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Navigating the Complexities of Three Waters Management:

Insights from Wellington Water's Framework









Wellington Water

- The Wellington region's three water services provider
- 100% council owned and funded
- Water and wastewater management is more defined
- Stormwater management is more complex

Absolutely Positively **Wellington** City Council



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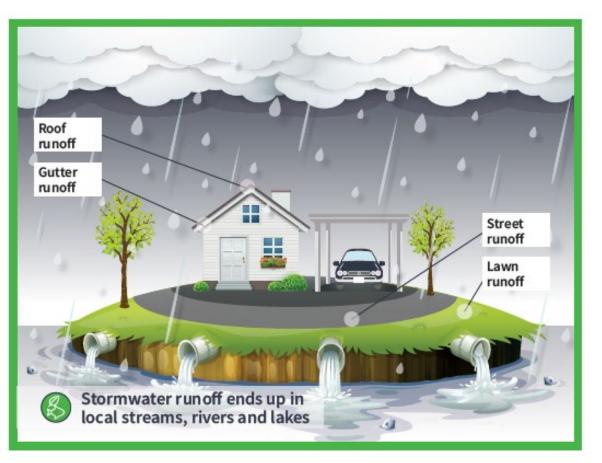






Understanding Stormwater

- Stormwater is rainwater runoff from hard surfaces.
- A byproduct of development
- Improper management can lead to damage and death
- Management responsibilities are spread among different parties

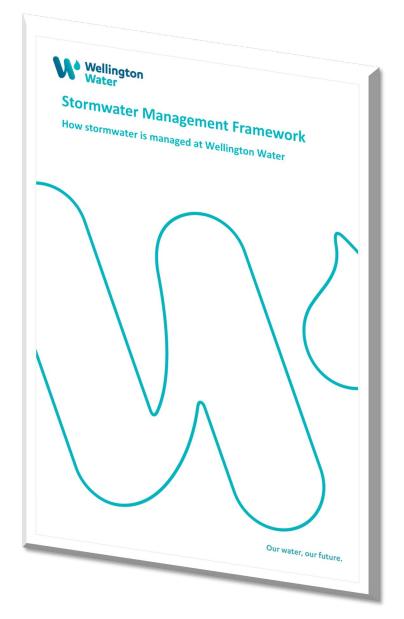






Purpose of Framework

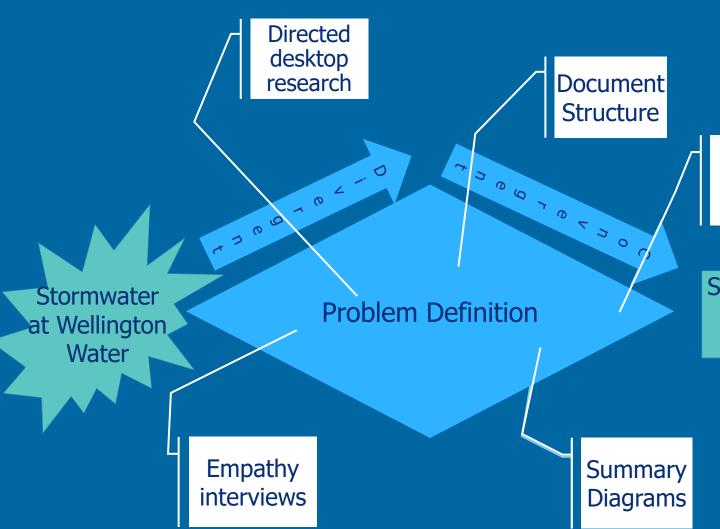
- To document stormwater management services
- To identify gaps
- To facilitate transition







Human Centre Design





Reviews

Stormwater at Wellington Water







Lessons Learned

- Multiple parties are involved
- An emphasis on conveyance
- Conflict between growth and stormwater management
- Hidden value in stormwater modelling
- National standards need a local lens
- Don't forget emergency management

Everybody has a part to play

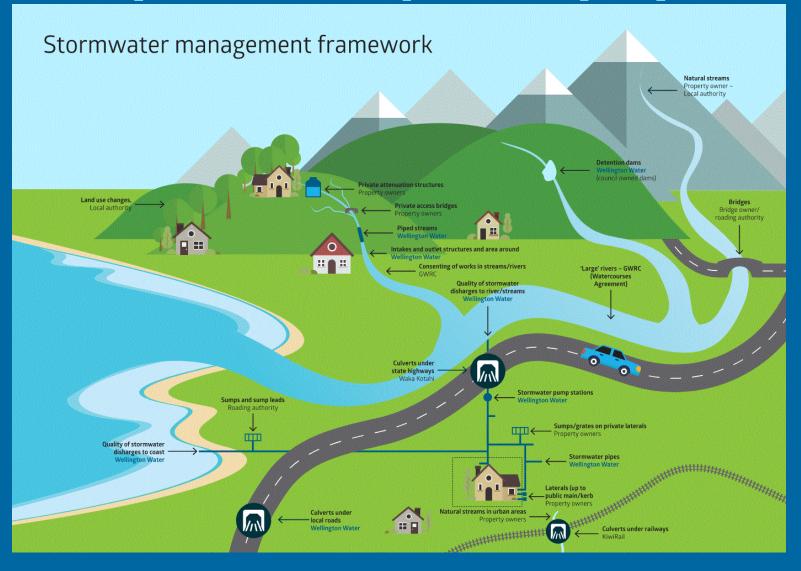
Conveyance vs quality

The hidden value of stormwater modelling





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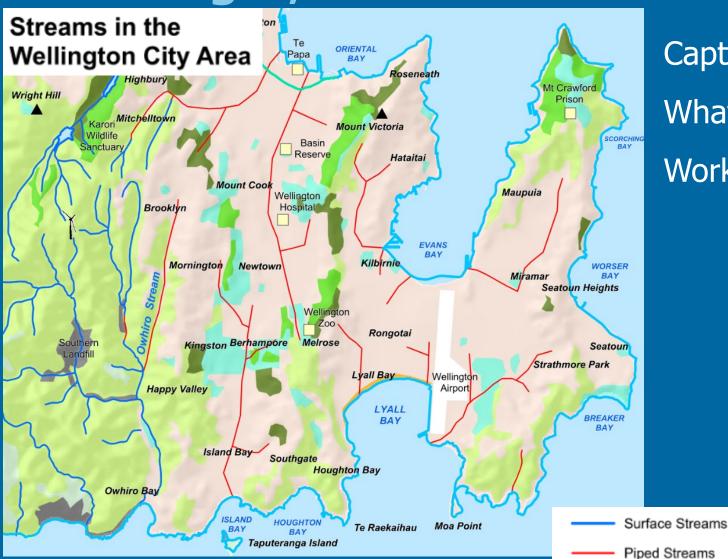
No single organization responsible

Collaboration needed





Out of sight, out of mind



Capture and convey

What about quality?

Working with nature





The hidden value of stormwater modelling

Rainfall flood risks in Wellington City

We want to manage the risk from flooding in Wellington. This application aims to explain the process the council has undertaken to understand flood risk in Well

Introduction

10 and 100 Year Depth Comparision

Use this map to compare between the modelled flood depths for a 1 in 10 year event (left panel) and a 1 in 100 year event (right panel).

To swipe between maps, click and drag the grey vertical line across the map to compare the different flood depths.

Legend

Area not yet Modelled Depth

Stormwater Assets

Stormwater

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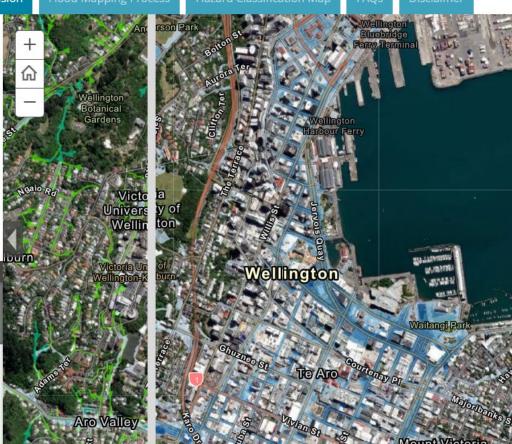
Stormwater

Pumpstation

Legend

0.01 0.05 0.05 0.10 m

0.10 0.25 m



District plan hazard maps

Emergency management

Future scenarios

Growth

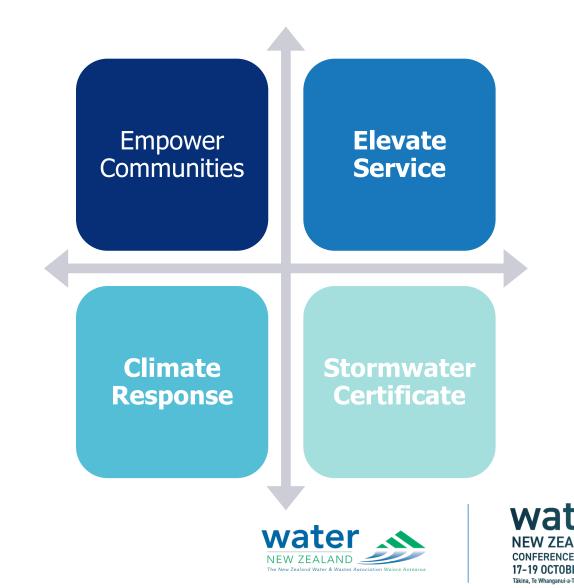
Climate change





Insights Overview

- Everybody is responsible
- Collaboration is vital
- Adaptability is important
- Recognize local wisdom
- Elevate level of service
- Respond to climate Change
- Empower Communities
- Use Certificates



Empower Communities

Collective responsibility

Engaging communities to help

Programs like Adopt-a- Drain, effective overseas and south Island

Connects people with the network and waterways

Helps keep waterways clean and reduce flooding



We protect our water

Sweep up! Rake up! Pick up!





Elevate Service

Consistent level of service

Unifying strategy to address legacy issues

Clawback engineering and reinstate flowpaths

"Even small investments can have a big impact when strategically implemented" Sponge cities, WSP/Helen Clark foundation







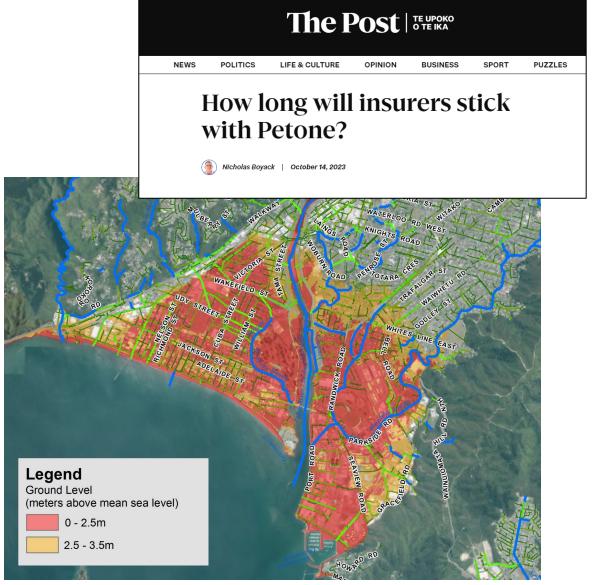
Climate Response

Climate change exacerbates existing stormwater challenges.

Long term impacts of flooding on communities

Calls for courageous conversations to address these challenges

Insurance companies are withdrawing from flood risk areas







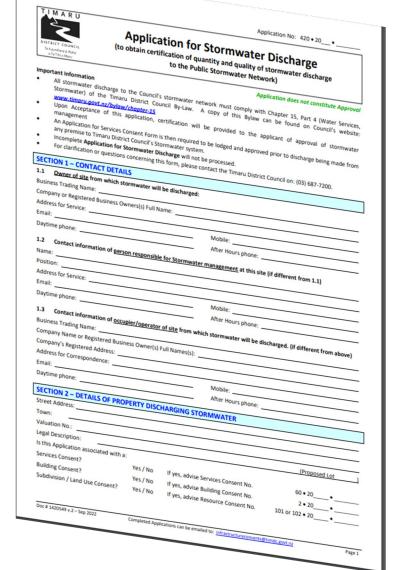
Certification

Varying consent processes and timelines complicate stormwater management for new developments.

Evolving catchment specific water quality requirements

Certification programs, like Timaru District Council's, streamline and address global consent requirements.

Enhances collaboration, and adherence to evolving standards







Conclusion

A pivotal step in Wellington Water's management

Highlights collective responsibility and importance of climate response

People focused Human-Centered Design approach

Next step to expand people involved









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