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5 **Presentation - Bill Bayfield, Chief Executive, Taumata Arowai**

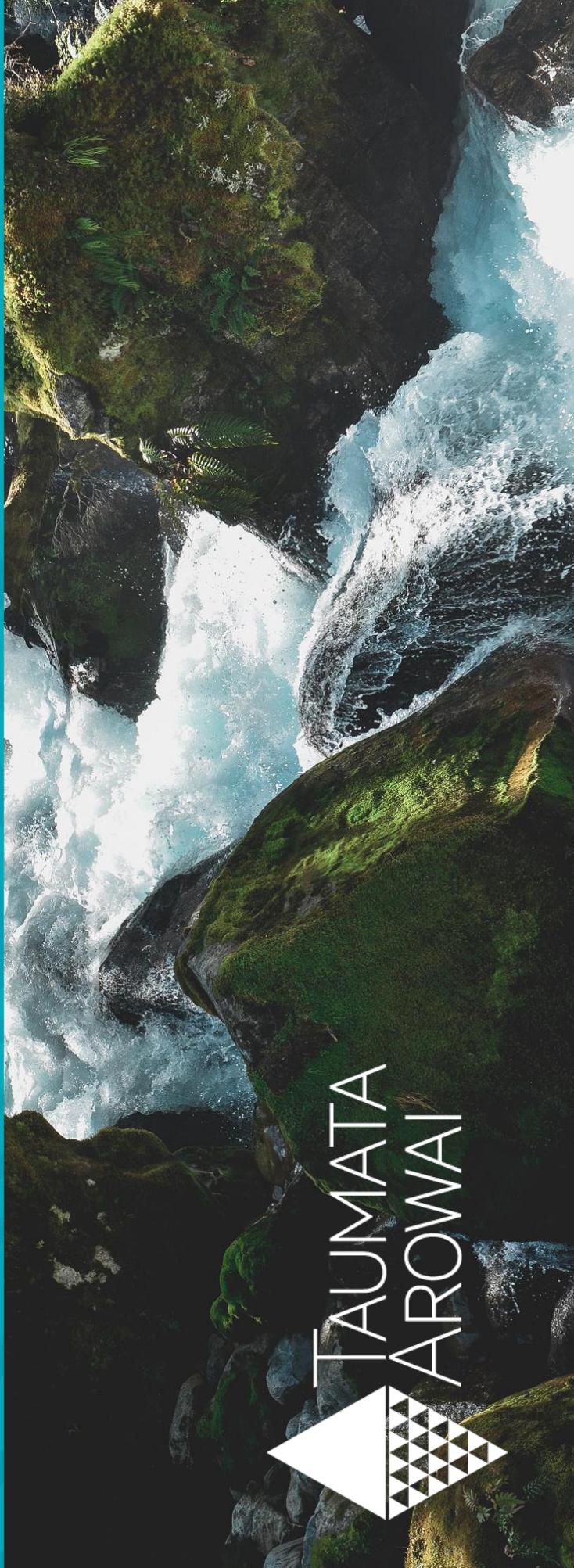
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Our journey so far

Bill Bayfield, Chief Executive – Taumata Arowai

September 2021



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Introduction

Ko wai, ko au, ko tātou

Ko te wai ahau, ko ahau te wai. I am wai, wai is me.
He whakaaturanga tātau nō te wai. We are reflections of our wai.
Ko te ora te wai ko te ora o te tangata. The health of te wai is the health of te tangata.
He taonga te wai me tiaki.
Ko wai tātou.
Ko wai tātou.



What we will cover today

- **Where we've come from**
 - As you know, there's been a lot going on in the three waters reform space.
- **Our current state**
 - An update on Taumata Arowai and the Water Services Bill.
- **Where we are going**
- **Pātai/questions**
 - Opportunity to answer any pātai/questions you might have.



Where we have come from

Not all water that comes out of the tap is safe to drink

- Havelock North incident killed people because the water was not safe to drink
- The Government's Inquiry found no part of the system to deliver safe water worked well
- The Three Waters Review showed poor performance of our three waters (stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water)



Our current state

System-wide reform to achieve lasting intergenerational benefits

Taumata Arowai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A dedicated water services regulator to administer a new regulatory regime• Became a Crown entity 1 March 2021
Regulatory Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Services Bill to become an Act later this year
Service Delivery Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to more affordable and reliable water services



A dedicated water services regulator

We ARE responsible for:

- ✓ Providing leadership on three waters: drinking water, wastewater and stormwater
- ✓ Holding ourselves and water service suppliers to account
- ✓ Setting, promoting, advising on, monitoring, and enforcing national standards for safe drinking water
- ✓ Promoting, advising on, monitoring, and shining a light on wastewater and stormwater delivery and regulatory performance
- ✓ Building relationships, trust, and confidence within communities and those we work alongside



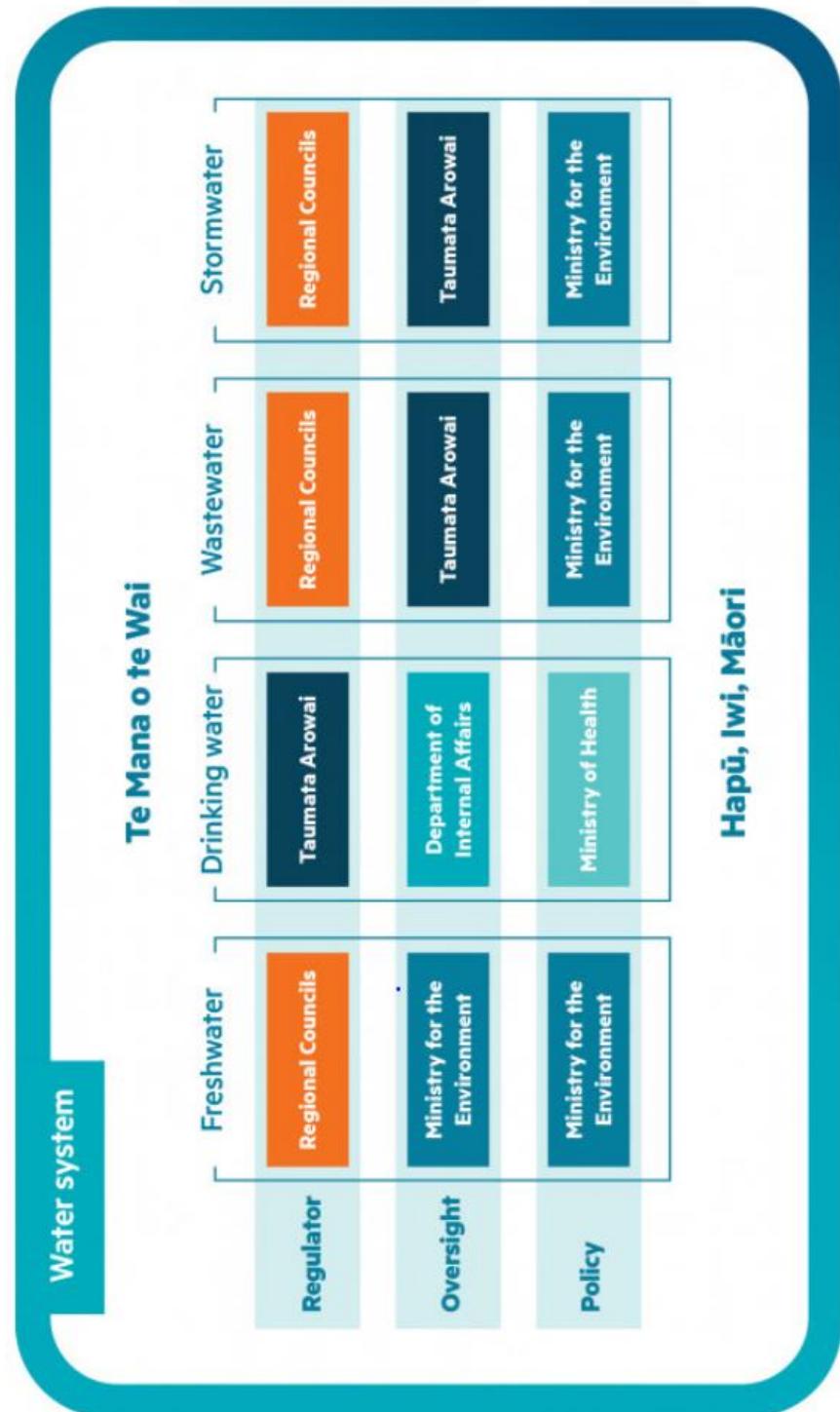
A dedicated water services regulator

We are NOT responsible for:

- ✗ The supply of drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater networks or services
- ✗ Funding infrastructure or utilities
- ✗ Regulating access to water including irrigation
- ✗ Regulating the water bottling industry
- ✗ Amalgamating assets, local government reform, or three waters reform
- ✗ We are not an economic regulator



The proposed water system



Taumata Arowai update

- Taumata Arowai Board
- Rōpū Māori (Māori Advisory Group)
- Brandon St office
- Regional offices located in Hamilton, Palmerston North, Christchurch and Dunedin
- Recruitment of our permanent is well underway (including our regional Regulatory Team Leaders)



Where we are going

Water Services Bill

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- The Water Services Bill is in its final stages of the legislative process
- The Bill provides the regulatory regime for Taumata Arowai to administer new arrangements represent comprehensive reform of the status quo and are designed to give consumers the confidence that their drinking water is safe
- The Bill also proposes monitoring and reporting functions for Taumata Arowai in relation to wastewater and stormwater services



We are not the status quo



- **Duty of care to supply safe drinking water**, will apply to all water supplies from Day 1
- **Culture shift**: from risk management plans to continuous planning.
 - **Water Safety Plans will be reviewed**, but not approved
- **Taumata Arowai will provide guidance**, but the focus will be on drinking water suppliers taking accountability and conducting good risk management practices

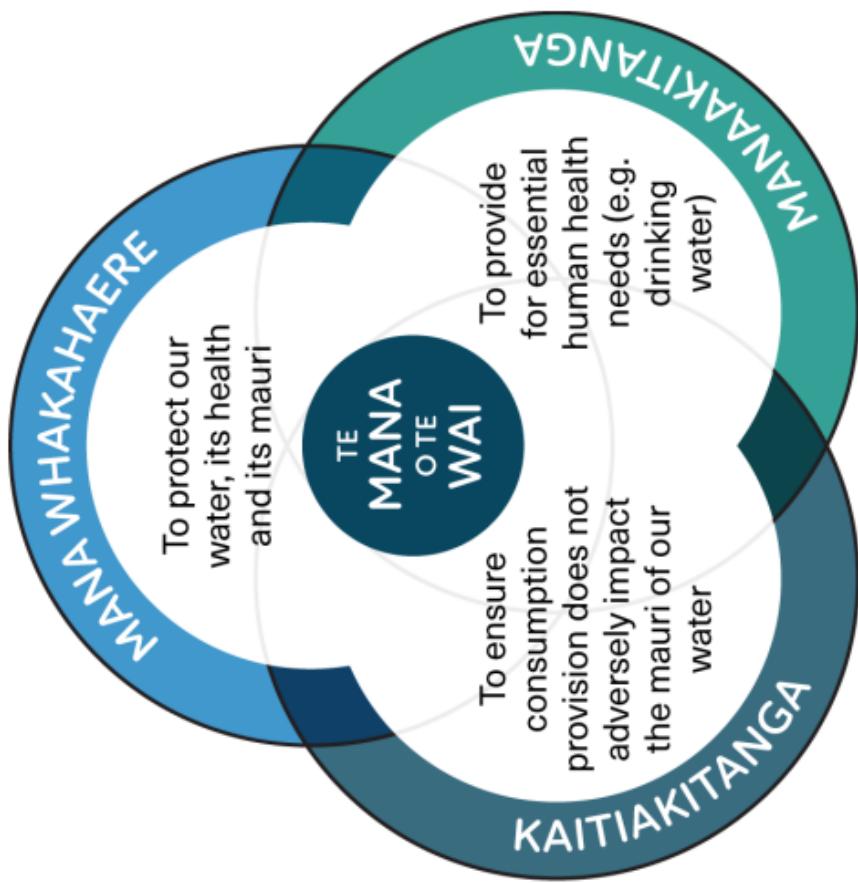


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Te Mana o te Wai



Taumata Arowai takes a lead from Te Mana o te Wai



These principals are about restoring and preserving the health, wellbeing, and balance between water, people, and environment

We are embracing this Aotearoa centric approach and aspire to being a Crown leader in giving effect to Te Mana o te Wai throughout the design of Taumata Arowai

Who will be regulated?

- This Bill will regulate all drinking water suppliers in New Zealand
- This Bill does not regulate domestic self-suppliers (single domestic dwellings with their own supply of water)
- Businesses that use water for food preparation or manufacturing are not regulated by this Bill
- The legislation contains mechanisms to ensure that the regulation is fit-for-purpose and proportionate to scale, complexity and risk profile of drinking water supplies



Regulation and Registration

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- The Bill requires all those supplying drinking water to meet safe drinking water standards from day 1
- Registration on day 1 continues for those currently registered, most larger suppliers plus about 1,200 smaller suppliers
- Registration for the remaining small suppliers (approximately 75,000) will not be required for 3 years



Our current workstreams

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- Water safety planning vs plans
- Source water risk management plans
 - Standards and new rules
 - Compliance monitoring
 - Notifications, incidents and emergencies
- Website and registration portal (Hinekōrako)
- Acceptable solutions and Authorised Persons
 - Regulatory approach
 - Finalising our strategic framework for the first year of operations

Public Consultation



- The Water Services Bill places clear obligations on Taumata Arowai to consult on:
 - drinking water standards
 - compliance rules
 - aesthetic values
 - acceptable solutions or verification methods
- Discussion is currently underway on timeframes for the above public consultation
 - Likely early in 2022



Summary of key events



Business as usual for now	Taumata Arowai and the Ministry of Health will work together to ensure a smooth handover of regulatory administration. Until then, all Ministry of Health requirements still apply.
Water Services legislation	<p>Taumata Arowai is now an independent Crown entity.</p> <p>Taumata Arowai will become operational by enactment of the Water Services Bill, expected late-2021.</p> <p>Taumata Arowai will regulate in accordance with the legislation regardless of the outcome of the Three Waters Service Delivery reform.</p>



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