

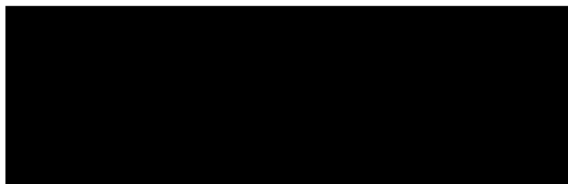


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Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE THREE WATERS REFORM

I refer to your official information request dated 5 May 2022 asking about the Nelson City Council's position on the Government's Three Waters Reform and relationship with Communities 4 Local Democracy. Please see Council's response below to your specific requests.

1. Has the Council adopted a position on the Three Waters policy? a. If so, what motion or motions were agreed to?

The Three Waters Reform is a Central Government led process and Central Government will be calling for submissions on the Water Services Entities Bill once it has been introduced in Parliament.

Council has not adopted any position on the Three Waters Reform, but it has engaged with its ratepayers and provided feedback to the Minister of Local Government. This matter was discussed at the 23 September 2021 Council meeting. The matter was also discussed at the 8 December 2021 Council meeting and Council agreed that the community would be engaged before a submission is made on the Water Services Entities Bill, once the Bill is released. You can find the Council reports here: <http://meetings.nelson.govt.nz/>.

b. If so, how did each member of the Council vote on the motion or motions?

As noted above, no motions have been considered by Council to adopt a position on the Three Waters Reform.

2. Has the Council voted on whether to join the Communities 4 Local Democracy? a. If so, what motion or motions were voted on?

This matter has not been considered by Council.

b. If so, how did each member of the Council vote on the motion or motions?

N/A.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Alec Louverdis, Group Manager Infrastructure (alec.louverdis@ncc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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Alec Louverdis

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