

Overview of proposed Acceptable Solutions

Each proposed Acceptable Solution is for a different type of drinking water supply. This helps make it easier for suppliers to figure out if one is right for them.

Acceptable Solution	How supplied water is used	# people supplied	Key features
Mixed-use rural supplies	 At least 50% is for farm use (e.g. for irrigation or stock). Up to 50% is used by local people as drinking water. 	No limit	 Source water (e.g. from rivers, lakes) that will be used as drinking water is piped to buildings where it is treated with a filter and ultraviolet (UV) light to make the water safe before people drink it. We call this 'end-point treatment'. Treatment systems must meet all requirements in the Acceptable Solution. More than one type of treatment system (that includes a filter and ultraviolet treatment) may be available to choose from when 25 or fewer people are supplied drinking water. Each treatment system can provide water to up to three nearby buildings. Suppliers can choose to chlorinate water before it's piped to individual treatment systems.
Small and medium-sized networked supplies	Water is provided for up 500 people to drink. Suppliers could consider this compliance option for supplies that don't meet the definition of a mixed-use rural supply, if they provide water to 500 people or fewer.	Max. 500 people	 Source water (e.g. from rivers, bores) that will be used as drinking water is piped to buildings where it is treated with a filter and ultraviolet (UV) light to make the water safe before people drink it. We call this 'end-point treatment'. Treatment systems must meet all requirements in the Acceptable Solution. More than one type of treatment system (that includes a filter and ultraviolet treatment) may be available to choose from when 25 or fewer people are supplied drinking water. Each treatment system can provide water to up to three nearby buildings. Suppliers can choose to chlorinate water before it's piped to individual treatment systems.
Self-supplied buildings	 Water is provided to buildings on: one property or more than one neighbouring property, when they are all are owned by the same person or group of people. Examples: schools, marae, sports clubs, community halls, work sites with a few buildings on them. 	Max. 500 people	 Source water (e.g. from rivers, bores, rainwater) that will be used as drinking water treated on-site with a filter and ultraviolet (UV) light to make the water safe before people drink it. We call this 'end-point treatment'. Treatment systems must meet all requirements in the Acceptable Solution. All ultraviolet (UV) treatment systems must meet an international standard. Each treatment system can provide water to up to 10 buildings, if requirements are met. Suppliers can choose to chlorinate water before it's piped to an individual treatment system.

Find out more about the proposed Acceptable Solutions at: korero.taumataarowai.govt.nz/regulatory/acceptable-solutions