

Need to know:

Local water **done well**

March 2025

Have your say by midnight
Sunday 13 April

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Our options

Under the Government's Local Water Done Well policy we are required to consult with you on two options for how your water services (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater) will be delivered in the future.

See more and give feedback at haveyoursay.kapiticoast.govt.nz/LocalWater by midnight **Sunday 13 April**.

Option

1

'The One'

Keep our water services delivery in-house as we do now, but with additional effort and resourcing required to ensure we meet regulatory requirements.

Option

2

'The Four'

A four council-owned water services organisation with Kāpiti Coast, Horowhenua, Palmerston North, and Manawatū. This option would require Council to transfer its water assets to the new organisation of which Council would be a shareholder.

How do the costs for each option compare?

Average cost to customer per year	Option 1 'The One' In-house	Option 2 'The Four' Jointly owned
2025	\$1,645	Not applicable
2034	*\$2,023	*\$2,656
2054	*\$2,749	*\$2,594

**including inflation*

Note: A joint council-owned organisation might maintain each district's different water charges for a period or look to charge everyone the same amount either immediately, or in the future. Efficiencies of scale mean we expect water costs for all districts will equalise under both options by 2047.

Key points:

- Kāpiti needs investment of **\$1.132 billion** on major water projects over the **next 30 years**.
- We currently spend an average of **\$13.8 million a year** for maintenance and supply.
- We need to plan for **22,000** more people by **2054**.
- As our water infrastructure ages, we'll need to start increasing our network renewals from **2040 onwards**.
- We'll need to mitigate the impact of climate change and upgrade our stormwater networks to cope with increased flooding.

How do the options compare against our priorities?

We believe Kāpiti wants a water services delivery model that serves local priorities and meets our community's needs now, in emergencies, and for generations to come. Council has identified six priorities to help guide our decision on how we should deliver water "services" and used these to assess the suitability of each option. This is how they compare.



Public ownership

Our water assets remain in public ownership.

- **Option 1:** In-house ('The One')
- **Option 2:** Jointly owned water services organisation ('The Four')



Safe and reliable water services

Our community continues to receive safe, reliable, efficient and effective water services.

- **Option 1:** In-house ('The One')
- **Option 2:** Jointly owned ('The Four')



Mana whenua aspirations

Mana whenua aspirations and concepts have meaningful influence in managing our water.

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- **Option 2:** Jointly owned ('The Four')



Financially sound

Our water services are financially sustainable and maintain affordable, fair and transparent charging for customers.

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- **Option 2:** Jointly owned ('The Four')



Local priorities

Our water services model recognises local priorities in planning for the future and catering for growth.

- **Option 1:** In-house ('The One')
- **Option 2:** Jointly owned ('The Four')



Resilience

Our water services model is resilient – it remains strong and functional in all circumstances.

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- **Option 2:** Jointly owned ('The Four')

KEY ● good ● some challenges ● significant challenges ● serious challenges



Come to a drop in session, read our consultation document and supporting information then have your say by **Sunday 13 April**. All details at haveyoursay.kapiticoast.govt.nz/LocalWater