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Examples of Risk in Neighbourhood and self – supply drinking water supplies

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https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Three-waters-documents/\$file/Cabinet-Paper-and-minute-Strengthening-regulation.pdf

Ensuring people can access water that is safe to drink

- Investigate and address issues supplier, consumers and regulator work collaboratively - sustainable solutions
- <u>Support</u>*

Information and advice

- DWAPF (can access Technical Assistance), EHO
- Other water suppliers, operators
- Equipment suppliers and installers
- The new regulator



- Source water (gather and share information, monitor changes, consider emerging risks and issues e.g. nitrates, source water risk mgmt plans,)
- Treatment (particles, chemicals, pathogens)
- Distribution









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Strengthening regulation

- <u>Extension of the drinking water standards all but single household</u> self-suppliers
- <u>Multi-barrier approach</u> to drinking water safety mandatory disinfection of water supplies, exemptions only in appropriate circumstances
- Regulatory reforms phased in, time for water providers to adjust to the new standards
- Local government to ensure communities in their districts have access to safe drinking water, and work with non-council suppliers that may be struggling to maintain their supplies
 - locating and getting information on non council drinking water suppliers (except those operated by the Crown.. e.g. schools, prisons)
 - additional 2,000 suppliers (...likely more)