

# Water NZ webinar – 14 June 2021

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# Ko wai, ko au, ko tātou.

I am wai, wai is me.

We are reflections of our wai.

The health of te wai is the health of te tangata.

Wai is a taonga that must be protected.

Ko wai tātou.

We are wai. Wai is us.



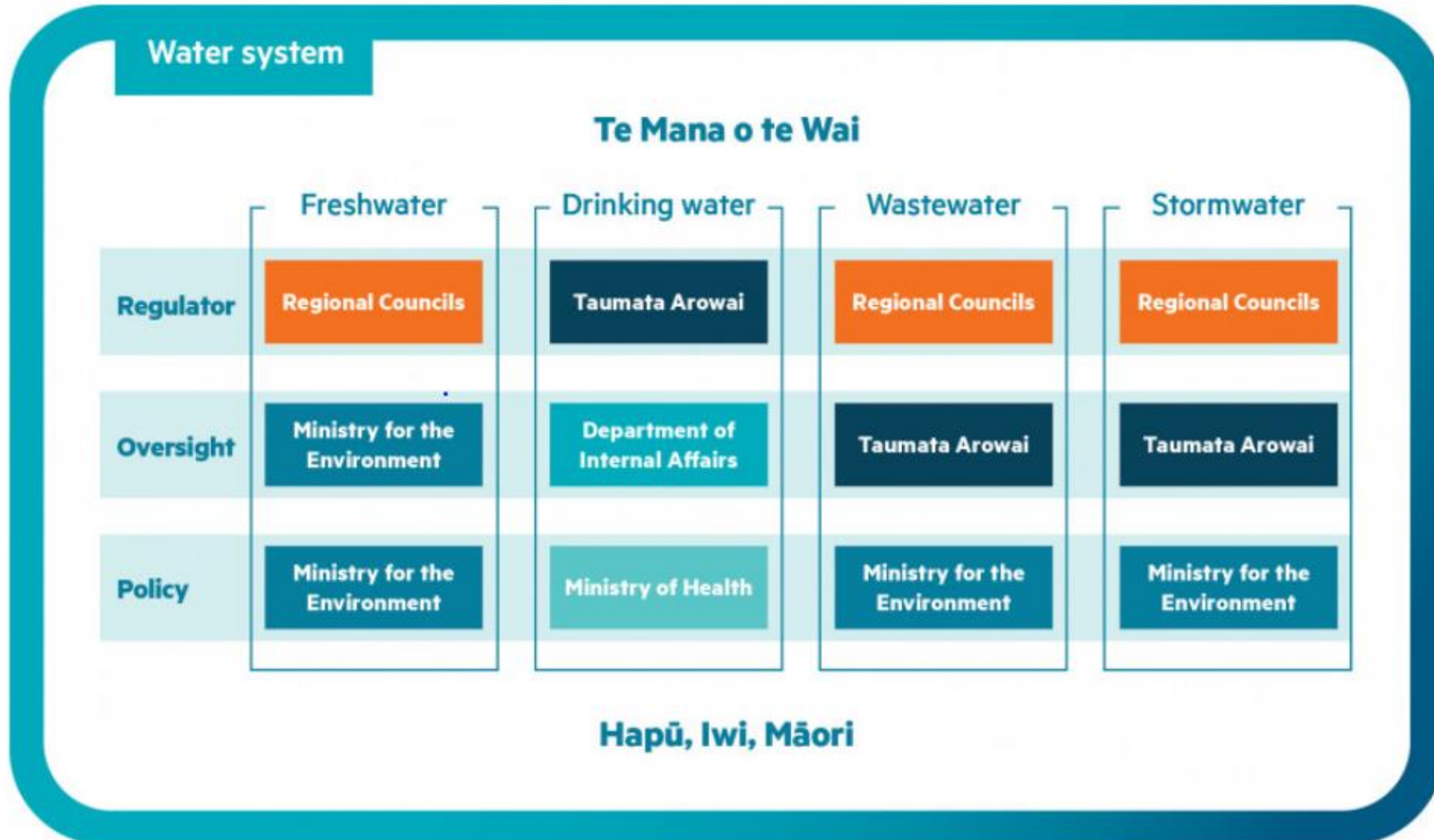
# Comprehensive three waters reform

The three pou, pillars of the reforms:

- 1. *Taumata Arowai.*** A dedicated water services regulator to administer new regulatory regime (*became Crown entity 1 March 2021*).
- 2. *Regulatory reform.*** The Water Services Bill, with the Select Committee report due August 2021
- 3. *Service delivery reform.*** Access to more affordable and reliable water services.



# A water system that meets the needs of Aotearoa



# Te Mana o te Wai

- Te Mana o te Wai is a set of principles for Aotearoa.
- It is about restoring and preserving the health, wellbeing and balance between water, the wider community and environment.
- Taumata Arowai is borne out of Te Mana o te Wai.



# Water Services Bill – current situation

- Still before Parliament's Health Select Committee
- Almost 1000 submissions received, 200 oral presentations made March/April – submissions will strengthen the Bill
- **Cabinet has extended the Select Committee's report back date from 8 June to 11 August**
- **Ministry of Health hand-over of drinking water regulator role to Taumata Arowai now likely late 2021**

# Three Waters reforms update - reports released 2 June 2021

- Government/Department of Internal Affairs/Three Water Steering Committee released analysis and modelling reports by:
  - **Water Industry Commission of Scotland** (economic benefits)
  - **Farrierswier** (review of methodology)
  - **Beca** (review of methodology)
  - **Deloitte** (effects on economy, related industries)
- Urge all to read these reports – can be found on DIA website



# Transition will be phased

- Three Waters reforms will impact on transition from Ministry of Health to Taumata Arowai
- Government yet to make some decisions that will determine transition
- Every drinking water supplier, registered or not, **has a duty** to supply safe drinking water from Day 1
- **No surprises:**
  - There are likely to be changes in Water Services Bill transition requirements
  - Taumata Arowai will provide water suppliers with ample time to understand new requirements.





# Taumata Arowai update

- Taumata Arowai will have offices in Hamilton, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin
- In first years Taumata Arowai will be **focussed on local authority supplies**
- Taumata Arowai regulatory approach very different to that of the Ministry of Health



# Proposed public consultation

The Water Services Bill places clear obligations on Taumata Arowai to consult on:

- drinking water standards
- aesthetic values
- compliance rules
- acceptable solutions or verification methods

Talks currently underway on timeframes for the above public consultation.

NB There may be additional consultation by Department of Internal Affairs on other related regulations.



# Taumata Arowai website

Now live with Phase One of our website [www.taumataarowai.govt.nz](http://www.taumataarowai.govt.nz)

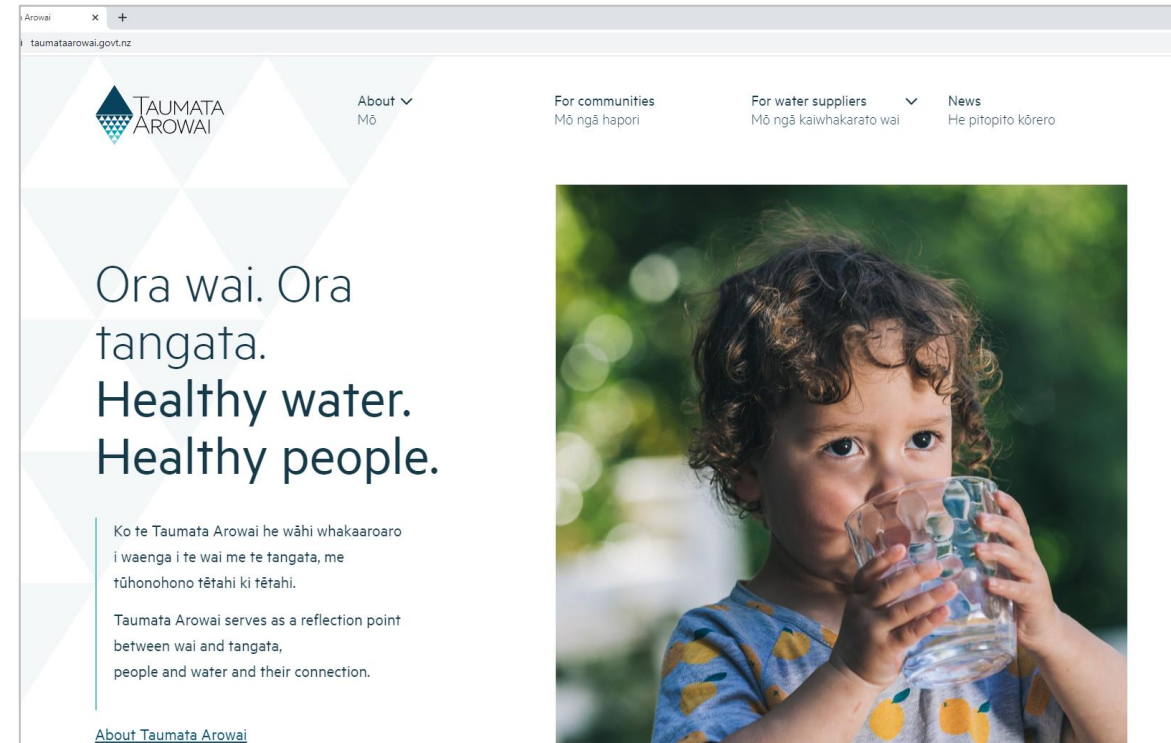
## Phase One now live

- Overview of Taumata Arowai, why established.
- Ministry of Health current drinking water regulator.
- Timeline and legislation.

## Phase Two website build underway – user testing & reference groups with the sector

## Phase Two - once Bill is passed

- Guidance and support material
- Seamless journey from website to self-service back-end portal.



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# QUESTIONS?