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Dear Submitter,

Re: Three Waters Reform Feedback

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback with Council.

Council was asked by the Department of Internal Affairs to consider the Government's proposal to reform Three Waters by establishing four publicly-owned multi-regional entities by transferring three waters assets from each individual Council to the new entity. These reforms are intended to safeguard and enhance this critical infrastructure and associated services in an affordable way.

Before we provided feedback to the Government, we asked the community to tell us if you thought that Council should opt-in to the reform, opt-out of the reform, or if you were not sure. All responses were considered and 92% of respondents asked us to opt-out of the Three Waters reform.

At the Council meeting on 30 September 2021, Council received a Notice of Motion on the Three Waters Reform from Councillor Martin and resolved that:

The Westland District Council opposes the New Zealand Government's proposed model to establish four large water entities and remove the three waters assets and services from local councils. To date Council is not convinced that the current model provides the best outcomes for our District. As a result, based on the information available at present, Westland District Council would seek to opt-out of the reform should this decision be required. This position is backed by our Community and is reflected in the feedback collected during the community engagement undertaken.

This feedback has been provided to the Department of Internal Affairs.

You can view a video of the Council meeting, with the Three Waters discussion beginning at 3.08hr:

<https://youtu.be/OUns-hI79qU>

Yours Sincerely,



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