. What about all New Zealanders. This seems to be giving Maori more rights than other New Zealanders. Are we not all one and all have the same rights. When did the government provide an opportunity for anyone else to present an alternative proposal? The people told the government not to go ahead. Other reviews said not to go ahead. So why is the government going ahead? This is another example of the current government wasting money setting up new boards etc to manage this when the money would have been better spent on updating infrastructure now so we could have benefit now. I strongly appose this proposal.

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Name: Jo Hayes

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the overall government goals or objectives to improve water quality, supply and treatment of water, waste and stormwater. There have been so many water supply problems nationwide, stormwater crises discharging into lakes, harbours and rivers etc not to mention constant bursting pipes in Wellington, it's ridiculous! Funding essential upgrades though is imo, way beyond the rating capacity of most councils. By and large, councils either have not, or have not been able to prioritise upgrades to water supply, wastewater and stormwater treatment. Change has to happen. But, I am not happy that the proposed model adequately excludes the possibility of privatisation. It seems contradictory in this regard. They say they are opposed to it, and then in the next breath leave a 'door open'! Corporate, or collective community control and ownership should not be negotiable; but, administration and policing of discharge permits needs to be much tougher and more rigorous! Nor am I convinced the new model would be quick enough in responding to any urgent water supply or waste emergencies or development demands, that Hamilton City might have.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I like limits on future cost blow outs and an independent body monitoring quality, delivery and all costs to consumers.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This looks like a cumbersome structure which will likely be costly to run or administer. Consequences will be slower and ponderous delivery of service due to the new systems, and less direct accountability.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I reject that they have put in adequate protections or prevention of future privatization. They

SAY it isn't desirable, but then appear to permit or concede its possibility in the 'next' paragraphs or similar.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Management and supply of fresh water, storm and wastewater upgrades is costly and a financial liability for any council, community or entity. If there is a way or reducing this it surely has to be good for Hamilton doesn't it? freeing up resources for future essential projects. But if central govt is underwriting the bulk of the upgrade, then clearly there has to be financial accountability to ensure bang for buck and delivery. I think the council is best placed to decide which structure, or perhaps provide a model that meets all the requirements.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

As stated, I support the overall Three Waters objectives, but I support the council's submission and efforts to obtain the best outcome for Hamilton. T

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Record: 2643

Name: Rudi

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is clear that there is an attempt to create the impression that the 3 waters initiative addresses health and environmental issues. At this stage, the potable water in Hamilton is of a good quality and there is no need to be sucked into a government venture that is set to raise the price of water to our residents. We, the people agree with the government setting standards, but hands off our assets.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposed scheme is set to create unnecessary bureaucracy and runs the very real risk of distancing the entity from consumers. It will be a costly exercise with layers of new staff who will come at a price. Nothing in this scheme is free. In the new system, the people of Hamilton will lose control over the asset and accountability will be out of the door.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance in this model is an incorrect word. The whole project will usher in a CEO (Charge Every One). These are extra people, we don't get them free. Again, beware, Hamilton residents will have to pay for something they don't need. If it ain't broken, why fix it. If the Council votes for these 'reforms' I suggest that coupled to that, they should vote that their salaries are reduced to the rate that Superannuants receive. That's the only time that the truth will come to the fore.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Again, this reform is an asset grab and has nothing to do with privatisation. Just look where we have gotten to, we started off saying that the reform was to deal with health and the environment. Now we are talking of privatisation. That's a small step for man and a giant leap for politicians. Let us be clear, we don't trust the government anymore.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Well, in simple terms, the financial 'structure' is a rickety old tin boat on the ocean. Does it even comply with the Government's Audit Department's views on the agreed model for 'Asset Management for Public Entities'? It probably falls short when we consider protecting the assets against fraud, corruption, and blatant nepotism.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Hamilton City Council should leave the tent and rather join with the other councils across New Zealand to fight against this reform. Even the word reform is void of truth. In no way is it a reform. It is a government overreach. What does the Cost Benefit Analysis look like? By how much will we improve the water quality for Hamilton citizens?

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Record: 2647

Name: Sue Stanford

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This 3 waters reform will not make any difference to our public health system or the environment. It will be all talk no do.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Utter rubbish it will end up costing ratepayers more and once again there will be no improvement

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

All garbage

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

All garbage. Cannot rely on what they say being done

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

No view . It's all being done by stealth

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Utter rubbish . It's just typical of every thing the Labour Party has said and done nothing.

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Record: 2650

Name: A Giffney

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the public health and environment aspects of the Government's proposed reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I'm skeptical of claims that the proposed reforms will result in reduced consumer cost. Simply, Hamilton City Council has restrained the operations and renewal budgets for 3 waters for many years and this expenditure shortfall needs to be addressed.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This needs to happen; lack of astute governance is the key issue needing to be addressed in 3 waters service delivery. At the heart of the 3 waters reform is the current problem that elected representatives have ultimate control of budgets and tend to restrain cost in order to avoid ratepayer disapproval. As stated in the preamble... the new waters organisation would deliver the services via a chief executive and management team under a professional Board, that's what we need.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Quite adequate.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Quite appropriate, sounds like a 'win win' outcome. As a consumer I don't care who 'owns' the water services assets, it's not like they can be uplifted and used somewhere else. I don't care

who owns the electricity supply assets, nor the telecommunication assets, nor roading assets, it just simply does not matter. It is important that the new governance structure has access to asset information and values as these are key management parameters.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

In my experience, reform that lifts the oppressive control by elected local authority representatives has been advocated by water services industry leaders for more than 20 years. Once established the new governance structure may well need fine tuning but we can't carry on with the status quo.

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Record: 2652

Name: Leneshen Govender

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that our current public health and environment is served well by the Hamilton City Council, as the council delivers needs based on the community, rather than a larger third party who may not be able to manage water systems as well as HCC currently does. Therefore, I think the government reform for public health and environment is unnecessary and I completely disagree with it on the basis that we are well served by HCC.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Currently, for what we are provided, the council's rates are acceptable. I could definitely agree with it and any associated increase in costs as these would reflect infrastructure development for water services that are required. We may not get the required services from the government reform, therefore I believe we will be better served by council's approach, even in the future.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the governance as it stands is far superior than a larger board who would dictate to the population. HCC delivers services as needed to HAMILTON, which is key in water services. Having a larger board who control a much larger area wouldn't be suitable as these different areas have different states of disrepair in their water management. While people should have good water services, the amount of money contributed by Hamiltonians will not be reflected in our water services, rather, it may be sent in areas that we will not use. I disagree with the water reform governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think privatisation allows for services to be delivered more effectively than government services. All in all, we would want to ensure that we deliver services which are required by the city, and if it was privatised in the city, there wouldn't be an issue.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

While debt will be transferred, so will assets. Council may lose control of these assets meaning that the council itself will have less equity for borrowing and continuing other infrastructure developments.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I disagree with the three waters reform. For areas where water services are not an issue, there is no need for reform. Hamilton, who have a relatively small area, shouldn't be concerned with the larger areas as we ratepayers are paying for the direct maintenance of water services. Therefore, I think Hamilton should not be apart of the three waters reform.

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Record: 2654

Name: Alexander John Watson Calder

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I disagree with the Government's view, Regional and City Councils are more than capable of ensuring safe water and the appropriate use of waste water

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I disagree with the Government, we the rate payers have funded the water for the City over many years, it should stay with us

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not the trust the government, too much power is being given to Maori authority over governance; leave it with the local elected representatives on Council to administer our water and governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I think this is just scaremongering by the Government who cannot be trusted, Big Government control of everything is bordering on Communism

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I do not agree with the structure, we the rate payers who have funded all the infrastructure ought to be the owners of it and manage the financial aspects of governance

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Do not go with three waters. I am opposed to the Government proposal

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Record: 2658

Name: John O'Donoghue

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We need to do better to look after both public health and the environment

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Services being delivered by a centralised body doesn't inspire me with confidence that we will get appropriate focus or accountability for outcomes that are appropriate for our specific Council area. I have no confidence that the cost projections produced by government will be met. This government has a wonderful history of underestimating, incorrectly forecasting then not delivering against any plan. I'm not sure how these cost savings will translate to my rates bill - I assume that HCC will reduce their rates charges to me and I'll get a new bill from the new entity, and from the projections this will result in a nett saving, therefore lower costs for me as a ratepayer. I'll believe that when I see it.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am against the governance model via the single centralised entity - I have no confidence that Hamilton's specific needs will be met or whether our stakeholders, elected officials or anyone will be able to exert any control. The 40+ representatives just feels like it is paying lip service to try and appease all parties and I expect will be an unwieldy group that will spend a lot of time and money on hui, with plenty of potential to dilute voting and make it very difficult to reach any consensus. I would prefer to see more regional based entities such as CCO's or similar to have more control of these assets that have been paid for over generations of ratepayers, especially with various Councils having looked after their assets more than others.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I'm unconvinced there is any certainty of protection against privatisation

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It all sounds positive if it works, but the impact on individual ratepayers is just not clear. One thing seems clear, that we have historically underinvested in 3waters infrastructure and investment is needed. If Council believes it will be strongly positive by transferring assets to more centralised entities then this is worth considering. But the proposed payments by Government seem like bribery and trying to add a sweetener which makes me dubious of their real intent. I'm sorry but I don't trust this government and I expect property owners will bear the brunt, while likely being made unable to pass on costs to tenants who enjoy the benefits. We need to do something to upgrade the infrastructure over time but I would prefer to have financial aspects and control managed closer to home rather than through a centralised entity

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Something has to be done and central government needs to support the cost. Council's inability to borrow beyond a debt ceiling has been part of the constraint for councils so Govt needs to step in. I support the general objectives just not the centralisation. If this would be more regionally based I would be more comfortable.

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Record: 2662

Name: Louise MacKinnon

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

In agreement. Everyone deserves access to fresh water in NZ.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Will rates be reduced accordingly? Will water meters be installed? This would offset the cost or probably cost us more. If services are no longer local, how will local issues be resolved. HCC still need to be involved or a shareholder to represent the needs of the area.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Council needs more involvement.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

They are not strong enough.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Additional charges are not what families need now. More clarity on how this would be charged is needed. Rates reductions need to be clearer.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall I would prefer if HCC had more of a say in the management. Having such a large geographical area with varying needs sounds like a disaster. Local councils need to be able to focus the spending appropriately.

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Record: 2663

Name: Shabir azizi

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton waste and clean waters are working fine for hamiltonians. It might be health issue in other cities but not here so don't agree with government statement.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Government is not guaranteeing that their costs won't increase in the next 25 years and the current cost increase is an assumption anyways. Don't agree with their costing unless they guarantee that won't increase more than what it is stated

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Pointless. They won't focus in one region due it being a large organisation. So Hamilton will be worst off.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There shouldn't any privation of public requirements. It should be all owned by local council and only the council

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

While it may help council reduce costs it won't be guaranteed that Hamiltonian would be employed by larger organisation. At least now there are 180 more members of Hamilton that have jobs

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

For Hamilton it is better to continue the current structure and not convert to three waters. This Hamiltonians can have say in the future and if there are cost increase they wouldn't mind helping the council continue delivering the excellent work they have been doing for years

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Record: 2674

Name: Frank Kerr

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The Govt had no mandate to undertake such a controversial exercise that impacts on all in NZ. I am vehemently opposed to the way this has been forced on us. I acknowledge some councils need assistance to upgrade their infrastructure but the action taken should have been part of Govt policy before the last election.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2676

Name: Kathleen O'Shea

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am distrustful of anything this Government says particularly in regards to this legislation and therefore do not trust their figures as to the amount of people getting sick as a direct cause of drinking water. I do know some areas do not have good quality drinking water but feel this is due to the source of that water. How does this legislation address rectifying water source? Are they going to build pipelines to bring water to these often rural and isolated communities? I understand and am disappointed when effluent is discharged inappropriately but again how does new levels of bureaucracy address something which has been caused by insufficient funding?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Why does the government state these new entities will have greater access to money? The population base does not change whether you call them ratepayers or taxpayers, so where is this money magically appearing from? Again, sounds like a narrative written by a marketing manager to sell a product with a lot of spin and little substance. If this magical money source is available surely it is more cost effective to simply allocate it to Councils to enable existing enterprises to address infrastructure issues.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally opposed. I believe I lived in a democracy, 1 person 1 vote. This Government is pursuing an agenda to change the very fabric of our society, an agenda they kept hidden at the last election. I do not support co-governance. I do not believe these large and unwieldy organisations will improve anything, instead they will just suck up the money in meeting fees, travel fees, lunches, airfares, hotels, consultants, etc etc. The only ones who will benefit are the fat cats who get themselves into these positions of power.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not worth the paper it is written on. This Government has zero integrity and lies without a qualm.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Light on detail. It is quite easy to manipulate figures to achieve the outcome you want. I trust Council figures which are based on fact and experience over the Government's fabrication. Regardless of who owns the debt, Council or this made up entity, it is us at the bottom who bear the burden of servicing it.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Totally opposed.

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Record: 2677

Name: James

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It's just more beaurocracy. Let councils handle the area in their own backyard

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Cost will always increase over time naturally. I disagree with the difference between both projected costs

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I disagree with a 50/50 split between local council and Maori. The split should be a more accurate reflection of the split between Maori and non-Maori

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

With a management plan like the one proposed its only a matter of time between protections are removed and water is privatized

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I disagree with the predictions of cost/debt dropping by simply moving assets and responsibility to another organization. It only increases bureaucracy and passes the buck. I don't want to pay water rates separately, I already pay two lots of rates based on where I live (local AND regional) which just feels like wrongful double dipping. Unless Hamilton residents only pay city rates and rural residents pay regional rates, then this is a bad idea.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I disagree with the governments view. I believe three waters adds unneeded bureaucracy and promises lower costs by employing a different group. In my opinion the Maori to non-Maori is inaccurate to the real world split in NZ

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Record: 2678

Name: Andrew South

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government will always focus their arguments around the supposed greater good. Instead of removing assets paid by rate payer to then control and give governance away to unelected individuals why not work with local councils to support investment into failing areas

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

When has the Government ever got the numbers right? They cherry pick and manipulate the numbers to suit. At the end of the day coming back to the problem at hand if the government worked with Councils and helped with investment into infrastructure instead of centralising would alot more cheaper. How can the Government expect people to believe they can do it cheaper when they plan on loading it up with thousands of new jobs and bureaucracy ???

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

50% of the governance will be appointed outside of A democratic process by the majority of people the water impacts... how is this even allowed? On what planet does the majority of stakeholders get proportionally to population the lowest representation? I think this is a kick in the gutts to everyday hardworking kiwis

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

What is the government's concern with privatisation they are effectively privatising half the governance anyway??

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

So nothing changes for the end user... we continue to pay for it the only difference is that the country goes further into debt leading to overall higher taxes. 3 waters financially is a short term gain long term pain reform. It pushes the problem down the road, the difference is the people will have less ability to control the financial management of assets we have paid for...

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Whenever Government wants to push a “reform” without due process debate and conversation... run for the hills. This is a policy rail roading councils and the public into accepting a longterm bureaucratic. When there are multiple alternatives that could retain current governance and deliver better results with less waste you have to ask why is the Government not open to the discussion.

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Record: 2690

Name: Bernie Gilmour

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton has never had health issues with its water

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton has always kept up a rigorous maintenance programme regarding water.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Once a city loses ownership of anything, the overall quality is reduced.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Dubious

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I see nothing to say that the 3 Waters will be of any benefit to this city. The cost savings are all speculative.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Not needed for Hamilton. May be useful for cities who have a broken water system.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think they have the best interest of public health and the environment

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Yes it sounds good, but I want to see HCC retain control

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Not enough share for the council. 1 per 50,000 is not enough, they should have more

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Not convinced

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't feel this benefits our council (HCC) and I'm not for it

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I feel that because our council has addressed water infrastructure over the years we are not going to benefit, and will see the distribution of funds fall to other regions. More members of

the HCC need to help with the decision making. I can't see that Hamilton will get greater investment. Changes need to be made before Three Waters is past. More discussion is required and this should not be rushed.

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Record: 2694

Name: C Lucas

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Accept the need for significant consolidation away from the current 67 entities. Need a clear concise message about what the standards are and how they are going to be achieved and maintained. Guaranteed high quality water for all households linked to a service provider should be a birthright for all NZers. This means minimizing future commercial drains on our aquifers and putting the householders requirements as number 1.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Extremely sceptical of the governments projected costs and supposed savings under their new model. Bureaucracy will be the winner and delivering the goods will be delayed and will add to costs and in the high inflation period we are now in , such delays have huge cost implications.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance needs to be representative and that for me translates to a public/private governing body. Commercial, common sense approaches are required and civil servants should not be the sole arbiters.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

We have seen the abject failure of privatisation with both electricity and the rail network. Protecting water from privatisation is essential.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Mostly an exercise in PR and I have serious doubts about the financial modelling and perceived savings. Unfortunately this government has a poor record from both a budget and delivery aspect.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Given its national significance and just how fundamental good water is to us all, this issue should have been raised as an election issue prior to the last election. Instead we have seen a poorly conceived model presented to NZ Inc and then under scrutiny that model has been kicked around and changed significantly, reflecting on the quality of the original offering and the lack of understanding its importance to so many Kiwis. I personally believe a national overview and major reforms are required. More time is needed to come up with a much better, more inclusive working model.

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Record: 2697

Name: Christopher

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Respect democracy and leave local councils (who are voted by local people to use local knowledge handed down from past generations therefore obviously who know their area best) to be held accountable and manage the public health & environment aspect of 3 waters. To think some overreaching bureaucratic reform will be the solution for this is folly - Waikato is a thriving area with hard working people and council staff (including Environment Waikato) who can manage this aspect in a much more superior manner than some out of touch politicians who are pushing for this with an underlying long range view of monetary gains for Iwi and select groups rather than ALL the people as they are marketing it under.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Let each elected council undertake the required work to ensure the services and costs for their district are kept fair & reasonable and utilize local civil contractors and trades to do this work rather than a Government awarding a contract to ONE company as would happen under the 3 waters reform. The reference to Your water services would be managed by a new organization, and this organization would have greater access to money for investment and improvements. is somewhat vague.... - money is money and while some councils who need more money and don't have it would welcome this fairy tale concept what it realistically means is a progressive region (such as Waikato) would end up paying their portion into the great 'Te Mana o Te Wai' slush fund, only to be robbed of its money to fund some other negligent council who have chosen to not manage their water services and costs prudently but rather splashed out on other areas... for example; Wellington and AKL have wonderful museums beautiful waterfront parks and public areas etc. yet shockingly dated water services (i.e. wellington CBD) There is a little golden book we were read at school when we were kids called 'The Little red Hen' - some politicians and councils around NZ who are pushing this 3 Waters Reform could do well to read it and see if they can learn anything :)

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

If passed, the governance aspect of 3 Waters would only choke/put a handbrake on the whole concept of carrying out the work required to maintain the fair & reasonable upkeep/upgrade of drinking, sewer & waste water facilities.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This is just a softening tool used to get the bill passed and then within a few short years there will be certain organizations who will subtly be seeking to feather their nest with some unreasonable profit from yet another government entity that will willingly allocate (or more like dispose) a sum of money to to buy election votes....

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

By offsetting local council debt related to 3 Waters , which (as mentioned) would therefore reduce rates.....would only increase government debt and give a false sense of spare cash to rate payers?? The Money has to come from somewhere does it not ? or are they proposing to grow a new variety of money tree using hydroponics with the wastewater from provincial NZ where Meth sample levels are soo high the tress leaves will grow \$50 notes and produce another round of ill-gotten cash ?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The concept is good - anything for the better of ALL of NZ's People, Environment and reputation as a world leader in this area. The main concern is the unnecessary excessive costs associated with the governance side of things - its too big and too bespoke to handle at this level and local councils are best to be held accountable for their upkeep of this. There will be much division for many years to come as the government and IWI tighten their grip on Water which will be one of the worlds most sought after natural resources in years to come. My question would be; Is the long range view/intention of the 3 waters reform really intended for the better of the hardworking NZ people or is it just another means of unjustified income for Government, Iwi and other organizations who can put forward a case of 'their rights' to a clip of the funds allocated to this cause ?

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Record: 2698

Name: Shaun

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Overall the public health and environmental aspect is something I support.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I feel while central/government investment is required, the overall management should be at a council level

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Whilst I strongly support Mana whenua involvement in management, as a deeper connection to water is known in Maori culture, I do not support mandated 50/50 management proposal. I believe this misrepresents the overall community. I do however believe a central major project management team and Governmental division be implemented to drive and fund much needed infrastructure projects while councils remain managing the existing infrastructure. This insures the same standards are met on all new major works and keeps the existing council resource managing existing works and smaller projects.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I support protections against privatization. However disagree with the future ability of shareholders voting ability to change this.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I believe governmental investments are required to ensure water infrastructure needs are

requirements are met however I believe this could be achieved in other ways without the need for this reform. There are other ways the government can assist and support the required investment. Eg major projects government entity.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall I support the direction. However I believe local management is required. While national investment is required to improve the state of the City and regions water management systems, I do not believe centralized management is the correct path forward, in the current format. Removing water management from the councils responsibility increases the likelihood of less communication and collaboration. Eg, 'we need to resurface xyz road, we should replace the failing waste pipes under the road at the same time'. All of this is made easier when the management of all infrastructure is under one roof. I also believe the 50/50 management model misrepresents our community as a whole In short. My view is negative.

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Record: 2702

Name: Chris

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Government should be targeting key areas in the country where infrastructure is lacking, and invest resources there; rather than this proposed system. Hold city councils accountable for mismanaged infrastructure. And invest tax payer money to overhaul them, rather than homeowners footing the bill directly. Do this with minimal bureaucracy.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The differences in cost with reform and without indicate inefficiencies with the current system; can these be addressed instead? The government needs to ensure that such inefficiencies wouldn't occur with their proposed system too. How can the government ensure these new entities are democratic and give fair voice to the people. Why is iwi such a large consideration in these entities; is this democratic? What is to happen when consumers are overpaying for water services? Should people be directly paying for a need such as water. Why are the consumer protections not included already.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The RRG is undemocratic and does not give fair voice to the people. This system just adds layers of bureaucracy to water management. Mana Whenua should not have 50/50 representation; they should have population based representation. If not, why. And why 50%. How is 50% democratic. Shouldn't the people making decisions on key infrastructure be engineering and finance professionals? How can the government ensure this system will perform better and in a more cost effective manner. How can the government ensure accountability. Will this new system be transparent in how it allocates funds. What happens when views of the people do not align with those making decisions.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

How will privatisation coexist with the proposed system. Does the government consider these shares to be ownership. What other powers does ownership entail.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Why can't the councils borrow more and conduct these infrastructure upgrades instead. Why create a third party to do so. If the council no longer is in charge of water services, why should it be responsible for the remaining debt. People want transparency in how funds are allocated.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Unsure if it will deliver what is promised. Will not accept the current governance structure.
Concerned about costs for consumers. Concerned about having a voice in decisions.
Concerned about financial management. Concerned about how accountability is ensured.

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Record: 2704

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2709

Name: Kelli

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe we are more likely to have clean drinking water with Taumata Arowai as regulator. I believe we are more likely to protect freshwater sources & catchments under Te Mana o te Wai.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that services will stay the same or improve. I believe that we will pay less for water infrastructure in the long term with reform.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I fully support mana whenua being included in strategic oversight, and Te Mana o te Wai providing a vision for our freshwater. I support operational decision making being with experts.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I support the protections against privatisation outlined in the Water Services Bill.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I believe the council and therefore ratepayers are better off with reform; and don't believe we should keep liabilities on the books just so we can borrow more.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I fully support Three Waters Reform for the reasons stated in the summary above - better environmental outcomes, better water quality, greater investment for growth and housing and reduce future costs for communities. I also believe we should not live in a country where there is postcode lottery on whether you have access to clean drinking water, so I am supportive of sharing those costs.

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Record: 2722

Name: Alys Blanche Dix

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I understand the value of fresh water. I am quite happy with the control of the various systems in place at the moment. I look on this present reform as a kind of asset grab by central government. What is needed is release of money to the councils so they can do their work. Some of the poorer councils will need extra support but the local councils know what is needed better than an all over central government. All people in New Zealand should be equal as a democracy we are. The assets owned and controlled by the local government belong where they are now and should stay there. The public health - hospitals and doctors specialists have never been as run down as they are now. It is only the dedicated and beautiful staff working with restricted resources that they are being held together by.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Please see my view as written on section one. That is my view and I am very concerned with the separatist channels we are following.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Please see my view on Section one.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Please don't continue this form of nationalisation. See my views on Section one.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Please refer to my thoughts on [Section one](#) as an overall view.

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Record: 2724

Name: Simon Scott

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton water has and continues to be well run and safe. There is no need to change. Perhaps linking up with neighbouring councils to share resources would be a good economic gain, but with each council (the ratepayers) retaining ownership.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Its a lie. The bureaucracy alone will eat into any cost savings. It is also a trojan horse to distribute someone elses assets based on race.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

It is a governance nightmare. Democracy diasappears and at the end of the day race is a deciding factor on future governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Water can be safeguarded from privatisation as a stand alone concept now. All this other rubbish is unnecessary.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I simply do not believe that HCC would be better off and your premise in the intro is disengenuous. HCC will not get full value for the assets.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Unnecessary and bureaucratic. I am disappointed that this council has not led the opposition to the reforms, excepting certain strong councillors who have done so. The lack of local leadership on this is appalling.

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Record: 2725

Name: Malcolm Williams

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Yes give it to the Government to look after as council track record does not exactly inspire confidence. e.g. V8 racing , Claudlands event centre and giving 25 million to Momentum to build a theatre when those guys are still begging for more money from public. These grandiose projects show how council likes to spend other peoples money. Aren't they looking for partners for a HOTEL ! A BIG NO to council having control of water !!

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Record: 2726

Name: Dave Shattock

Organisation: Rylock Waikato

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally against Three Waters, this is just an asset grab by the government of the cities water infrastructure - bought and paid for by the rate payers of Hamilton over many years. Why were only iwi consulted about Three Waters and why hasn't our council held a referendum asking the rate payers of Hamilton if the council should agree or oppose the Three Waters proposal???

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Record: 2727

Name: Madan Bange

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is good to have a common entity to manage the three waters. Though there will be four separate entities, but it will be better than the number they have now. There will be more uniformity in the policies and better accountability.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There will be economy of scales with few entities managing more numbers. There can be joint operatives which can be done on behalf of all four operations at one place. There will be more funds available to be projects taken by central body which individual councils could not undertake.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The initial governance model looks a bit expensive and should be more streamlined in future to make it more economical and accountable as well as agile in making decisions.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There should be strict watertight legislation to stop privatisation. It should be noted that saving banks were structured under TRUST BANK to stop privatisation and sale overseas but that happened. Similar process failed to privatise electricity sector.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The financial structure looks workable. The debt of the critical relating to total water operations

should be fairly established and passed on to new body along with the assets. Council should be prevented for over overborrowing thinking that their debt has been less now after getting compensation from water assets standard. The rates of the residents should be monitored so that they get maximum benefit of the reforms and not duplication of charges.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The reforms should go ahead. The new body will have more resources to undertake larger and economically beneficial projects. The rates benefit for the residents should be managed in the way that they should be told this is what the rates would have been with reforms and without reforms.

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Record: 2731

Name: Vicky Coleman

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I am strongly opposed to the changes. I feel that the government has used misleading information to scare New Zealanders into believing this is necessary.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This government cannot plan and manage a job... So it would cost way more than they are stating. They will add too many new layers to a job and as Kiwibuild nothing will get achieved except shafting the population

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Strongly against what is proposed

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Just leave it where it is. If it isn't broken don't fix it!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It sucks overall for your ratepayers. We would get slammed with greater costs. And no tangible benefits

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It is an asset grab and a divisive racial system. I believe it will be a massive failure as this government cannot organise anything. They did not bring any of their reform ideas up at election time to tell people what they were voting for. So this is undemocratic.

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Record: 2732

Name: Gleniss Kehely

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe that our Local Councils have been working to invest in our local environment and are motivated to improve this because this is our own home. I do not support allowing control of the area that we pay rates on, our home & environment, be handed over to a centralized entity. Our local politicians and Water Department team, live locally and socialize here. They need to be accountable or they get voted out. We know our own environment, let us direct our resources where they are needed.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I can't really comment about the costs because I know how figures can be manipulated to paint any picture an Author wishes to present. Government cant be trusted.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't trust this proposed governance system. Managing such large responsibilities & resources is a business and should be run as such. Awarding representatives because of race & culture is a recipe for disaster. Everyone entitled to vote for the local council is a representative. In the case of the South Island, the proposed automatic representation is not in proportion to those paying rates to fund the resources. I believe all people who are appointed to any decision making process have to be qualified and employed. Not place-holders making decisions due to a cultural right. That's not how to run a good business.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This Government (or possibly any) cannot be trusted to plan and commit to long-term promises. Politicians have to get votes so will swing with the current wind of popularity. The sheer cost of setting up this change, all the administration centres, vehicles, painting, logos, etc will be scary. People in power cannot be trusted to look after the person on the street despite what

they say. We are heading toward a Nanny state, where everything is controlled by Government. It's not a good look. The Government can also borrow against this proposed asset which can make us vulnerable. When Council control assets, there is more transparency for the rate payers. I don't trust this Government with our future.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I believe the Bill as it stands needs to be changed to ensure protection of our financial future. Both nationally & locally. I'm not a financial expert. But I am not liking this move to a Nanny State. We need to empower local communities to be caring of their own environment. There is a big need to create unity and caring - it just feels wrong.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Basically I don't trust any Government to care for our financial future. New Zealand is not what it was and we need more accountability. This striving for equality is really out of balance because it seems to be all about race & colour, not people. There is too much harking on about the past wrongs, instead of moving forward with a common vision. We are becoming more & more victims of Government. We can't take responsibility for our own property, our own farms etc, everything is legislated. We can't let this Government have total control of our largest asset. Local Government has more accountability.

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Record: 2735

Name: Peter Gault

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Need to encourage the conservation of water by installing water meters for all users in Hamilton City. I understand that the Council has been unwilling to make the large investment which would be unpopular with ratepayers. I understand other NZ cities have installed water meters.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If there are savings to be made as a result of the reforms these could be used to install water meters.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I would hope the change to governance would provide more expertise for the management of water than is currently available to HCC. I'm concerned about the extent to which mana whenua would control the governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It seems there is adequate protection against privatisation

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Hamilton City Council would be financially better off after the reform. There is uncertainty on the detailed financial impact on Council. These 2 statements from above seem to be contradictory. Is it not possible to be clearer about the financial impact of the reforms?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think the reforms should go ahead

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Record: 2736

Name: Allan Rayner

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Do not agree with one body running all of NZ. NEVER WORKS. As main LARGE CITIES take more with less or Nil to other regions.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

On paper you can make it look good. Spread sheets look fantastic, but the larger groups always take control of the money & services.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Another group that adds to our daily living COSTS. For what we can achieve if we all work together. Remember each region has different water issues. There land & water are different & require LOCAL COUNCILS knowledge to solve.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Have no TRUST in our Government. THEY SEEM TO BE A CONTROL FREAK. When you privatise it ends up costing NZer's LOTS MORE.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

As mentioned prior Local Councils should be able to handle this. Not stupid agendas & wasting our RATES PAYERS MONEY. Finance Structure. If we plain correctly the out come we will achieve.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Disagree with them. They appear to have two agenda's 1/ Money via loaning to add to our NZ debt 2/ Another Group & major COSTS to all NZ

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Record: 2737

Name: Peter Verstappen

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with the need for continuous improvement of all water services nationally, but totally opposed to linking that with co-governance. Four regional bodies based on tribal boundaries, undemocratic representation, loss of asset ownership paid for by ratepayers and the potential for acknowledgement of Maori knowledge and pseudo science will NOT deliver cost effective services in a strategic time frame. Smaller locally controlled democratic entities with additional government funding based on population numbers and future development requirements would BY FAR provide better public health and environment outcomes.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolute rubbish and total idealistic crystal ball gazing by government officials wanting to push through reform. How can it save money when all current services employees are retained, the new entities will be employing over 9000 new people, and the reforms will be operating under an enlarged and culturally complicated environment. Government funding is best directed at smaller locally controlled entities.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Bring back DEMOCRACY. Get rid of the co-governance **** .

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This government has a track record of NON-TRANSPARENCY and HIDDEN AGENDAS. I do not trust anything this government says about protections for the very reason that the whole process was MANDATORY backed by the pretense of consultation. The shareholding also does not reflect the needs of high population centers and asset contribution.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Akin to highway robbery. Its like a consultant taking your watch to tell you the time, then keeping your watch and then charging for the service.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Eliminate co-governance and un-muddy the waters. Smaller entities with local democratic ownership supported by government funding seems like a much more cost effective solution. Or keep the status quo and implement funded government reforms.

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Record: 2742

Name: Lindsay Wilson

Organisation: Private

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the Government's reform of the public health and and enjoyment aspects. For to long Hamilton City Council has ignored water related issues and has only now woken up to the need for more action and attention in these aspects.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This a national initiative and to benefit all not just Hamilton. Hamilton City Council is taking a narrow view of these reforms to protect its patch and special interests. We have heard nothing up to this point about water related issue from HCC>

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Nothing wrong with this. Maybe we will know just who the managers are of our services.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No problem here and HCC are raising unnecessary red flags about this.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

All the figures supplied can be manufactured easily. To say infrastructure is worth so many billions of dollars is arbitrary as who is going to buy them if it is not privatised. Who knows how much is owing in water infrastructure as accountants can easily transfer debt for benefit purposes.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The new entity will have a sole focus on water and not build theatres, stadiums and ribbon worthy projects. There are lots of things the HCC can do better than politicking nationally.

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Record: 2743

Name: Wendy Clark

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Excellent reform. As a Tainui women who has lived by and lived off the river for over 40 years I have seen its decline in health over the years and the disregard of it wellness. The efforts made thus far are overwhelmed and out numbered by the large number of people, companies, organisations who simply do not care and getting away with it. A major reform must occur for the drastic changes needed. This reform will hold those accountable of polluting the water to finally clean up their act. I hope major fines follows. I know there is raw sewage in there from Cambridge yet it continues quite simply because they have been able to get away with it. Our river give us life, replenishes our soul and is a part of me. I am fully behind this initiative.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Its a no brainer. The goal must be the health and welfare of our water for ourselves and the generations to come. The river is not to be abused it should be respected for the entity it is. Currently and for a long time is it not. I am a single mother employed as a nurse, why wouldnt I save myself money if i could.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

They have done a rubbish job. I doubt they gave our water any priority. Mana whenua will do it justice.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Waikato river is a Tainui river. Did you know my grandfather use to harvest mussels from Waikato. It this is going to stop foreigners coming into claim more of of resources yes.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

\$370 million of debt forecasted? highlights the rubbish management they has done and is this a ploy to turn people the other way. Like we should let the council continue doing a rubbish job. They should be audited. Thats what i recon, investigate what they have and have done done, they resources utilised to do that and an investigation into misappropriation of funds.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2744

Name: Paula

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Im against the reform

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

No views

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Nope

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Ok

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Nope

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am s descendant of Waikato and I disagree with the Govrnment wanting to initiate this reform.

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Record: 2745

Name: Private Person

Organisation: N/A

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The fact that the whole thing is being pushed by the treasonous Mahuta and her ilk is enough to make any right minded citizen say no to these so-called reforms.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

You can make numbers up to suit the narrative, frighten the public into thinking that unless we make these so-called radical changes we are all doomed. The fact that there have been entities who have under invested in water infrastructure in favour of feel good projects is a nother matter. There should be a national watchdog reviewing the local council's water services programmes and forcing them to invest in fit for purpose reticulation.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

As soon as we have Membership of the RRG is shared equally between representatives chosen by councils and representatives chosen by mana whenua in the area Where did this equal sharing come from? Last time I looked Mana whenua represent less than 15% of the population. So how do they get to have a 50% say - all wrong.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Where is the so-called threat of privatisation? Has there been any commercial operation put their hand up? If they did it would be interesting to see what a commercial entity would foc on?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

If this government stopped its \$1.4 billion bribe to the Paris accord on the basis that giving money to the rest of the world somehow reduces our Emmisions, then we could happily spend the money on tidying up our water infrastructure. Councils need to still manage the water, but don't need to support yet another Fiefdom (example Watercare CEO earning a an obscene salary).

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This governmant has not been trutful with the people of New Zealand for the last 4 years - what makes you think we should suddenly believe them now?

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Record: 2751

Name: Alastair Crocket

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It is vital to take steps which will provide a platform to address the public health and environmental aspects of the reform proposal. It is appropriate that this happen at a national level.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I heard the Scottish 'architect' of the reform proposals speak and he was unequivocal that what was needed was a large enough entity to borrow enough to finance the needed upgrades to the nation's three waters infrastructure. This is a convincing argument.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

A larger entity needs appropriate governance and this needs to balance local and regional interests in order to bring improvements to three waters services

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There should be no privatisation of three waters infrastructure

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This is a major reform. It requires significant financial structures which are different to the current structures. The key test will come with the delivery over a long time frame of safer water systems

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I support the reforms - in part as one with family affected by the Havelock North Campylobacter problem

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Record: 2755

Name: JOHN HAGAR

Organisation: PRIVATE RESIDENT

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The Havelock North incident was somewhat an isolated incident and having since been remedied should not be the basis of this major acquisition of public property under the guise of Three Waters Reforms. The Government did not Campaign at the 2021 Election for these reforms; but rather has chosen under banner of Covid 19 to mandate a process whereby with questionable statistics they can take ownership of public property at significantly less than its true current valuation

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

As a Hamilton City Resident Ratepayer for over 40 years (1982) it has been impressive to note that the Hamilton Annual Plans and subsequent reviews over time has consistently provided and met Hamilton's three waters obligations. To the point that I cannot recall in that period that Hamilton has recorded and emergency measures, the likes of Havelock North. The fact that Hamilton City Council along with its close operational links to Waikato Regional Council has provided a stable and responsible management and cost effective maintenance of these resources gives testimony to how well this system has and should continue to operate. To super impose a monolithic bureaucracy over the governance of these resources would, in my professional opinion, as a former business manager, result as proposed in unnecessary head count, increased administration overheads and lack of focus and untimely delays to service delivery. So often with the current Government we hear the declaration of UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES from hastily introduces Bills which then involves millions of wasted taxpayer dollars and revenues in new legislation and remediation measures.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Overly complex and unbalanced

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Sadly, the government's record in recent years has been brought into question by numerous reports provided (with great reluctance) via the requests having to be made from the OIA (Official Information Office). These reports have been further brought into question in recent investigations into the appointment of specific ADVISORS and CONSULTANTS undertaking peer reviews and their family and associated links to 'related parties' in government in senior ministerial roles. I believe the Three Waters Reforms should be delayed indefinitely until the next General Election to ensure the entire process is investigated fully and voted upon by all New Zealanders. Meantime, by all means provide guidelines to all elected councils throughout NZ on measures that are proposed and have all the remedial steps fully costed and peer reviewed for accuracy, transparency and contestability.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

How does anyone quantify Hamilton's future well-being? What HCC needs to consider is that all these projections are forecasted on a continuation of the current unprecedented boom in the property market in the past three years, driven by cheap money and quantitative easing of monetary policy by the Reserve Bank. In the 1990's, post Wall Street share market crash the market contracted and again in 1999 (Asian Crash) and GFC the property market and development virtually came to a standstill and the same contraction is evidenced presently across Hamilton and local townships. This is not a time for 'future well-being' feel good projects, this is a time for consolidation to contain expenditure and review the 'financial structures of development levies' to better recover costs to meet future planned development of the city's infrastructure surely.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The Government's eagerness and urgency in passing this legislation has been found wanting; having moved the goal posts from a consultative to a mandated process as the rollout of the reforms has been challenged throughout the country. The evidence is clear on failures to deliver election promises in housing (KIWIBUILD), hospitals, Mental Health, education and crime statistics. Advice from Treasury and the private sector has been ignored and the often referred to UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES is an unsatisfactory commentary on the Government's ability to conduct business in a competent well managed process. Government would be better to give low interest rate bonds to councils throughout NZ so that the like of Hamilton City Council and WRC can liaise and coordinate an economy of scale at local government level to achieve cost effective outcome, with less bureaucratic overheads.

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Record: 2759

Name: Carly Stowers

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't see how a larger entity with higher, more costly and unnecessary Bureaucracy is going to be a positive for health and the environment. With the structure the current government are planning, given their track history I would expect things to get worse and cost more putting both health and the environment at risk and costing us as both rate payers and tax payers more.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I don't see how a larger entity with higher, more costly and unnecessary Bureaucracy is going to be a positive for costs and services. In fact under this structure I expected the opposite. With the structure the current government are planning, given their track history I would expect things to get worse and cost more. I expected services to hugely decrease under this plan and for decision making to take a very long time as board and IWI members try to agree. There is also no option to rule out royalties to IWI going forward. Niana Mahuta has been asked this on many occasions and refuses to answer.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally against the co- governance model. It isn't about equality, but elite IWI having more control.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Do trust in this current government to keep promises or to look after the best interests of its citizens.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Councils and kiwis are being totally ripped off all so the government can move assets to their balance sheet to enable more borrowings and put this country further into debt. The funds councils - therefore rate payers is only a small portion of the true value of the asset and is costing NZ just to make the purchase.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

JUST NO!!! This is the 2nd time submissions have been asked for. Pretty sure council won't listen this time either.

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Record: [2761](#)

Name: [Ana-Maria Richardson](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

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What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2765

Name: Lance Kendrick

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

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SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

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What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2766

Name: Belinda Freeman

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with the Government

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree with the government reform plans

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Agree

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I trust it.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

In support of the reform

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am in favour of the reform for all the reasons set out. National government rather than individual councils should have control over quality of the whole system nationally.

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Record: 2767

Name: Peter Donaldson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

It appears that the government is again making up information as I cannot find any evidence of getting sick from drinking water in New Zealand. The only event of significance was in the Hawkes Bay and the bore should never have been consented by the regional council. I don't believe that this sort of mistake would happen again and the legislation brought in last year around water testing would also have prevented that event. I don't see the government's reform having any benefit to the environment. It appears that a large amount of the money we pay would go to multiple layers of unelected people, many with no technical knowledge in anything that is relevant. I am completely opposed to the government reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I expect that the reform will lead to much higher costs for our water services than if we look at a more simple local council led model. There may be cost benefit by councils within a catchment area working together to provide services but really don't see the current 4 areas as being suitable. It seems that we are likely to end up subsidising other areas. I'm also concerned that if the service doesn't provide a reasonable service at a reasonable price that there is very little we can do. Currently if council doesn't meet the needs then we vote in new people.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am very concerned about the governance model. There has been no information provided to show that co governance is required and I do not feel comfortable with corporate Iwi having half the say over how the infrastructure and service that I pay for is managed. I do not support any model of co governance. It lacks transparency and accountability.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I feel that there is sufficient protection against privatisation within the reform but am concerned

that this will lead to a situation of payment to Iwi which will increase the cost of all services.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Completely unacceptable. I cant see how you can call it council ownership when then will no longer have control of the infrastructure. Control of the infrastructure would have to be the definition of ownership. This is theft by the government of infrastructure that my rates have paid for. It is clear that there will not be full financial compensation and that they may not take all of the related debt. I cannot see how this could make Hamilton City Council better off.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The reform will only lead to Higher Water Costs, Unnecessary Bureaucracy, No Local Control and is completely Undemocratic. I do not support the reform and cant see it leading to better environmental outcomes or water quality. There are other ways in which the government can support the cost of growth. Even if the government was to remove GST from rates (Property tax) and give this back to the councils and communities to invest in infrastructure.

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Record: 2771

Name: Matthew

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Not happy, nor do I trust what's being said.

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Record: 2775

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Local governments across the country have shown again and again that they cannot reliably or safely provide and the quality of drinking or waste water management that anyone would expect in a 1st-world nation.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The economies of scale from a large, professional/dedicated WSE, and funding offered by central government, are the only viable way to prop-up a failing water system which has been systematically underfunded for decades.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Given that only 40% of people voted at the last local government elections Vs an 80% voter turnout for the last general election, the proposal is far more democratic than the current accountability and governance model.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The Bill goes a long way to protect against future privatisation, but should be protected by entrenched constitutional legislation to prevent future governments from amending this.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

No comment.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Water, as a state owned asset/enterprise, should have been centralised years ago.

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Record: 2776

Name: Grey Armstrong

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

They will work as well as the governments attempts to fix housing, child poverty etc. etc. - not at all.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

A model based on distribution of power by race cannot lead to a system where power is determined by competence. Inevitably it will be less democratic, less efficient, and given that half the people involved will not be accountable to the public through a normal democratic process, more expensive.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Appalling. New Zealanders pride themselves on their moral stance on Apartheid, and would never have suggested that the majority in South Africa should accept anything less than majority rule, for instance power sharing with about 18% of the population having the same power as the other 82%, yet we seem to be quietly acquiescing (in some of HCCs actions loudly and proudly acquiescing) with the same idea here. I am unable to see how racism on behalf of a minority is more virtuous than other forms of racism. Again, we didn't accept the white South African view that them being a minority made it necessary and acceptable there.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Once it is determined that there are racial ownership rights to water, can the sale of rights be stopped?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Larger organisations should be more efficient. In practice, they become less accountable. Councils make some very poor decisions but they don't make them for a quarter of the country at a time, and they can be changed.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Sounds great. Won't happen that way. Mostly just part of the governments drive to impose power sharing. I am amazed at the lack of moral outrage. Can't help feeling all the old anti-apartheid protestors must have died, or as with one leader, become pro apartheid.

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Record: 2777

Name: Marson Early

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I have no faith in central government to do what they say they will. I was a close observer of the electricity reforms and have observed no benefit in services but consumers costs have increased exponentially.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am against mana whenua involvement when I know their representatives will be appointed not with respect to ability and character but only through nepotism and relationship with the Maori hierarchy. Check out some of Nanaia Mahuta's family appointments. Only representatives who are directly elected should be allowed.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Notice what has happened to electricity. Lots of highly paid jobs for the boys and girls on the boards. No protection for the public when it comes to privatization despite all the assurances that were made.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Just smoke and mirrors. There is no question services need to be maintained and upgraded. . No one will be better off by yet another entity.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I don't believe the government is doing this for any good reason. It is an ideological reason and should be tested at the next election or by referendum of ratepayers.

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Record: 2782

Name: Jason

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I fully support the Three Waters reform in regards to change for the betterment of our local community, and the nations, public health and the environment. Hamilton City, as well as many other towns and cities throughout NZ, has a history of multiple discharges to the environment, of raw or partially treated wastewater, as a result of failing wastewater infrastructure. The entire country must have access to, and have confidence, that the drinking water supply is safe. With the majority of drinking water being supplied by local authorities it is not acceptable to have public supplies that fail to meet compliance with the drinking water standards. The new Water Services Act, implementation of water regulator Taumata Arowai, and the new rules are a huge positive improvement.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree that all councils face ongoing financial difficulties in funding for Three Waters infrastructure maintenance, upgrades etc. Individual rating bases are not sufficient in many areas to fund much needed or long overdue upgrades. I support the governments view to creating four large entities to provide better equity across nz. Larger entities have the ability to access greater funding and drive costs down.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I support the governance aspects of the governments reform. It is more appropriate that the board is independent and comprised of skilled professionals rather than the current system of council governance at Councillor and Mayor, many of whom have no professional / technical background in water services. Under the proposed format Hamilton would still be represented.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I have no problem with the privatisation aspects as presented.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I support the financial structures of the reform. The new entities are able to borrow more than individual councils, they can invest more and sooner in all Three Waters infrastructure. Lower costs will have a direct positive impact on all of nz consumers.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I fully support the Government's Three Waters Reform. NZ will be better off as a result. The current system is long overdue to be overhauled and is failing in all aspects. I believe the reform is the best way forward to provide better environmental outcomes, better water quality, greater investment for growth and housing and reduce future costs for communities.

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Record: 2785

Name: Heidi-r

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

One size fits all does not work for individuals that make up the population groups or regional councils - all have different needs. It is short sighted to remove the water treatment from local councils.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Services that are local already have established strategies and the projected costs as portrayed by Govt is just that an idea of worst possible outcome to encourage streamlining into the one size fits all. Do not agree!

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Again removing local decision making and adding another layer of governance = increase time and costs. Further removing the power to have a say in what goes on ...removing it from the people to another agency that may be accessible by the council who has a chairman that can veto the public services the council provides to another board and agency that has further veto rights....convoluted not more simplified...we need to decentralise as everything begins to become more cumbersome with having to move thro one agency to get to another agency to have a say. No thank you.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Heard so many promises like no we will not mandate like Aussie only to be mandated for vaccination. I don't believe it for a moment. Just giving us what we want to hear only to change the path when it suits govt. No thank you.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

No thank you.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Centralising = more structures put in place between the people and their water. No thank you. Painting a lovely picture for the reality only to hit of the costs that will have to be sunk into centralising ...central control is not conducive to being able to have a say ...having to jump through hurdles and more hurdles to get to be heard ...progressive increase in people say would enable more local engagement and a diversity of ideas and solutions to local problems. Like the vax - what is one mans remedy is another mans poison...one size does not fit all. Fluoridation - no thank you. If you want that then put it in your self for your own drinking water. Do the research of ALL data and research dental caries is not due to a lack of fluoride but a diet that does not support a balanced microbiome...imaging if the controlling agency only got fed certain data form govt and not get to see the full picture and decided top down that fluoride will be put in the water so easy when centralised ...but a health benefit - heard of fluorosis = when bone and teeth become too hard and begin to crumble as pliability is lost ...discolouration of the teeth this is just an eg just like vaccination central control becomes a coercive force that removes freedom to choose. NO NO NO thank you.

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Name: Kevan Webber

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

My view is that there has not been enough consultation with the public on this issue.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

If the government has plenty of money to throw around and there are problems with some councils with water etc, fix those councils only.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Definitely don't agree with this.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Can anyone be trusted.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Fix the ones that need fixing only. Then we don't need a 'financial structure'.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Public consultation should have been first and foremost.

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Record: 2793

Name: Mary Fear

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I strenuously object to the mandatory inclusion of Fluoride our drinking water (legacy of Dr Bloomfield) Evidenced by studies done by Harvard University of cognitive disorders, lowering of IQ and dementia to mention a few. I spend a fortune buying drinking water .. it must be illegal to put poison in our drinking water! 3 waters plus forced Fluoride consumption is totally immoral.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Leave it to the regions as it is now.

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Record: 2799

Name: L Nel

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I dont believe it should be changed at all.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Needs to stay in the hands of Hamilton City Council. We have already paid for our facilities, dont want some other organisation taking over control

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Unrealistic. We can manage our own facilities not someone else running them.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Dont believe them! Untrustworthy!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I dont agree with what the government wants to do. There are too many variables! We wont have a say in what happens in Hamilton

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not agree with the governments three water reform at all. They will be taking our assets and some other authority will be telling us what to do. Totally unacceptable!

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Record: 2800

Name: Ross Williams

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Reform is needed but not as the govt is proposing.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I like the reduced costs to ratepayers.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Too many members and layers of bureaucracy

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't want privatisation.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I like the reduced cost to Hamilton.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Loss of control is my concern.

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Record: 2801

Name: p.kamp

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposed four entities cross natural catchment boundaries. No rationale is set out as to why the boundaries have been drawn as they have and why that is the best geographic outline. The only sustainably managed water management system must follow catchments and in this case the size of the catchment is the only variable. When the Waikato Valley Authority (WVA) was established in 1958 it followed a very successful model that had been set up in Kentucky Valley Authority, USA. The WVA boundaries have essentially come through into the present boundaries of the Waikato Regional Council. This entity, which is concerned with resource definition, nature and quality and resource use and management (Land, Water and Air). There are important unifying elements of the catchment-based boundary definition, which enable effective management of water resources, their quality and management that are embedded in the physical characteristics of this region: topography, climate, geological foundation and associated geological processes (e.g. geothermal, slope stability, fluvial sediment load) and soils (volcanic ash, greywacke basement parent materials). Employees The new entities need to follow major catchment boundaries to be effective, efficient, environmentally sustainable and minimum cost. The proposal does not consider or value the immense amount of local knowledge that has been built up in our region and which can easily be broken down with the proposed governance and management structures. If there are particular public health issues in particular cities or towns, then they should be addressed by the local councils, which has been the case in Havelock North.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

What the Government has said in relation to services and costs is a political statement. It is an enormously difficult to predict how the costs of services will change into the future under the status quo versus the new structure. Where are the data and what independent scrutiny has there been of them? I do not believe to any extent that the Entity 2 water rate will be what is predicted. The cost to Hamilton's residential and commercial sectors will be much greater than predicted and this is evident from what is stated in the fact sheets. If there is to be equivalent levels of quality and service to rural sectors as to cities like Hamilton then the rates must rise in Hamilton. The board structure alone is an issue because it is set up to meet political needs rather than to have a priority focus water quality, resource and management imperatives. If all

existing staff will be transferred to one or other of the new entities, then how will there be any savings? Excess borrowing to meet expectations that have been built up to replace ageing infrastructure will saddle existing and future rate payers with an excessive debt load via the amounts of annual rates. Under the Hamilton City Council there is discipline in expenditure and priorities are set for infrastructure growth and replacement. I have every confidence that the Hamilton water rate payers will be subsidizing infrastructure spending in rural areas. The geographic entities are too large to enable effective management and executive oversight. The services can only be managed effectively and be cost efficient if they follow large catchment boundaries. There will be too much inefficient travel and emission outputs by service teams with four entities. I understand that the bill allows six years before the entities will be required to meet financial constraints. During this long period, costs will blow out and the entities will be overstaffed.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

At present the Hamilton City Council (HCC) in Hamilton, and comparable representative entities in other towns, districts and cities, undertakes the role that is proposed to be undertaken by a complex multi-layer governance structure. The new structure will be distant from me and my family as a residential and commercial rate payers and we will have no influence at all over the decisions made by the various layers in the new structure. Moreover, at present there is a direct link between voter decisions and the representation on the HCC. As a rate payer I can/will have no influence upon the various board members in the new structure and, as being of European descent, I will have absolutely no influence over 50% of the representatives on the high level board. The proposed structure is anti-democratic. At present the HCC has autonomy over its water assets, how they are managed in terms of growth and maintenance and replacement. The new proposal is about effectively taking away autonomy from the community, which paid for the assets and the high level of its performance. Why on Earth can it be thought that loss of autonomy is a good thing. Rather loss of autonomy is a very bad idea or proposal. The proposed governance structure is a political grab for assets and to fulfil a political agenda to give Maori 50% control over the delivery of water to a community. This serves no useful purpose in terms of the quality and effectiveness of water services and in fact is counterproductive as it will result in greater costs, particularly to the larger population centers.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protection against privatisation is a red herring. The proposed governance structure passes 50% control over water quality and delivery to a minority of the population and of the ratepayers. In this context, it is not much different to selling 50% of the assets and responsibility for water quality and delivery to a private entity, which would pay a realistic amount for their share. The proposed structure and 50% privatisation has exactly the same effect - 50% loss of autonomy compared with the present situation and nothing like the value of the assets and associated liabilities are being given to councils and districts in return.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The previous page sounds much like the piece of paper PM Chamberlain received from Hitler....all will be fine, no invasion. What is the price of autonomy? Everything I say. A city being able to decide its own priorities around expenditure and charging in rates what is acceptable to its community has worked well up to now in Hamilton and will work with responsible leadership and management, which is more guaranteed by democratic processes than by a central government dominated organisation that controls the funding and gives 50% control over governance to a minority of the national population. There is no doubt that the water assets will be taken by central government but there are no guarantees nor certainty about how much of the water related liabilities will be taken and how much of the transitional costs will be covered by the central government. This is an intolerable situation for the HCC to find itself in. The negotiations will be tough and the HCC is guaranteed to lose out. This is not a willing buyer willing seller situation. At the end of the day the government will decide on the financial deal and the citizens and rate payers will be the losers.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The proposal is a bad one for the community of Hamilton. 50% of the control will be given to a minority of the population at no cost to them. That the city will retain the assets in some way is a fraud...assets are only assets if one has control over them and that control is being taken away by force of law. The wealth of Hamilton City Council at present is having autonomy over its assets and future control over their development. That is worth more than debt as there is no certainty that Hamilton's needs will be met by the new entity and every possibility that those needs will not be met in favour of other areas based on the decision of the high level board. The amount of growth of national debt as proposed, to effectively fund the increase in employment and GDP is a huge concern for me as a taxpayer. There is much uncertainty about the nature of the financial transactions to take place and I fear that the community of Hamilton will be the loser because this is not a willing buyer willing seller situation, where a market price for the assets and liabilities will be established and held to.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I recognise that Hamilton City Council delivers high-quality three-water services, however this is not the case for a number of communities, as reflected in several high-profile public health incidents. Protection of human health should be our priority. In terms of environmental outcomes, we should be striving for water efficiency, no wastewater overflows, high quality wastewater treatment and high quality stormwater treatment. I am supportive of Water Reform if the priority health and environmental outcomes above can be met.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2807

Name: Rana

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform are fantastic compared to the status quo that HCC are accustomed too. HCC admits they need a lot of money to replace drains etc which tells me you have failed to do your job over the last few decades and therefore have failed to maintain much needed infrastructure. Where did the money go? HCC also admits to being fined for spillage into the Waikato River, something this council has been doing for over a century. The Waikato River is paru because of Council. You have failed to look after the environment and can't be trusted to look after these waters. HCC has done a **** job in my opinion in regards to public health and the environment. The tap water in Hamilton is not the greatest, sometimes its brown or very cloudy. The river is polluted because of the many actions of Council. Finally infrastructure like drains need replacing. 3 waters not only makes sure the job is done it also provides strong protections against any future privatisation. HCC can't protect our wai as proven. HCC is unfit to do so.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Sounds logical to me. Council services and estimations aren't much better than we already have, and we have failure to do the job required.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

They're better than what we currently have.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

It's a much needed protection that we want and need especially for future generations.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They're good.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

3 waters is a hell of a lot better than the status quo and how HCC currently manages it. We must protect our water and our environment. People need clean water to drink and shower in.

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Record: 2809

Name: warren olsen

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Te mana o te wai .Wow a concept no one has ever dreamt about before and wanted . ideologically great practically hard to to totally achieve . we need industry / agriculture /irrigation / human requirements / have as many environmental protections as practical but with co governance decision makers it going to be hard to get consensus to achieve much . example.Tainui not allowing Auckland water services to take needed water . Maori values versus a pragmatic approach there's a large volume of water flowing out to sea and gone ? ?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The argument is the government has the ability to finance better collectively joining the provinces. What's the difference if all the existing councils work out the needed funds to achieve in a time period, for the infrastructure/service /national standards requirements and submit within in a timeframe for government bulk funding and repayments . the proposal already states existing staff will remain and they do this work already

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

50% Manu Whenua on the regional representation group is a disproportional idea if based on 50000 people per local council share entity . On that formula. total population base 5127000 people, 850000 Manu Whenua is approximately 17% not 50% to allow for more entity representation . implementation should be based on Democratically elected candidates that are qualified with financial asset management skills with a pragmatic approach to get things done . individual province , city concerns environmental ,treaty, cultural , resource allocation, services should give them the mandate of what is to be achieved as each has its own geographical , iwi industry, farming requirements., . so councils have the wish list and government actions it

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Assets and control must remain publicly owned as stated, future governments protected from sell off or assets used in treaty negotiations . charge any water exports at a litre rate and iwi and country will not lose out on such a valuable commodity we are giving away . no other country would be this stupid

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There has to be a catch the infrastructure requirements are known the staff are already in place the regulatory requirements are known finance cost are known so daily running cost are known and the rates and other revenue are known the government can calculate requirements and borrow collectively and allocate accordingly with out securing assets and local needs being met .

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2811

Name: Marlene dickey

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Rubbish

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Rubbish

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Rubbish

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Rubbish

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Rubbish

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Yeah sure rubbish

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Record: 2812

Name: 'Garry'

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Public health & Environment, no doubt are important to me as a member of the community, but this comes with a high price tag. I've my doubts on Govt's contention that future rate costs will be protected- most costs are bound to rise once new entity starts delivering services

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Govt has been assuring costs wont escalate, but local communities wont have a say in such matters. At least, we can hold Council- being local, more accountable

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Councils will lose control of managing its water services, & new entity will do it via a professional board. Council will also lose planning and financial control. Currently, local council have this governance- and based upon local conditions/requirements, decisions are taken. Proposed governing board will look at broader picture only, without knowing ground reality of each area. So that appears to be a disadvantage.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I believe, its too early to say what's in store in future about this

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Control of finance is crucial in any planning or decision making. Govt's view is that new entity will be financially separate from councils, meaning no control with Councils. With Council

already facing challenges of growth of city, losing control over finances will result in growth slowing down in other areas as well.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Based upon the track record of the government in various areas, for example, Health or shortage of workers, there are serious doubts of these promised reforms will work. It appears govt has succumbed to pressures of Greens

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Record: 2813

Name: Ian Thomson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The Health & Environment aspects of the Government's reform are necessary and laudable. The numbers outlined by the Government show that reform is necessary; how can we continue with so many New Zealander's falling sick each year through poor quality water? It is obvious that reform is needed and that councils throughout the country either don't have the means or the know-how to make the necessary changes.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The projected rise in costs is very concerning and shows that change is needed. It is pleasing to see that the new consumer protection is planned with a regulator to monitor price and quality of services put in place.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This seems a far more efficient model than is currently in place and I am glad to see that there is provision to garner local input.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Excellent. It is essential that these are in place.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am pleased to see that water costs would be removed from rates as they form about %30 of the current costs. As an individual, I would not know if I was better off until I know how much

the new organisation would charge. I like the shareholding model that ensures the council would retain ownership of the assets through the shareholding model.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think this is an essential reform and I strongly support it. I fail to see, given the information in the reform, that anyone could oppose it unless it was on political grounds.

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Record: 2814

Name: Noeleen Bernhard

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The concept is too large and is covering too large an area and will not meet smaller individual regional needs. There should be no tax or interference with the water used in primary industry.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The service is appalling and the cost is too high.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

They should have kept their noses out of it. Why change something that is working sufficiently.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The water rights should be kept in the best interests of the NZ public and based on our economy and our primary industries.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This looks to be another government department that will quickly increase in size, blow out its budget costs and not deliver the expected service levels needed in the regions. A good

example is Waikato Environment which started out as a modest size and then grew into a corporate identity at a huge cost.

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Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2818

Name: Bryan Theobald

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Here are the main reasons the 3 Waters Proposal is a huge mistake: 1) It is highly controversial. If allowed, Councils will pay in unpopularity and reduced ability. 2) Labour has a high rate of failure to deliver promises, and a host of failed projects. 3) Farmers – money creators – will foot yet another bill to provide expensive filtration systems. Who funded Riparian planting?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Labour has a high rate of failure to deliver promises, and a host of failed projects. 1) It creates a large bureaucratic entity with unreasonable expense and powers. The promise of 'cheaper' costs are alluring but hopelessly off. 2) Farmers – money creators – will foot yet another bill to provide expensive filtration systems. 3) The public purchased the water assets. They are not owned by other regions or peoples. 4) Loss of power to Council assets means no Council assets. 5) Allowing Central Government more control means less autonomy for regional government. 6) Eventually it will cost the ratepayers more: An article response on 'Stuff', from a citizen of an undisclosed country: Been through this 'change' else where. The arguments were similar- citizens were being 'saved'; magical 'infrastructure' promised; plus other 'benefits' arguments. Prior to our Water Infrastructure change, we paid under \$300 per year for water-sewage. Afterwards, I now pay \$1,793.00 per year for a 3 person family. A private utility company owns our water. In 5 years time we will pay over \$2,100pa. NZ - this is not a new idea - you are probably one of the last to adopt it - the procedure is pretty much the same across the board, just different inducements. So sorry Snoz 16, with the greatest respect, you will find this is a wolf dressed as a lamb, and every Kiwi is the Lamb. PS Have a Water Account in my hand. If anyone wants to see it, I'll share it. Nothing like facts.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

1) Labour has a high rate of failure to deliver promises, and a host of failed projects. 2) There was no democratic process to propose it, nor implement it. What happened to NZ? NZ had an

incredible democratic legacy. Did you know this (Te Ara Encyclopaedia of NZ): Voting in NZ started in 1853. The right to vote was extended to all Māori men in 1867 and then to all European men in 1879. Then in 1893 New Zealand famously led the world by giving women the right to vote. Four decades on from its first election, New Zealand was probably the most democratic country in the world. 3) It creates a large bureaucratic entity with unreasonable expense and powers. 4) The proposed controlling entity is based on racial merit rather than ability: The granddaughter of xxxx said (2022): It seems to assume Iwi will never disagree. Mana whenua representation will of course have a different qualifying requirement to being given responsibility and management, they need only to be mana whenua. With no requirement for skill, knowledge or experience in water management, governance or demonstrated authority to represent (i.e. an elected person). 5) The public purchased the water assets. They are not owned by other regions or peoples. 6) Loss of power to Council assets means no Council assets. 7) Allowing Central Government more control means less autonomy for regional government.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I remember Labour was in power when they FINALLY realised the stupidity of their financial ideology. Roger Douglas had to admit the failure and PRIVATISED many 'assets' because NZ was about to tank into bankruptcy in exactly the same manner as Argentina did (similar economies, faltering at the same time). A central government cannot promise to protect assets. It has to stay afloat financially, and the assets will become a political football at EVERY election. You think it isn't for the Regional Councils now?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't know enough to comment other than an article response on 'Stuff', from a citizen of an undisclosed country: 'Been through this 'change' else where. The arguments were similar- citizens were being 'saved'; magical 'infrastructure' promised; plus other 'benefits' arguments. Prior to our Water Infrastructure change, we paid under \$300 per year for water-sewage. Afterwards, I now pay \$1,793.00 per year for a 3 person family. A private utility company owns our water. In 5 years time we will pay over \$2,100pa. NZ - this is not a new idea - you are probably one of the last to adopt it - the procedure is pretty much the same across the board, just different inducements. So sorry Snoz 16, with the greatest respect, you will find this is a wolf dressed as a lamb, and every Kiwi is the Lamb. PS Have a Water Account in my hand. If anyone wants to see it, I'll share it. Nothing like facts.'

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

It sounds wonderful in a paradise without disagreement and unfairness. It sounds like a dream in the land of Utopia. Utopia does not exist. It literally means 'no place'. Like most of Labour's promises and projects it will fail...just like it has in all other nations it has been similarly implemented. Don't give up our assets that you have been charged with protecting. The

Ratepayers have not requested it. The biggest issue here is the democratic one: 1) It is highly controversial. If allowed, Councils will pay in unpopularity and reduced ability. 2) Labour has a high rate of failure to deliver promises, and a host of failed projects. 3) There was no democratic process to propose it, nor implement it. What happened to NZ? NZ had an incredible democratic legacy. Did you know this (Te Ara Encyclopaedia of NZ): Voting in NZ started in 1853. The right to vote was extended to all Māori men in 1867 and then to all European men in 1879. Then in 1893 New Zealand famously led the world by giving women the right to vote. Four decades on from its first election, New Zealand was probably the most democratic country in the world.

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Record: 2821

Name: Trevor MacRae

Organisation: Retired

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Extract from TE ARA..... Contents Page #3; Environmental Health.
<https://teara.govt.nz/en/public-health/page-3> Even in the early 2000s, an estimated 500,000 people were drinking water that did not meet (voluntary) standards. New Zealand had higher rates of gastro-intestinal diseases than countries such as Australia, Canada and the UK – this was partially attributed to If you've had a problem for over 20 years. What have you the Governrent done about it? That's equivalent to Sleeping at the Wheel while driving & expecting to get to destination alive. Work Safe should be asked to AUDIT you ALL & your shortcoming of Failure as you believe there are problems so review & understand where they are, acknowledge & take remedial action prior to The Havelock Norths. In your eagerness to pass this new Three Waters Reform with associated Entities indicated to me that YOU have all FAILED to ensure you have met your existing obligations under known Legislation.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

To consider establishing FOUR Entities across New Zealand is Questionable: So I gather the Four Entity Boards are to comprise of 50% IWI/mana whenua membership representatives....? Please explain how that is proportional representation under our DEMOCRACY? I consider this will end up as an EXSPENSIVE inverted pyramid.... With a lot of long talks & as IWI ask to have further discussions with their members. We may end up with 4x very diverse Entities. Being Bigger never means it will be cheaper for the end user..... whose voice will have been lost.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This is NOT Democracy. The 50% of Allocated Seats for IWI/mana whenua membership is not a true representation of Population. In Truth this undermines the Ratepayer who own the ASSET Base & as to their say & sway. Effective NO Say or Sway.....

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not know enough about it. I would consider one needs a Barrister to scrutinise ALL Clauses.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

At the end of the Day, Government takes control of Assets. In their Ledger they have WON LOTTO. So they Borrow from overseas & thus have a DEBT. Can some tell me who pays.... OK you will in your Water Services through local Rates & be sure TAX Payers will Foot some of the Bill. So Future Generations are in DEBT.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

So after a 4 year Creation of '3 Water Proposal' & having admitted there has been Problems for +20 years..... The WAND will Fix it All, get real. I have an understanding of ALL Three Service: Potable Water, Storm Water through to Effluent Plants. Over my working life have been involved within (Not Councils. Industrial Sites, Hospital, Dairy Company for 30 years. I DISAGREE with the current Three Waters Proposal. I do not BUY into the above. Bigger is always not Better (especially with 4x Entities). I consider ALL the existing Legislation available is enough to ensure we have the Quality of Potable Water we deserve. (I will not quote the many Legislation doc's available....). To date there has been a lack of ACCOUNTABILITY: Where Deterioration of Infrastructure & Monitoring of Production/Product (Water) has failed then WHY have there not been repercussions. So out of The Councils, The Minister in Charge of Health, Members of Parliament, Ministry of Health & other Bureaucrats who have failed to do their JOB, has anybody put their hand up? So some People have been SITTING on their HANDS & have a VOICE BOX which is NOT operational. 1. Consider utilising existing Major CENTRAL Councils with the Infrastructure & Knowledge to gather (smaller under resourced) fringe Councils into a LOCAL NETWORK. 2. Ensure there is a KNOWN Rule of Thumb on BUGETING for such services.... & have this AUDITED (Both Annual & Spot checks of Accounts). 3. Follow existing Legislation which clearly defines ACCOUNTABILITY: Plant Asset Operation & Maintenance Employee Trained/Qualified Competent Operators following defined Procedures. Standard Plants checks, monitoring, recording of information & sampling/testing at various stages of all process. Regular Samples sent off sight to Qualified Laboratories for Testing. Ensuring Monitoring control points & testing appliances are signed off by Independent Audit's & Spot checks annually..... Product Companies have Internal & independent ISO Audits & IF YOU FAIL then a Supply Chain Company may well cancel their order.

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Record: 2825

Name: Paul Knox

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We all subscribe to quality drinking water and wastewater systems. However the government is taking a 'sledgehammer' approach to fix problems that are localised. Focus should be finding a solution to those areas that the government sees as 'serious' rather than continue with its 'Robin Hood' approach to taking from those that have and give to those that don't. The government is using a few headline grabbing incidents to justify a new approach but at the same time implement its hidden agenda of co-governance.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Another government bureaucracy that will continue to grow and grow. Cost /benefits will be lost as time goes on as figures provided are only guesstimates of what might have been if left the way things were. As usual there are consequences of any action taken and these do not have been factored in.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Total opposition. This is not democracy in action when there has been no referendum on co-governance as described. Keep co-governance as per percentage of population as per councils, if there is to be co-governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Mere tokenism to make it appear that control is always with the residents within the designated area. Ownership of water assets should not be given the opportunity to privatise, period. What would happen if there were a referendum and 80% decided to privatise? If the option exists, however far-fetched people may think it maybe, (remember Brexit) this question must be addressed.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

As usual the detail is lacking . How can you comment if you don't know the figures? For those ratepayers such as general residential in Hamilton will find themselves with another bill to pay to another quasi government entity and any projected 'savings' from your HCC rates bill will soon disappear elsewhere.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Idealistic at best. Focus should be on allowing communities through their councils to organise their own joint water asset companies not through the government's joint governance proposal. The government just needs to pass a law that says councils must retain ownership of its water assets at all times.

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Record: 2827

Name: Sonya Verstappen

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Yes, we need to improve water services but not all councils are doing a bad job and actually some are excellent and do not need to be reformed. Some councils have spent millions on infrastructure and I cant see how the government can take this away from the councils (and ratepayers who have paid for these) or pay what is a fair price.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that some of the costing is naive and simplistic. It will take millions if not billions for the restructuring alone without a pipe being upgraded. I understand that thousands more people will be employed by the new scheme and unlikely that the majority of them will have the experience in water management required. There is a very real risk that the talent and expertise we already have will become disillusioned and leave our shores

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Why so many layers of bureaucracy? Why not just start with the water service entity board? As far as privatization, I don't trust any promises about referendums as such things are usually not legally binding. managed by a much larger organization sound like lots and lots of dollars more. How can this mean cheaper water management for the consumers?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

How can assets be transferred to government but still be owned by the community? Why even

transfer them in the first place. Ratepayers have paid for these over the years. Who is really the owner of the assets? Does this mean we will lose the rights to land that is owned?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I disagree to the process of reform; it seems like government decisions were made last year and any so called consultation is just giving lip service . It concerns me 1) how much all the levels of bureaucracy are proposed with too many fingers in the pie . 2) assets taken away and likely never to be returned again 3) councils have run water and waste management for years and have the expertise; why totally get rid of them? Why cant the government give the equivalent of provincial growth fund to councils e.g provincial water growth fund

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Record: 2828

Name: Jeremy Mayall

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

This makes good sense. The central commitment to Te Mana o te Wai must be fundamental to what is going on, and the collective positive impact of a collaborative approach to serving three waters delivery for the wider population of Aotearoa is vital. In the broader scope of what this means is that there needs to be substantial change, and the three waters reform approach is a sensible option that takes wider public health and environmental concerns into the scope that can operate in a different way to local government. Ultimately this reform seems better placed to deliver a better vision for freshwater & environmental protections and better regulations for drinking water standards with more consistency throughout the region and country. This is about being community minded and collectively minded. The reform seems like a good option to achieve this.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

This seems like a sensible decision. There is more economic power to work at this kind of scale. To work outside of the limitations of local government. There is an ability through this approach to proactively have a better sharing of infrastructure costs across the region. It is to be delivered with more strategic oversight, and ideally by an entity that has detailed knowledge, specialist skill, and a broader long term strategic oversight that is regularly maintaining and delivering accessible quality services across Aotearoa. This is an important contribution Hamilton can make, and from that basis this new structure is a sensible choice.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This seems like an excellent and positive development. The co-governance and oversight from mana whenua with council representation, but providing the core oversight and delivery to a specialist group to deliver these services with a community mindedness that holds over longer time periods than local government structures, and exists within the kaitiakitanga that is at the core of the work of mana whenua is a sensible consideration, works towards the expectations

set by Te Tiriti, and connects community, council and mana whenua views to ensure delivery is appropriate. This structure seems designed to provide better representation of mana whenua and matauranga maaori, and this is vital for the future of this region and country.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

These seem like sensible protections. There is a mandate to hold these services for the wellbeing of communities, and with the combined co-governance approach, this will also add an additional layer of ensuring these assets and services are held for many generations into the future.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This seems like a good outcome for the city. It changes where work can be focussed, and provides capacity for the work of council to be more community focussed and connected to placemaking and social cohesion, rather than the practicalities of providing these vital services. The ability of the entity to hold debt and investment with a different capacity to councils seems like a positive move.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The Government's Three Waters Reform seems like a positive move that considers the broader wellbeing of all communities of Aotearoa, but places some strategic oversight and connection to mana whenua as a core principle of the future of the entity and how it strategically serves the community. At the core of this reform is a positive refinement and move towards lasting change that ultimately is guided by the wellbeing of communities into the future. This is strategic, systemic change, that considers the balance between local action, regional strategy, and central activation. The framework seems to clearly outline the flow between the strategic direction and vision given by a representative group of iwi and community/council, which can then help to guide investment prioritisation towards large scale positive impact. This vision then sits with a board of experts who are tasked with deciding how to effectively deliver that community vision. This is a positive opportunity that seems to be a necessary and vital change. It presents a meaningful opportunity to enable the connection between iwi and broader communities to deliver a long-term, multi-generational, wellbeing-focused approach to water services delivery - but with vital oversight and governance from local representatives on a regular basis. This is a good option.

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Record: 2830

Name: David Oertly

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I strongly object to the cultural hijacking of a fundamental public health resource. Water reticulation is fundamental to any modern, healthy community, regardless of ethnicity or cultural outlook. Maori have no inherent or unique knowledge of or mastery of water or unique understanding of its importance to modern living and certainly not in relation to Hamilton's water infrastructure.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I believe it is a blatant lie that water costs for the end user or rate payer will reduce as a consequence of the Government's intended reforms. I am not aware of any scheme historically that was 'sold' to the public as a cost-saving measure actually delivering those savings. A stark recent example is the merger of Auckland Councils into a supercity. That delivered NONE of the promised net savings. The Government is intending to add a number of additional tiers of bureaucracy to water management, all of which will cost additional amounts, that it is absurd to believe such platitudes. I predict the restructuring of the health system will also cost the country more and deliver less, but in the process cost vast amounts extra, as every restructure and rebranding does. In my opinion, the current Government has absolutely no credibility regarding anything to do with fiscal discipline or cost projections. These reforms must not happen how the government is proposing, and certainly not with an unelected co-governance of mana whenua.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Totally opposed to them.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

These would not be necessary if Councils retained their rate-payer owned water infrastructure. History shows that central Government absolutely cannot be trusted NOT to privatise public

assets. Water will be no exception, if this Government wrests control of water from elected local Councils.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

They will fail to respond to the needs and wishes of local communities. Just because isolated Councils are struggling with debt servicing, rate payer base and costs of local infrastructure (e.g. Kaipara or Ruapehu), does not mean every Council is in that situation. As a HCC rate payer, I have confidence in the HCC managing its financial responsibilities. I absolutely do NOT want central Government involved in HCC financials or infrastructure in any way whatsoever.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am absolutely vehemently opposed to every aspect of them. I completely distrust the Government's aims, abilities or reassurances regarding their Three Waters Reforms. I am willing to make an oral submission to this end, if there is scope to do that.

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Record: 2841

Name: Rosemarie Quax

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that HCC does a good job regarding water services but I know throughout NZ this is definatly not the case; look at what happened in Havelock North and there are water pipes blowing up constatly in Wellington. Our concerns should be protecting the health of all NZers.As far as environmental issues go, we should be expecting nothing but the best for high quality stromwater and waste water treatment. I support the 3 waters reform if the health of NZer and the evronmental issues are supported.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I feel it has to be cost effective. What the government is proposing shows that there will be a saving for the average NZer which has to be a good thing.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do support the governance proposal. I do think that large cities should have more say within the regions to prevent the rural sector doing things that may harm the 3 waters reform. I am a firm believer that mana whenua should be involved as representing each region as their job is a guardian of natural resources. I think that decisions should be made by experienced capable people who know and understand the factors and funding that go into making the 3 waters reform work.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I support the proposed protection from privatisation.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

i totally support the proposed finacial structure. Knowing that my costs will go down as a result of this reform as the opposite if this does not proceed.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am supportive of three water reform in it's current form

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Record: 2848

Name: Dorothy Derbyshire

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The Councils providing water which is unsafe are the ones which should be investigated and if necessary taken over. Councils which are doing a good job - should be left alone.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Can the Government data be trusted. Water services belong to the ratepayer. No mention of costs of setting up four entities or costs of salaries of all those involved.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Prefer Hamilton's water services to be managed by Hamilton City Council.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Would rather water rates be paid to Hamilton City Council - as at present. No mention is made of the cost of salaries for all those involved in the four entities.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am against. Government should help those Councils who cannot manage their water affairs

and leave the competent ones alone.

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Record: 2849

Name: Brett Parsons

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The cost differences are only a wish list. Will the 3 waters be abandoned if they are not achieved. No these numbers will just be forgotten. about. The greatest cost in these plants is labour costs. Will there be massive redundancies.? One authority will be doctoral in nature and not reflective of the communities it serves.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Governance should be reflective of the community it serves and democratically elected and no one race should have privilege of governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I have paid for these assets over the years of paying rates and want to remain in control. It represents a transfer of my assets into another entity as my community does not have control.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The whole 3 waters is a con job about robbing the people of there assets and delivering to Maori and government for ultimate political and socialist reasons.

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Record: 2850

Name: Paige Shirley Ruth

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Good providing the money doesn't go heavy on administration.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am totally opposed to the Governments Three Waters Reform. Having seen the failures of the country's Drainage Boards once the government takes control I- a good system fell apart.

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Record: 2853

Name: Priya Kurian

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The proposed reforms are vital to ensure that public health and environmental protection are maintained at the highest level. It is staggering that in a wealthy nation such as New Zealand, we still have a significant portion of the population getting sick from unsafe water. It is also unacceptable that our stormwater systems are inadequate and unable to cope with rainfall or keep up with repairs, resulting in environmental damage of rivers, lakes and sea. Dealing with these problems will mean escalating costs that will impose a huge burden on rate payers. Hamilton City Council must recognise that the proposed reforms are essential both for the good of our local community and for the country as a whole, and act accordingly.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It is clear that the proposed reform will significantly improve the quality of services, while keeping down costs for ratepayers. The case for reform is compelling. It is in the broader public interest, including in the interest of those economically not well-off, to support the reform and ensure that we can guarantee high quality services, at reduced costs, for current and future generations.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The overall governance structure looks sound. It is important that a model of co-governance has been proposed for the RRG, which is appropriate and desirable. I note that the RRG is expected to represent the views of the community. It would be highly desirable if the community consultation follows the model of deliberative democracy through citizen panels/juries, rather than either standard opinion polls or other less reliable forms of consultation. This is increasingly the desired model of ensuring informed citizen participation in decision making, as can be seen in parts of Australia on the issue of water governance. Rather than leave this unspecified, the proposed governance aspect of the reform would be strengthened by formally requiring use of deliberative democracy tools, such citizen panels.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The protections against privatisation seem strong. The requirement for a referendum with a 75% threshold for approval of privatisation seems adequate.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The information provided demonstrates that overall Hamilton will be financially better off with the reform. Although there is uncertainty about some of the specifics, including how water users will pay for their use of water, the financial structures of the reform seem overall to be sound.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall, I fully support the Three Waters Reform. Every analysis of the reform that has been made available demonstrates clearly that the reform will indeed deliver better environmental outcomes, improved public health through better water quality, greater investment to keep up with the needs of the future, and a reduction in costs. It is inexplicable why the reform would be opposed when the benefits are so transparently obvious. I urge Hamilton City Council to support the reform and ensure the best outcome for the local community and for the country as a whole.

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Record: **2857**

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I see this post this morning on my feed and it describes Three Waters legislation and bureaucrats agenda perfectly https://scontent.fwlg1-2.fna.fbcdn.net/v/t39.30808-6/292097464_10162181872079745_5386029403763632427_n.jpg?_nc_cat=1&ccb=1-7&_nc_sid=730e14&_nc_ohc=SsAS6yknvo4AX9P4KoW&_nc_ht=scontent.fwlg1-2.fna&oh=00_AT-Z0wfts5i-Oe-f5n_vFdrdtPbni8Mg_AP6X-9FEK-svw&oe=62CACD4D

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

pure theft. how could they? how could they (**** executive bureaucrats subservient to the government servant department of Local Government and Mayor and 12 councillors) been so devious, personally ambitious, dishonest and time wasters to even get this legislation to this point of contrived consultation on the future ownership, control and development of OUR (Kirikiriroa Village/ Hamilton residents) paid for and built half billion \$500 million approx value of assets to an unknown, unelected, unaccountable uncontrollable group without asking the owners by way of direct referendum first. It defies all sense of propriety. Simply pure unadulterated theft. It makes the behaviour of the city's immediate past administration of xxxx dodgy land dealings especially the gifting of the prime inner centre resident owned land dedicated to our senior citizens housing needs to a group of private investors of selfish greed, Accessible Properties appear of kindergarten behaviour compared to Council's even allowing te situation to get here. There are obviously private ambitious agedas afloat and not for the short, mid , long term benefit of all residents. We could add the WHB approving \$1.5m of taxpayer funds destined for health to be directed to the same group for building four apartments at 55 Fifth Avenue. not dedicated to the purpose of health provision, but let by property real estate managers for private rental, initially the Waikato Chiefs Rugby and still for private rental. This is what corruption of public office brings about. The majority of councillors and especially the xxxx should have distanced themselves and walked away from this legislation long, long ago. Or

perhaps they have personal benefit agendas of it. Hamilton's record of development and controlled growth before the empowered bureaucracy took over after similar Labour flawed legislation of 1988 has been completely over turned by reckless ill considered decisions of selfish greed incompetence of its elected councillors this century. To go further in any way with this 3 waters legislation is appalling and poorly considered. How other councils control and pay for their water reticulation is really of local responsibility and barring few mishaps our country holds a record to be proud of and its significant all bar four local elected councils support this bureaucrat driven abomination. I note the bureaucracy consider it a done deal already. one of our generously paid executive circus clowns in a recent media release of intending six storey apartment blocks on the ignimbrite of the city intends to use 3 waters legislation against developers to comply! done deal but the return to normality and as it is in our hands , this and next October, Just an unnecessary costly process by a few of others hard earned and required dollars simply to survive presently.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

untrustworthy - past performance.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

read governance.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

read governance - devious, personal ambitious, dishonest. corruption. communism or marxism ,

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Record: 2861

Name: Toni Cornes

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think New Zealand is currently doing poorly for health and environment in relation to water. There are many places where pollution is occurring or overuse/taking of water. Three waters is a step in the right direction. We need a refresh in how things are done and just because people were allowed to take and pollute before it doesn't mean they can continue to do so especially not at the same level. I don't think water should be seen as just a service or people as consumers. That undermines the importance of the environment and health. I think it is good for the environment to look at New Zealand as a whole. I think that will lead to better outcomes. Maybe it should be protect and promote public health and environment based on scientific and cultural knowledge.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Sorting things out in bulk is a cost saving technique. I would be happy to collectively pay for better water use and environmental outcomes across New Zealand. I would even be happy to have water meters in Hamilton as it makes people think about what they are really using and it is easier to notice water loss.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I think the council representation by population is good. Maybe they should think about mana whenua getting shares. I think in the past central government has shoved too much on local and regional government

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do not think there should be privatisation. I hope having this section in the act will properly protect against it.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I think there is not enough information given. I have no strong views on this

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think it is a Good idea. I think more information is needed on the transition. The act misses some out on the importance of water in a non commercial sense. Some thing are too vague and open for multiple interpretation

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Record: 2866

Name: Donald Harford

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Te Mana o Te Wai is protection for the health of our water and I agree this is very important for environmental reasons and for human health. The National Policy Statement on Fresh Water 2020 changed the parameters considerably and the implications of this are still being worked through. This more recent legislation was rushed and changes are still being made to this NPS-FW 2020 to account for poor consultation and poorly drafted legislation.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

More money needs to be spent on water infra-structure. However I have no faith in the model of four major water entities. There is no direct accountability to those ratepayers who fund it. It appears to be like Russian dolls, with entities within entities. It is based on the assumption that water quality at present is poor. The way government is measuring water quality this misleading. It appears to be based on the Havelock North experience, which is an outlier. This has create mistrust in government. Mahutu's consultation with Maori and not the general public has further tightened this mistrust. The government offering an opt in option with no intention of seeing this through has further created mistrust of central government. I see this move towards four major entities as theft of locally owned infra-structure. The Scottish model is not appropriate for NZ. There are other ways in which central government can fund water infra-structure. One only has to look at the model for roading to understand this.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

My view on governance is a loss of local representation. It appears to me a slap in the face for democracy. Surely democracy is about the people who pay, having a say. How can we ratepayers and tax payers have any say in this new structure. Co-governance around infra-structure is another issue that rankles. Where in the Treaty does it consider local infra-structure, like pipes and pumps, to be natural resources. This issue could be a set back for race relations in NZ, a sad step back, after having made such progress.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't believe government's protection on this. Too many lies already. Their assurance is hollow. It comes down to trust and the government has not establish trust in this initiative. Further both National and Act have promised to repeal this legislation. So no cross party support in the house. What a risk of taxpayer's money, if this becomes a fact, some years down the line.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

One has to be suspicious of government's estimates, given the position already taken. Hamilton has invested in its water infra-structure, Tokoroa has not. So does this mean under the new structure that Hamilton ratepayers will subsidise those ratepayers in Tokoroa? The same question can be raised for Auckland and other centres in that region? I am happy that Hamilton City Council continues to maintain and improve our water supply. I will be unhappy if central government wrestles this asset from local control.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Water is an essential to life. Good quality water is important to human health. Changes need to be made to continue to improve ageing infra-structure. However this Scottish model is not appropriate for NZ. I am against this central government move, as are the majority of councils around the country. Democracy is important to me and I see this as a loss of democracy at a local level. I see local control of water assets as important and its potential loss as a backwards step. I see the move by government as theft of local resources. I believe co-governance in this case will set race relations back many years. Cross party support for such a major move is essential and this is sadly lacking. I am against the Government Three Waters Reform in its present form

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Record: 2867

Name: Dr Alvina Edwards

Organisation: taongaUku

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I fully support the public health and environmental aspects of the Governments reforms. It is timely and needed. The three waters reform has been made a contentious topic because of the disruption by media and political misinformation; that's right, we have an election this year in Kirikiriroa. The media and political opposition to this remind me of the approach of Foreshore and Seabed, He Puapua, Covid and the recent street naming in this city. However, the three waters are a great beginning when the community can work through this interruption. There is a background narrative to the reform; in 2016, a third of Havelock North's residents contracted campylobacter due to a failure by the council to embrace or implement the high standard of care required of a public drinking-water supplier. At least three people died. Then in 2020, the government's inquiries found historic levels of underinvestment in all three waters – drinking, waste, and stormwater. Couple this with growth and service level improvements and costs. The government needed to act. They have acted responsibly. Therefore, the government's position is dedicated to the water service regulator now establishing that drinking water supplies are safe and reliable for Aotearoa. These are expensive services to provide. Upgrading services to meet public health standards, maintain the infrastructure, meet community and environmental expectations, and combat future challenges will increase the costs of delivering these services across Aotearoa. This city is not in a position to address this.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There needed to be more effective standards and regulations to address the services and costs aspects, especially with growth. The economic regulation helps ensure water services are delivered efficiently and reasonably priced. Like many other areas - it has become unaffordable again; consider Havelock North. This part is undermined by the rhetoric and the misinformation by the media and politicians.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

This aspect of three waters is the most contentious, which has been led by politicians, many racists, and supported by media; it has been an anti-Māori, fearmongering approach still ongoing in this city. MP Mahuta has been attacked by some of our representatives. The Waitangi tribunal ruled that Māori have proprietary rights in water, so the other treaty partner should welcome the offered governance. However, the reactions, submissions, and campaigns have been some of the worst racist attacks I have ever witnessed.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Māori have been historically locked out of allocation; if we do not need reform - the privileged will continue to hold power to do what they do now. Most of the approaches by those that have campaigned against it are continued anti-Maori rhetoric. Foreshore and seabed all over again.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

This reform needed to happen, with the financial aspect - what else was this city going to do? It should be about protecting the long-term health, environment, and well-being outcomes our city deserves. It is a starting point.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The three waters reform has been made a contentious topic because of the disruption by media and political misinformation; that's right, we have an election this year in Kiririkirōa. The media and political opposition to this remind me of the approach of Foreshore and Seabed, He Puapua and the recent street naming in this city. However, the three waters are a great beginning when the community can work through this interruption. It needed to happen. Purge the racism that undermined this reform.

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Record: 2868

Name: steve

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Seems reasonable, but appears the current situation with drinking water is grossly overstated.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There seems no logical reason for entity C to cover parts of the north island and south island. This would not happen in a commercial operation and will incur additional unnecessary costs. The future costs appear to be a whitewash. There is no explanation as to how it is going to cost so much less with the new organisation. There is no accountability to locals with the reform. If the service is poor they can't be voted out.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Seems to provide little accountability to locals and certainly will be difficult to resolve problems.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Don't think it is that much of an issue.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Based on history, the council is unlikely to reduce the rates costs as much as stated, therefore rate payers will end up paying much more overall.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Sounds a great promise, but there is very little detail and I am very sceptical that they will deliver what has been promised at a lesser cost.

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Record: 2869

Name: J Bengston

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Everyone has the right to safe drinking water. Hamilton from my understanding has good quality water and infrastructure. Yes there is always room for improvement however it should not be at the detriment of ratepayers. Continual small improvement should be made constantly to maintain acceptable standards. From a wider perspective HCC I feel will be subsidising smaller regions to upgrade there infrastructure which should of been done/doing by their councils. There is nothing outlined in the 3 Waters Bill that outlines how this is to achieved. There is a lot of focus on upgrading and ensuring Maree water supplies and storm water but nothing on how this financially to be achieved and how money/how services are to be distributed. Hamilton is a City that has significant needs of its own. There appears to be no control over what we pay and guarantee of services. Maybe there just isn't enough money to add pipes in for that new suburb being developed when required. What happens then? We as rate payers will pay twice. The area we cover is way to large and there are such diverse needs of surrounding districts to be putting everyone all together. I do not feel there will be the best outcomes. I do not feel bureaucrats that are out of touch with local areas/people will know what is best for them.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not understand how the government has forecasted such future costs. With several layers of bureaucrats being put in place to oversee, I see this alone costing us the rate payers more than predicted. With rising inflation the costs will also be elevated more than outlined. This whole process is so un democratic. There are no guarantees of what rate payers will pay and the services which will be received. How will there be guarantees Hamilton will receive what is needed? It looks like money will be dispersed throughout Entity B. With other areas whom have not maintained their infrastructure we will pay for it as our services are very sound. Planning from HCC is what is needed to say no to this so we can continue to decide what is best for us, not un elected individuals. From reading the Bill it appears the 3 Waters group want money and control of the water to do as they see fit not what is required locally. Where is their accountability to ratepayers in regards to costs and services? There are so many undefined areas and grey areas in this plan. If the government is prepared to give out lots of money to assist the transition of 3 Waters, why cant the government use this money to upgrade the areas that are needed instead of an upgrade instead of acquiring all the country's water? We will be

lucky if we get one represented from HCC on the board. One person! How will this work?
Everyone will have needs, people whom have no knowledge locally will decide yes or no...

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The area that Entity B covers is too large. Also it is Iwi divided not divided on water catchment areas. In theory possibly, but why do we need so many layers of bureaucrats. I do not agree with co-governance. Why do we in today's society where racism is frowned upon are a particular race able to have governance over all the people? Should this not be democratically voted upon? To my knowledge HCC has been doing a great job of maintaining our water and infrastructure. It is a concern for me how people are appointed to these roles. We have no say. Have you seen the job descriptions? The main focus is on Whakapapa affiliation's, appointing on a tikanga basis. Where are the Planners and Engineers to do these roles, isn't this what will be needed to make the correct decisions?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Very poor. All you will need is your local representative to be affiliated with local Iwi and they will vote with the governing group and you can/will lose a vital asset. Water and the related infrastructure is our most valuable resource. Without it we will not survive. I do not want to see it controlled or owned by anyone other than local residents. They (HCC ratepayers) in turn will pay as we always have to ensure its supply. We are extremely lucky to have a large river flowing through our city.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There are too many questions in relation to finance that remain unanswered and not specified. What happens to the infrastructure that remains in HCC control? It looks like we give away assets which make the Books look better but for how long?. There is no guarantee the government will pay our related water debts, which is from keeping our water infrastructure well maintained. We will end up paying for areas that have not had the forethought to do this. We will pay several times over. The government have not said they will pay any of the related debt, so what happens there? How can this be better for households when there is to be an 80% increase in staff for 3 Waters to function? We will pay for this. The plan may be a reduction in rates when handing our assets over but we will end up paying more for the layers of bureaucrats. I see this costing HCC ratepayers. The prediction on your graph I feel is incorrect. GDP is looking to drop from governments other regulations, such as SNA of farming land. Farmers will lose a lot of what previously has been farming land having to plant in trees etc, causing a reduction in stock numbers leading to a reduction in exports.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do not support 3 Waters. I think 3 Waters is a huge asset grab from a small group within government whom have their own agenda, on our most valuable asset, water. I think we should be voting in the members of the 3 Waters group not have them appointed un democratically. I don't see local government (HCC) having any say in how local householders money is going to be spent and there are no guarantees that things will get done when and as necessary. There appears to be no provisions for new infrastructure or upgrades. From what I have read of the Bill, the 3 Waters group want control of the water, to upgrade the Maraes supply and have no accountability to whom is paying them. I do not feel it will save us householders money in the long run. Government have been proven on numerous occasions to be incompetent and not deliver on promises. I do not see this as being any different.

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Record: 2871

Name: Silvia Neumann

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government's reform is timely because the current state of our environment, especially freshwater quality is dire. This also has implications for public health not only related to drinking water but the use of water for recreation purposes.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

While access to drinking water is a human right, equity issues need to be included as households are not encouraged to use water more efficiently. This adds to the overall costs of treating and distributing water for everyone.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Involvement of mana whenua in the proposed governance model is paramount and the membership needs to be representative of the the population it sets to serve.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

If these protections are secured through appropriate legislation, they are sufficient.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Funding for upgrading and implementing new infrastructure will continue to increase in the future and council's rate base won't be able to finance this so having some sort of funding security/allocation through central government is critical.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

As stated earlier, around the country water infrastructure is reaching a breaking point as it ages and also because they were not designed to accommodate increased urbanisation and population growth. Local governments will constantly face a funding backlog to access necessary funds to upgrade infrastructure so it makes sense to have this centralised.

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Record: 2874

Name: Scott Foley

Organisation: Citizen

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I agree with the water reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I'm not overly happy that a cost will apply but I see it coming and it will have to happen so long it is not leveled at lower income homes.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Going by the 'Cluster' that some vote concerned councils have created by deliberately ignoring looming problems I am totally supportive of taking the control and giving it to technically capable people who are not answerable to local body council and voters. I consider large metropolitan areas like Hamilton / Tauranga should have greater representation to avoid a rural focused entity leaving Metros to fend for themselves. Mana whenua involvement is essential to this process.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I do NOT support privatization so I am very supportive of the proposed protection from privatization.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am supportive of the proposed structure if it will lead to a lowering of my costs and takes the ability to charge me out of the hands of Council.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am in favor of this and supportable of the endeavor provided some political shift can privatize then carve it up for their Mom & Pop millionaire mates.

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Record: 2875

Name: Fiona Sneyd

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We have been lucky in Hamilton but councils around the country have resisted spending on infrastructure with often catastrophic results. The government's 3Waters is the only sane way forward. Hand it all over to taxpayers, take it away from ratepayers, especially those living in small communities with no hope of keeping up with massively expensive maintenance. Yes we have been lucky, but it doesn't take much for luck to change. And Yes! Please! Maori for co-governance. Any other position on this is simply ignorant and racist, especially here in Hamilton with how the Waikato River is managed.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Infrastructure maintenance is massively expensive, this plus the enormous catch up bills - no option.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Essential. The only way forward.

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2888

Name: Megan Callaghan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I am OPPOSED to privatisation. Water for NZ should be managed by the Communities. Access to clean water is a Human Right - not to be managed in a competitive environment

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2890

Name: Megan Callaghan

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

As a microbiologist I understand the serious Public Health dangers of poor quality water for human consumption. Clean drinking water is a Human Right. I have seen and read reports in the news of the broken water infrastructure around the country. We must be better than that! 3WR prioritises Public Health and Environment so I SUPPORT the Reforms

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Saving on costs for household water supply is a great outcome

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I SUPPORT co-governance Maori are consistent with their kaitiakitanga practices I expect more representation from URBAN rather than rural groups, based on population statistics I SUPPORT and demand more TECHNICALLY AND FINANCIALLY CAPABLE people being in the regional representation groups. I expect decisions to be made on my behalf made by experts

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I OPPOSE privatising the management of our Waters. Clean water is a Human Right It must be managed by the Communities - for the people/by the people

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

From the information provided the 3WRs will hugely decrease national costs. I SUPPORT the financial structure

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I SUPPORT the THREE WATERS REFORM. Many years of work have gone into these Reforms. Just HAVE TO HAVE the RIGHT PEOPLE in the jobs. Clean water is a Human Right. So the delivery of a consistently better quality of water is a priority. Less costs for a household can only be beneficial

Hamilton City Council Three Waters Consultation – General Survey

Record: 2892

Name: Rachel S-K

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

On the face of it, the arguments are sound. A long-term evaluation will identify whether the decisions made now are the right one.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

looks good.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The governance structure is good as long as there is local office/body that is accessible for community to walk in and discuss in person individual or collective concerns or issues they may have, and a chance for local communities to advocate for their issues with ease. If this is another case of Wellington deciding what is best for local communities, there will be cause for discontent.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This aspect is particularly important and I applaud the clauses that protect against privatisation. There is concern that future governments may be able to overturn these protections or erode them at least. There is also a difference between protecting water as assets and water as a commodity. Will this clause prevent the bottling and reselling of NZ water to other countries? If not, to some extent this protection is only symbolic.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It looks good. I have to take the numbers as given.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

As presented, no limitations or provisos have been highlighted. It would have been good to see what other options there are and why the current structure is the best option.

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Record: 2893

Name: Mark Mitchell

Organisation: on behalf of all future Hamilton residents

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

my comments were dropped out and could not be retrieved

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Hamilton residents are serviced with an excellent drinking water supplies. so why change All Hamilton property owners will be paying more for their water - whether 3 waters or not - either by increase taxes, or by increase in rates. But with local control, we will have more say with costs. with central reform, we will loose that say

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Suggest governance through 3 waters is abhorrent - with the removal of 1 vote 1 person being totally disregarded with 20% of the population imposing costs on 100% of the population

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

when a present government makes rules, the form of democracy we have, means that those rules can be overturned by a future government. So protection against privatisation is nonsense

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

All land owners will be faced with increased costs, no matter 3 waters comes into force or not. Hamilton has excellent facilities for all of the 3 waters; way better than other parts of the country. so local residents will end up paying more than present, as we will be subsidizing other parts of NZ - if we take into account aspects of future taxation across NZ

Overall – what are your views?***Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?***

Totally unacceptable. for Hamilton City - we already have an acceptable water quality - so why change our method of governance? similarly wastewater. Our extension of these services into new residential areas is NOT at a ratepayers expense!! the Land Owner of blocks to be subdivided pays for those services to be connected - not Council. All Council has to do is to ensure the network is capable of receiving those water inputs. So Government is basically dishonest when it promises a better future costs will be reduced. the rest of that statement is also baloney . ..

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Record: 2895

Name: Jocelyn Dale

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

it is essential to have healthy drinking water and management of wastewater and storm-water that is good for the environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I think that there is a disparity across the motu with respect to the cost of getting the three waters services up to a uniform, safe level. I feel that by having such big entities, the councils that have managed maintenance of quality well until now will be disadvantaged under the new scheme. The graphs on the previous page show a differential in amount needed to be spent between the proposed 4 entities. But I am fairly sure that there would be even greater disparity between areas WITHIN each entity. For example, smaller rural areas are likely to need much more work to get their three waters up to speed than larger cities such as Hamilton. While I am keen to see the smaller rural areas flourish with high quality water, I would like to be assured that Hamilton is not going to subsidise them under the proposed reforms.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am in favour of the co-governance proposal of mana whenua and councils on the regional representation group. I think that their role in appointing the WSE board should be sufficient to protect mana whenua. I am delighted that this initiative is aiming for co-governance at the highest and at the local levels of governance.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Yes, that is fairly water-tight, to use a pun. I am in favour of such protections: these three waters are important for health and should not be privatised away.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The new financial structures are unspecified (except for taking the financial burden from the councils). So I am sceptical of them. It is likely I and fellow Hamiltonians will spend more on water than we do now. In part it would be from subsidising other small, underdeveloped water and wastewater treatment systems.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am in favour of co-governance with mana whenua of the three waters. Reform is needed, but I think the proposal is too draconian for cities such as Hamilton whose three-water quality is reasonable. I question whether it is wise to change something that is already working reasonably. Also, I am concerned that the funding will too much of a burden to users. What redress do they have?

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Record: 2896

Name: Richard Radonich

Organisation: Personal

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not believe the new structure will provide a better result for public health it may help the environment the problem is the huge organisational structure will not improve action to correct problems. All Government existing organisations are not demonstrating action management

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Same issue the Government have not demonstrated they can manage health organisationally or financially without taking on a new entity

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Too many people the ownership needs to be with Councils and users

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

There is no protection given that the current Governments reform policy.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I am concerned the new structure over all organisations will provide a better outcome without the consumer paying more for services

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I think the structure will be its downfall if it goes ahead too heavy and too remote

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Record: 2897

Name: Lianne Mylie

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

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Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

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Record: 2899

Name: Lorraine Harford

Organisation: Private citizen

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The four -entity model is flawed due to its size and remoteness from the communities it is intended to serve. Local, regional councils with their local knowledge and experience are a more efficient and effective way of identifying local issues and correcting them than larger more remote entities like the proposed 4 Regional Representative Groups.. A smaller , Waikato/Bay of Plenty, group would serve the communities better.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Whilst Government may suggest that costs to individual consumers will be less than if these reforms are not introduced they are only guessing and there is no guarantee that this will be the case. Establishing a new water services organisation, establishing consumer protection and monitoring organisations to deal with complaints and concerns, establishing 4 Regional Representation groups are all additional costs to the current model of local councils managing water services and will come at a high ongoing cost. I think the Government has no idea of the cost of all this and is 'muddying the waters' as to its cost to ratepayers.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not think the Regional Representative group should consist of 50/50 mana whenua and local councils. This is not a true reflection of the composition of New Zealand society and therefore its ratepayers or shareholders. Whilst local council may have 1 share per 50,000 people the ratio of shares per mana whenua has not been stated. This would not be difficult to calculate as we have accurate Maori electoral rolls? Why is this fact being hidden? Does it indicate a racial bias? The voting arrangements in the RRG do not reflect Hamiltons population size or the value of its assets. We will be unable to voice adequately the views and needs of our community What about small communities? They may not have any shares in the Regional Representative Group . The RRG is totally misnamed .IT IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE. I will be difficult to address the specific needs of our community, Hamilton, through the convoluted

process of a chief executive and management team under a professional Board. Our local Mayor and Councillors with their local knowledge and ability to assess the priorities and needs of the community according to the District Plan they are following will be frustrated and limited by this governance proposal. It adds another level of complexity and delay to the implementation of Council policy.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Despite the Government saying the legislation provides safeguards against future privatisation I do NOT believe that is possible given - the nature of our democracy e.g. who knows what another government will do? - history. I have seen the privatisation of other government - owned entities sold to private enterprise e.g. railways, electricity - history. Interpretation of the Treaty of Waitangi is constantly changing and differs from a few years ago so there is no guarantee that the 'ownership' of water will be exempt from a challenge from the mana whenua that they 'own' the water in New Zealand. It is not right that Government can take all the water infrastructure and assets and control them as they belong to the ratepayers of New Zealand. It is not theirs to take. It is STEALING.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I believe Council should retain financial control over the new entities to support strategic and planning frameworks in place for growth and development. I do not believe Hamilton's 1.6 billion dollars of water related assets should be taken over by the Government. It is tantamount to stealing.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I do NOT support the Three Waters Proposal. I do not agree that it will deliver better environmental outcomes that our community needs because of the large size of each of the 4 RRGs and the diminished representation our community has with 1 share /50,000 population. I do not think future growth and development of our community will be adequately serviced compared to the current model of a local Mayor and Council, democratically elected, with the needs of the community at heart. Better water quality is a work in progress for all councils and the challenges of global warming, sea-level-rises, high stormwater runoffs are challenges they are trying to meet. 'Reforms' in themselves do not necessarily improve outcomes. If the Government is willing to forgive debt and fund extensive reforms then let it give that money to our Councils to improve the current system.

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Record: 2901

Name: John E Badham

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Chronic underfunding of maintenance and replacement of drinking water, stormwater and sewage systems throughout Aotearoa has existed for decades. This has led to increasing contamination of drinking water supplies by excess bacteria and nitrates, resulting in sickness and occasional deaths. In other areas there are repeated examples of overflowing stormwater and sewage systems, resulting in no-swim notices at rivers and beaches. Poorly maintained water infrastructure also results in environmental damage to rivers and lakes from excess leaching of nitrates, phosphates, heavy metals and high e-Coli and sediments levels, damaging fish and invertebrates. And such environmental damage doesn't just effect water quality within a given council area, but adversely effects downstream water quality to other areas, eg the Waikato River. Finally, stormwater and sewage systems need to be able to cope with the increasing frequency of extreme weather events associated with climate change. That is why at least a whole-of-catchment (regional) approach for reform is required.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Leaking water supply pipes in the older parts of Hamilton city means expensive treated drinking water is being wasted to ground. The consequential reduction of water mains pressure to legal minimums to reduce water losses has also resulted in water supply problems, such as for high rise buildings. As noted in question 1, decades of HCC underfunding for replacement of old pipework is now beyond recovery, unless there are high increases in rates or external funding.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I support tangata whenua involvement in the proposed governance structures for the same reason as we have existing co-governance arrangements, for example the Waikato River Authority. It honours the undertaking in Te Tiriti Article 2, that of te tino Rangatiratanga; and acknowledges clean water is a taonga (Te Mana o Te Wai), not just a resource.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I also support the Government's intention to strengthen non-privatisation provisions, for the same reasons as given in the preceding question on Governance.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

A main concern is that ratepayers should not pay any more than they do now (save for inflation adjustments) in the combined rates for the local territorial authority and the proposed separate water entity. It is not clear how this will be managed in the medium to long term, to avoid increased overall rates 'slippage' over time. The question of metering of drinking water also does not seem to be adequately addressed.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Opponents of reform seem to be placing political opportunism ahead of dealing with a significant and escalating nation-wide problem. Their so-called 'assets grab', 'iwi corporates take-over' and 'bloated bureaucracies' is in reality an opportunity for councils to divest themselves of significant liabilities and debt, and thus allow them to focus more on dealing with growth. I therefore support comprehensive water services reform in Aotearoa, including the proposed anti-privatisation and co-governance components. My preference is for a combined regional governance model, such as that proposed by HCC; or failing that, the Government's 4-entities model. Doing nothing (ie business as usual) is not an option for the future. Please ignore my earlier incomplete submission, sent in error last week. xxxx , xxxx , xxxx , xxxx xxxx, xxxx

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Record: 2902

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Most probably perfectly reasonable, however the scale of the response needs to be kept in proportion to the scale of impacts- for example the number of people actually adversely affected is very small in proportion to the total population of the country. Most council water systems work adequately and are adequately funded.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The figures sound highly suspect- how is it that any infrastructure service could be reasonably predicted to explode in terms of costs to that extent?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

The government needs to have a proper constitutional debate with new Zealand about 50/50 co-governance and how the treaty of Waitangi (whether it be the English or Maori version) can be used as a justification for this, before it attempts to create a legislative precedent for it via these water entities. That does not automatically mean it is a bad idea- as has been shown with the Waikato River Authority and the Maunga Tupuna Authority in Auckland- however in those case the case for co-governance was directly related to the return of an asset as redress under the Treaty and the obvious breach that had occurred. No such case has been made about 3 waters infrastructure, which were not Maori assets in 1840 (as they didn't exist) and as such it is hard to see how, as a matter of principle under the treaty, a case for co-governance can be made. The government has over extended itself and has come up with a model which, while based on the concepts in the He Puapua report, has no constitutional backing and is therefore illegal.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Its a red herring to distract from other issues

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Its a red herring

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Agree with your views. Would also state that the logic for the 4 entity boundaries is not clear and makes no sense. If you were serious about water service entity regions, you would at least look at a catchment boundary model.

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Record: 2904

Name: Megan Smith

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I think this is a critical aspect behind the proposed legislation. I agree that HCC has performed better in better this challenge than other councils, however, I also believe that across the country improvements need to be made and standards need to be consistent for the purposes of public health and environmental protection. Therefore, I support this as a basis for reform.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I support these.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I am mainly concerned with the prioritisation of infrastructure spending, and how infrastructure to support new growth (to meet housing needs) will be identified and prioritised. I believe a deliberative democracy approach has the potential to better serve the views and needs of all communities within the new entities. I support, in principle, HCC's proposal for a Metro Advisory group to advocate for the special needs of high-growth metropolitan councils such as Hamilton.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Protection against privatisation is very important. I support the Government's proposal.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I support these. Access to greater funding is key to improving our water infrastructure. Many

councils have underinvested (for many reasons), but that lack of investment results in more costs (financial and health) to communities. Having centralised financing should improve the capacity to fund appropriate services.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall, I support the Three Waters Reforms. I don't think the proposed reform is perfect, but I think it is better than the current system and we need to be acting with some urgency on water issues in Aotearoa. So - if it comes down to a vote yes or no, I vote yes, support Three Waters.

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Record: 2907

Name: Lance Kendrick

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Favourable. Faecal contamination, burst sewers, no-swim beaches, heavy metals, substandard drinking water: the list of failures goes on, and applies in many parts of the country. Population-growth and climate-change compound the challenges, including hazards such as flooding and rising seawater, and occasional earthquakes. These proposals will enable better attention to be paid to public health and the environment, across all regions of the country.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

It is very difficult to project costs out to 2051; what does seem clear is that cost-increases will be somewhat more held in check by these reforms, whatever the monetary quanta. Many councils' operations lack sufficient scale for economic delivery, or a council is unable to borrow or invest sufficiently. Long-term strategic investment has suffered, even for a city such as Auckland: Watercare is not a good CCO model. The proposed model should increase resilience in water services and affordability for citizens.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Mindful of the Treaty of Waitangi, I support incorporation of mana whenua knowledge at the level of Regional Representative Groups. It need not be by 50% composition. I agree that the Regional Representative Groups should elect members of the Entities' Boards – and guide those experts by setting strategic directions. The Regional Representative Groups are, after all, representative of the stakeholders (consumers and shareholding councils). I am wary of the idea that the Regional Representative Groups should each be able to set their own methodology of composition and governance. The legislation should do this. It would be better if the geographical Regional Advisory Panels (which are able to be set up by the Regional Representative Groups) were to be compulsory in this legislation, in order to forge and maintain stronger local connections. Whilst it is proposed that Entity Boards "must undertake direct engagement with consumers" - on an Entity's asset management plans, funding and pricing

plans – by setting up “Consumer Forums”, this engagement would be better conducted via the Regional Advisory Panels. A Consumer Forum would be a third layer of representation and is not necessary. Having Regional Advisory Panels doing the engagement, instead of Consumer Forums, doesn’t preclude consumer-surveys.

What are your views on the Government’s protections against privatisation?

As drafted, the safeguards are insufficient. It is said that continued public ownership of water services is a Government bottom line. Currently this may be the case. However, although councils hold all the shares in the Entities on behalf of their communities, the reform allows a future privatisation if all shareholders unanimously agree and a consequent public referendum passes a threshold of 75% of votes. The Water Services Entities Bill should directly outlaw privatisation. Even if councils retained a 51% shareholding in a new private company, set up in a way similar to the sell-off of some electricity SOEs, that is not acceptable.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Currently both growth-area councils, and councils with only a small ratings base, are unable to fully develop the services which their citizens and the environment need. This reform should enable more investment and sooner, though there is some murkiness. All debts must be transferred to the Entities. Similarly, all assets should be transferred, not just the best-performing : truth be told, some/many of the nation-wide “assets” are “liabilities”. HCC has stated (e.g. on p3 of this consultation document) that it wants councils to retain financial control of the new Entity, but that would negate some of the benefits of the reform model – with every council having such control, this could hamstring the new model’s efficiencies and effectiveness.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government’s Three Waters Reform?

I welcome reform. The current system is not sustainable – in terms of the environment, consistent quality, affordability and, in most cases, economical scale. NZ cannot any longer persist with territorial councils “kicking the can down the road” in order to repress rates increases (with some councillors’ eyes on the election cycle). Although Hamilton has done better than many local authorities in its development of three-waters services, it is in the minority of the 67 councils. Even Hamilton has \$370 million debt on its water services, and another \$400 million of works which the LTP identifies as needing to be done but which is unfunded. We are a country of 5.13 million people and should think of the national interest, rather than be parochial. Four Entities would be sufficient, provided there are both Regional Representation Groups and Regional Advisory Panels to give input on objectives. The Water Services Bill forms the foundations of Three Waters reform, but is not the full picture. The Government’s Explanatory Note prefacing the Bill (page 2) lists five further sets of legislation it sees as being required. The Government needs to keep getting on with it. The reform process has had some mis-steps but it’s a start; we mustn’t let perfect be the enemy of the good. At the

same time, safeguards are important in terms of accountability and public ownership with council shareholding. Parliament's Finance and Expenditure Committee has work to do, too.
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Record: [2911](#)

Name: [Bryce Cooper](#)

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Reform is needed as public health and environmental standards we should expect are not being met by the current arrangements.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

IF true, from a financial perspective the reforms are a no-brainer. As ratepayers we suffer from Council's poor management of its budget now so switching on a promise is worth a go.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Excellent. Getting vote-chasing Councillors more removed from decision making is a good thing, as is the co-representative proposal. Professional expert boards to govern the entities operations is way better than local politicians who have zero skills.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Seems sufficient safeguards to me.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

There is a lack of clarity for the end consumer as to how they will be charged for water services and who makes those decisions. This is critical to inform submissions.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Overall, a way forward. We need a NZ Inc approach not one driven by local politicians who have failed us. The very principle of local decision making by elected politicians is the reason we're in this mess - pipes are not a vote catcher.

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Record: [2912](#)

Name:

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Water is vital for every human, bird and animal for living. They all have equal rights for the water and air by nature. Nature doesn't discriminate with any one but it is the humans who are known for the wisdom and greeds. Government has to make sure and it is the duty of Government that everyone should have the equal right and make sure the supply of water to all the citizens or residents in the country.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Local councils had been looking after the people and animals with the enough supply of water for so many years. If some councils are lacking on the future spending for supplying the clean water then why the government can't help by providing the funding. May be government has less belief, and faith in the local councils. If this is the issue, then local councils should be removed and government should take over all the local councils.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

It will cost us more as more people are required instead of the current available infrastructure and work force. The current system is working and why we need different system.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Government should help all the local councils by providing the enough funding for their basic needs. Either government is supplying the water or the council is supplying the water. The expenses will be same. What is the need to create a new body when councils are already there. Government should provide funding, as they are doing for a new body. There will be more expenses as this body needs extra (new) infrastructure and crew (employees). Why the existing workforce and staff from council can't be let work for the supply and availability of water. It is serious concern and intentions are not looking good behind it.

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Record: 2913

Name: Raewyn Sargent

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Re: Environment Stormwater run off. HCC has in previous decades, currently and probably into the future allowed for smaller and smaller land areas to be allocated to individual new build dwellings, duplexes and blocks of units/apartments meaning the loss of exposed soil in favour of hard impermeable surfaces. Therefore stormwater from roads, roofs and land has spectacularly reduce opportunity to be absorbed by the natural environment which means it enters the river carrying harmful chemicals and waste. How can this be remediated by the formation of this new entity? Is the govt going to back track on its very liberal intensification model so this phenomena can be reversed? No, of course not. Ideology is a belief system that mists on ignoring the realities.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Not confident that the govt. has a grasp of the realities of service and cost aspects of the reform. My doubt stems from for one - their abortive first term housing policy pledges where costs and/or services of builds were so unfortunately misunderstood..... Again ideology as a starting point is a deeply flawed approach.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Concerned about the mana whenua aspect - who elects them if not the community who they will serve independent of race? Local councils would still be subject to the election process based on their suitability for the role I presume? Who would have the elective power to remove mana whenua representatives from regional group if needed? If they represent mana whenua how many shares for 50,000 mana whenua?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

This aspect seems to be well protected.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Wary of the 'could be' and 'decisions yet to be made' inserts in the second to last paragraph. Dubious that HCC will acknowledge this side lined service provision cost to community/ratepayers and that they won't take advantage to escalate 'nice to have' projects instead thereby loading further financial demand on ratepayers that the shedding of Watercare left a vacancy for.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Government should have tested this bold initiative at the ballot box where it would have exposed itself to the democratic process. Democracy has not changed it's meaning through this term of government. I suspect it knew this would be contentious. Choosing to override public input is just wrong for 'the most transparent government ever' to have attempted.

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Record: 2914

Name: Graeme Vitasovich

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The governments concerns over public health and the environment are valid, however these same concerns are recognised by every council whom supplies water to their communities. It seems to me the government has a dim view of the competency of local councils if they think there is a need for a new regulatory control to be established.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The services are management heavy and the figures appear to be crystal ball gazing.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Our councilors are democratically elected to represent their communities, they are chosen by the voters as being the best to represent the community. Having a valuable infrastructure asset currently owned by Council managed by people appointed based on race is demeaning to the community and to the councilors. I do not see the need for a two tier management system with half of the representatives appointed based on their race.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I agree with protection against privatisation, however, why not just pass legislation to prohibit councils from selling infrastructure without it firstly being approved by government.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

While the reforms may save councils money by reducing their overheads and the government

absorbing the councils water infrastructure debt, I otherwise believe the changes to be totally un-necessary. The government would be better off just paying the development costs and overheads of the councils water division. The government could appoint a CFO of its own to work within the council to oversee the expenditure on development upgrades and overheads. This would be a cheaper option for the tax payer and the government.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

A total waste of time and money by the government. There are more economical options as I have suggested in my previous comments. It appears the government have forgotten they were voted in based partly on their promises of transparency. They did not mention they were going to take away the principals of democracy by forcing their Three Waters policies on an unsuspecting public.

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Record: 2915

Name: L R Lawrence

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Don't agree. Went it stay same has it is.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

No.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

You should reduce cost of the water.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

You should leave to the Hamilton City Council do job. This Government spends too much money. Things like this Three Waters. We want investment for growth and housing.

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Record: 2916

Name: Bill Mikkelson

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The government's points on unsafe water is overstated .TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE reporting and is Just scare mongering. I can't believe that government can print such garbage. As for environment most New Zealanders do look after it.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Well if you let the Government control things with costs and servicing the system will cost an absolute bomb to run plus no service would be provided at lower costs. You only look at our Hospitals and the Covit outbreak and responses . Couldn't arrange vaccination to arrive on our shores let alone distribution. So NO TO CHANGES.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Absolute overblown Bureaucracy at its best. The councils do a good job and do keep up with good service that we the rate payers pay for and any change to a Mahuta or xxxx control would be disaster to say the least.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Lot of rubbish .Ratepayers would not put up with that just like the government asset grab. NO TO Change

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The tax payer is going to be screwed to say the least . The costs would spiral up and out of

control no mater what government says.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

This is all a asset grab that only suits the iwi running this country and is a very one sided affair. If councils require extra money to upgrade then it is government that should loan or advance moneys to suit what is required to upgrade services.

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Record: 2920

Name: Jocelyn Balvert

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We all deserve the same quality of water that is safe and promotes good health. I think a centralized government body overseeing this is more effective than individual small centres trying to have the correct specialists to oversee in small localised areas.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

New Zealand is small and has lots of small communities. Making small communities meet the cost of improved infrastructure can be prohibitive. A government led approach enabling equitable water costs for all would be preferable.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

As long as it can not be privatised by any future government I don't see a problem. We don't want another kiwi rail debacle.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I say give it the go ahead and get improving our waters.

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Record: 2922

Name: Russell Cooper

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

I see people and management are the problem more than the infrastructure. get the right people and that will solve the problem of public health and the environment.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Stop wasting Money. Prevent top heavy Management levels. Read reports done by independent qualified people and follow their recommendations

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Let People do their research and vote their own peers into Governance. Divide the areas into catchments that naturally divide New Zealand

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Don't have any views on this

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Don't understand how you can save money, It's just doesn't add up Too many managers in High pay brackets with no unaccountably

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Let the Councils work it out and Fund them. Leave control with the ratepayers

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Record: 2925

Name: Dawn Greenwood

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The concept is a global problem and should be addressed as such and not tied specifically to the Treaty of Waitangi. Who will profit from this and who will lose? To shift such a fundamental decision to a single culture is racist and removes the right of public accountability.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Misleading as services and cost merely transfer somewhere else, just not directly from Council.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I strongly disagree with it.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

Everyone has their price I suppose

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Not clear

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I strongly disagree

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Record: 2926

Name: Robert Greenwood

Organisation: N.A.

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Rubbish Economies of scale are stepped. Bigger is not necessarily better in fact for many far worse, cross subsidies will occur.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Rubbish Bigger is not better. Giving immense power to a minority who are represented by a minority power base is a recipe for disaster.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Consultants will provide the answers requested of them and the fee's reflect this.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Theft and political conniving to secure the Maori vote. Public accountability cannot be beaten. When things go wrong they explode and get addressed. Proposed structure has scale to just throw money at stuff, eg Mangawhai and spread the cost of such mistakes across the whole

country. Result is no accountability and huge inefficiencies.

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Record: 2927

Name: Chu Fai Wah Ltd

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

The reform doesn't outline how they improve education of residents not to flush inappropriate material into the drain causing blockage. People get sick maybe not from drinking water, they may have drink water directly from river then call council blame it on tap water, for example nation wide we have many people (especially Islander people I saw it with my eyes most of the time) swimming in stream on river have sign saying no swimming but they don't care still do it anyway. Also people park on kerb which not allowed to but they still do it anyway which maybe potential cause damage water service lines. You can argue we need upgrade of infrastructure, but uneducated people especially in low end area causing just as much problem

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

That figure shows in 2051 cost double without reform sounds fantastic, I'm sure salary income will be more than triple in 30 years to comfortably cover that and other expenses even after considering inflation. It means reform isn't needed. If you want to help save cost effectively without need to reform - just ban sprinklers all year long, educate people bin it don't flush it items. Fine people in double the current fine if they are caught illegal dump. And of course just install water meter for residential as well

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

So staff may travel around the country or even away from home for a long period of time?? Initially based in Hamilton for staff?? How long?? All these uncertainty for staff and travel cost sounds costly and causing staff well being anxiety and may provide bad quality service

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

As long as it is under council as it is currently, I don't think there will be privatization. The labour government just need to reduce handout to beneficiaries and invest more funding to council for

more hiring staff and building waters infrastructure. But central government need to sort out visa applications for overseas applications first, atm it's a mess. You don't need reform to make hiring more staff happen

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The central government just need to reduce wasteful spending like the opposition says and invest more wisely in basic infrastructure and education on public as I said in section 1

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The reform doesn't help at all based on what I said in all sections. Like Chris Luxon said - repeal it!

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Record: 2930

Name: Evelyn Will

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

The government has shown that they are not good stewards of money. I do not trust this government at all to have any idea of the figures quoted.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I do not believe that there needs to be divided representation between Māori and Councils. However you want to spin it, it is wrong. I don't believe their proposal is how things should operate in a democracy.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I agree that water should not be privatised.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The government could just make funding allocations to councils to improve infrastructure. Increasing the ability to borrow more should not be the goal. It is not a good goal. And shouldn't be necessary if government trimmed its spending.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

A load of rubbish. It will just create more overpaid jobs and waste a whole lot of money in consultants and restructuring. Too much centralised power will only foster corruption and faceless bureaucracy. And give power to a minority Māori group of elites. It's a bad idea. I don't believe it will reduce water costs.

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Record: 2931

Name: Rebecca

Organisation: n/a

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Believe that Taumata Arowai is a positive change and will help improve public health and environmental aspects. Believe that the benefits from Taumata Arowai would arise, even if 3 waters remain with local government. Have concerns that because of the scale (land area) of the proposed entities, and disconnect of the staff working within the organization from the areas serviced (will be looking after areas of the country they might possibly have never even visited); the new, large entities will have a staff culture where significant focus on patch / empire building / protection - pecking-order within the organization, internal politics, and other non-productive attention grabbers - and less so on the communities they serve. These behaviours are ones that I have seen in other large organisations with central and regional offices spread over large distances. Often really good ideas from the small regional office are never communicated to the central office, due to the pecking order, and patch protection aspects, and within central office approval, never therefore see the light of day. As a result of the dynamics described above within large organisations spread over large geographical areas, and lack of connection for the staff with the areas they serve I am concerned that the outcomes for the public health and environment will be worse off, under the proposed 4 entities; than they would be with a more locally run organization (eg: existing council, or perhaps merger of 2,3,4 local councils to form a new, entity).

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

1. Believe the low costs quoted by the NZ Government that could be achieved if the 3-waters reform go ahead as the NZ Government wishes / proposes ARE A COMPLETE FICTION. 2. Believe the very high costs quoted by the NZ Government if the status quo remains ARE A COMPLETE FICTION. 3. Believe that these fictitious costs, are likely build upon unrealistic assumptions, and are being used to try to trick the public into accepting the governments proposed model. 4. Believe that under the governments proposed model, with very very large entities, two key sources of waste and inefficiency will rise, a) managers of managers will be required due to the scale (number of properties and assets) plus the large geographical areas being so large they will require satellite offices to run. b) the disconnect of both the leadership and the staff from the communities they serve will also mean that there is less care to spend the organization's money as if it was my own. Currently, local government staff and elected

politicians live and interact in the communities they serve, and most will feel a strong sense of duty to the community around them to do the right thing. The more corporate nature of the proposed organization will remove this. In conclusion - I suspect that the government's proposed model will achieve less efficient spend than a more local organization (or local government) would. As such, the cost of the service under the government's proposed model will thereby BE HIGHER. FUNDING Also, it is common practice in countries overseas for the central government to subsidize the provision of water services. Many / most of the governments stated objectives could actually be achieved by a) the introduction of Taumata Arowaim and b) setting up a proper funding mechanism to support local government to provide water services, or smaller, council-owned water companies (like Watercare in Auckland) to service, the geographic area of say, 2,3,4 local councils...

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

1. I support co management with Iwi of the water entities. 2. I believe that having the organization run by a professional board, taking elected politicians further away from the operation of the water service is a good thing. Two key reasons for this: a) water assets and projects to build and maintain assets are long-lived assets and projects. Progress can be (and all too often) is destroyed by the 3-yearly Council election cycle. b) Elected local Councillors are uneducated in the complexities of running water network, and this can lead to poor decision making. 3. It is better to have the elected officials set the high-level strategy for the water organization; the professional board implement this strategy, similar to how Watercare in Auckland is run. 4. Believe that governance structure proposed by the government, in the current model is poor, because there isn't enough local-regional control. Water networks, and town planning are joined at the hip. Hence local Councils, and local Iwi know the issues they face in their local regions, and can work to address these. The lack local leadership within the government's proposal could cause significant issues, because the inseparable relationship between town planning and the local-environment, will not have a voice within the strategy, and direction of the four water entities. This disconnect could lead to poor outcomes - such as wastewater overflows occurring because capacity in the water / wastewater networks is not being built where the growth is occurring. Further unplanned growth - where all parts of a city are growing in an uncontrolled manner is nearly impossible to provide a service for... for example, it is impossible to upgrade every pipe in a city - all at once... Better to work out area of greatest need, then upgrade the infrastructure there - once the infrastructure is in place to support growth - allow growth to occur - then start to put in new/upgraded infrastructure into the next priority area - this is managed growth ... and an example of how local leadership can help create superior outcomes for communities and the environment.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

1. Several experts have shown that if a smaller more local water entity were set up correctly, that the same lower borrowing costs could also be achieved, as the government states being a major benefit to its four large mega entities. 2. Metering for potable water is clearly a superior means to fund water infrastructure, than Hamilton City's current 'capital value' based system. Putting a price on water encourages people to avoid waste, eg: replace leaking taps, and over-watering lawns... And for those willing to pay to stop their \$1000's of plants from dying - then they should hopefully have this choice - because reduced waste (from people knowing running a sprinkler will cost them money) mean there won't be any need for watering restrictions in order to manage waste. 3. Funding stormwater is going to be interesting. A per property user pays charge for the area of impervious surfaces on your land would hopefully encourage people to keep paved surfaces to a minimum - or perhaps put in permeable paving etc.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

The geographic areas of the proposed four entities are too large. I believe that the excessively large scale of the four entities, will create inefficiencies, and lead to inferior outcomes for: customer service, will be detrimental on the ability of towns/ cities to plan and cater to growth and other local community (and iwi) needs (eg: a wetland restoration); and the environment. Loss of local knowledge (important knowledge not being passed through to the main central decision making office) is a real risk with the proposed four 'mega' entities. Taumata Arowai is an excellent initiative. A better way forward would be for 2,3,4 local governments to join and create a local government owned water company, managed by a professional board, and service the region... A good scale would indicatively be the area of existing Regional Councils of NZ. The Regional Council boundaries are already largely shaped based upon the natural water catchments. The funding issue could be addressed with a system where central government funds local water infrastructure, much in the same way that it funds local roads already.

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Record: 2932

Name: Paul

Organisation: Kiwis

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

Its a disgrace to kiwis..this is blatent theft ..please be real here ..it does not need changing..its a scam by the people that think they are owed everything..its a NO.from me

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

You councils waste money on hairbrain ideas..get some practical thinkers in..

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

**** ..to many cheifs

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

You think they will work...?..i dont..!!!

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

You would be better off if you were practical spenders..this is bribe money..blood money that helps noone but the greedy..

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

**** ripoff

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Name: Susan Burbage

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

I don't think we should hand over our assets as to the government. We have worked hard and are our own area. The area we come into will be huge.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

I don't believe Hamilton City Council will be better off handing over their assets. Sounds like a bad business decision.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I am strongly against this. I hope the Hamilton council stays strong and we stay independent. Not controlled by the government. Let's just see how the New Health Board goes. Seems a bad time to do this. Handing over our assets and control is so so wrong. It will become a huge mess and badly managed.

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Record: 2940

Name: Bill

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

so there is no co_governance at the operating level but WSE.s need to follow te mana o wai statements prepared by iwi

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Record: 2944

Name: Cathy Grover

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

NO NO NO..this is GRAND THEFT from Central Govt.. Im a rate payer & together the people of Hamilton & surrounding areas use & pay maintenance towards our resources. HCC has implemented plans ...in 10 yearly blocks I believe to manage our precious resource...water IT IS NOT FOR SALE !!! WE WILL NOT BE BULLIED INTO GIVING IT UP TO THE GREEDY & CORRUPT THROUGH DECEITFUL MEANS. KEEP OUR WATERS LOCAL...throughout NZ ...why on earth would we consent to theft...our local say will be lost forever. AND...As Im sure u r already aware...WATER IS OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE being handed over to faceless corporations globally. Once Central Govt gets their hands on it .. we've basically sold our country out. WHO is funding 3 waters...Not Us Kiwis. This is so much bigger than stealing local waters from

councils.... DON'T SELL US OUT....IT MUST REMAIN IN LOCAL HANDS...ALWAYS. Please heed these warnings... before its 2 late. With HOPE

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Record: 2950

Name: Ruth Carol Selby

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

- Requires national oversight. - A ministry would be ideal, providing technical and financial assistance.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

Privatisation of any aspect will increase costs because of the profit motive.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

Must be under a NZ Government Ministry.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

- Must not be privatised under any circumstances. - Protections seem to permit it. - Would introduce profit seeking which would make services more costly to consumers, and risk lack of investment in long-term infrastructure and maintenance.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The (NZ) Government must be the one that raises the funding.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

Water is too valuable a resource to loose control of as a nation, so should not be privatised.

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Record: 2955

Name: Faye Hope

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

NO do not agree with the Three Water Reform. Areas managing their water like Hamilton / Waikato allow these areas to continue doing their work - unhindered 100% ownership of water to continue and management of water for Hamilton/Waikato to remain solely with HCC - unhindered There is a need for improvements in some areas for water management. Hawkes Bay and Gisborne areas case-in-point. Govt should have stepped in to support and assist both these areas sometime ago and provided the engineering support and funding (by utilising local body lending facilities) to effect improvements in these areas. Hamilton is doing a good job managing and maintaining water standards cross-functionally, even providing water to Auckland. Auckland, another area not managing their water facilities due to their antiquated and no longer fit-for-purpose drainage system. The Govt needs to stop interfering and implementing changes on a national level to provide a solution to a small catchment that needs urgent assistance. Govt to focus on assisting and supporting (and fund), those areas who are not managing water infrastructure as their priority. I am not supportive of Te Mana o te Wai yet another bureaucracy set-up under the auspices of the Treaty of Waitangi costing money & adding limited value This reform mandates a separate entity (a forum with no vested interest) which will include a significant Tangata Whenua, not merely input into water management, but control of the asset (a public asset owned by ratepayers); how all water is managed; how it is used and will expose Hamilton ratepayers to water tariffs and the likelihood of sales to a private corporation... Leave ratepayer assets alone...

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

I have no confidence in these figures or analysis and having worked in statistics for sometime I know they can be presented in many ways to support a view.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

I think I have covered this in my previous narrative

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

The fact there is a clause for protection against privatisation is an immediate concern. This is not a safeguard

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

Extract; assing this debt and income to a new entity would mean Council is financially better off immediately and would remove significant future costs from Council's books. Council's Long-term Plan has around \$400 million in waters projects which are not yet funded. This figure is likely to increase significantly as Council responds to climate change and new information. If it sounds too good to be true it is too good to be true. If anything the debt is handed to the new entity and it is found the costs increase two fold simply due to the cost of the new infastructure

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I refer back to my earlier narrative; NO do not agree with the Three Water Reform. Areas managing their water like Hamilton / Waikato allow these areas to continue doing their work - unhindered 100% ownership of water to continue and management of water for Hamilton/Waikato to remain solely with HCC - unhindered There is a need for improvements in some areas for water management. Hawkes Bay and Gisborne areas case-in-point. Govt should have stepped in to support and assist both these areas sometime ago and provided the engineering support and funding (by utilising local body lending facilities) to effect improvements in these areas. Hamilton is doing a good job managing and maintaining water standards cross-functionally, even providing water to Auckland. Auckland, another area not managing their water facilities due to their antiquated and no longer fit-for-purpose drainage system. The Govt needs to stop interfering and implementing changes on a national level to provide a solution to a small catchment that needs urgent assistance. Govt to focus on assisting and supporting (and fund), those areas who are not managing water infrastructure as their priority. I am not supportive of Te Mana o te Wai yet another bureaucracy set-up under the auspices of the Treaty of Waitangi costing money & adding limited value This reform mandates a separate entity (a forum with no vested interest) which will include a significant Tangata Whenua, not merely input into water management, but control of the asset (a public asset owned by ratepayers); how all water is managed; how it is used and will expose Hamilton ratepayers to water tariffs and the likelihood of sales to a private corporation... Leave ratepayer assets alone...

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Record: 2956

Name: Reece Gray

Organisation:

SECTION 1: The big picture – public health and the environment

What are your views on the public health and environment aspects of the Government's reform?

We all want clean safe water so what's new. Changes have been made to what and by who we need 2022 ideas not 1840 ideas.

SECTION 2: Operations – services to customers and costs

What are your views on the services and costs aspects of the Government's reform?

There financial projects would be unreliable. It appears we would retain our local people and services so all government would do is employ a lot of bureaucrats to add to cost for the user.

SECTION 3: Governance – How the entities are managed and governed

What are your views on the governance aspects of the Government's reform?

With mana whenua having 50% of the say it is not a fair reflection of all water users and mana whenua has no accountability to all other users as they appoint their own people. A BIG NO from me.

What are your views on the Government's protections against privatisation?

No better than Council. Protections against privatisation.

SECTION 4: Financial structure – assets, debt and borrowing

What are your views on the financial structures of the reform?

The extra borrowing the new entities would come from other regions so we would be paying interest for other regions.

Overall – what are your views?

Overall, what are your thoughts on the Government's Three Waters Reform?

I find it light on detail cost predictions would be unreliable. Main objection is the 50% Iwi say and management of the non entities and the lack of accountability and to remove these people if you want a business to run well you pick your people on ability not race. I agree with Council that we retain planning and financial control of our water.