

Our Water Future: A Discussion Document

Purpose

To inform the Advisory Panels about Auckland's Water Future, a discussion document that will inform future policy regarding water management in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Discussion questions

- **What do communities in Tāmaki Makaurau value most about water?**
 - **How concerned are your communities about our water issues?**
 - **What do communities in Tāmaki Makaurau think is important for the council to be doing for the future of Auckland's water?**
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Background

1. Water is a precious resource and requires a holistic management approach. A holistic approach means we consider water in all its forms, including rain water, streams, rivers and coasts, water for supply to businesses and households and water waste.
2. Auckland Council is creating a Water Strategy that looks across the full range of water issues in our region, so that we're prepared when we need to make big, potentially difficult decisions about how we manage water in the coming years.
3. The water strategy will direct how the council will:
 - Take care of our natural waterbodies – streams, rivers, lakes and harbours
 - Meet daily water needs as our population grows
 - Look after our waters while managing growth and development
 - Prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Consideration

4. The council released the discussion document Our Water Future on 17 February 2019. Our Water Future lays out the vision, values, the big issues facing Auckland in relation to water management and the principles and processes to support effective management. A summary of the document is attached to this report.
5. Feedback on the document is open until 19 April 2019. More information about events and activities are available on the council's Have your Say website.
6. Panel members are encouraged to have their say and to discuss the document and participation in the conversation within their own communities.

Attachments

Attachment A: Our Water Future Executive Summary