



# Kia ora, we're Taumata Arowai.

## The new water services regulator for Aotearoa New Zealand.

We're committed to ensuring all communities have access to safe drinking water every day. We also have an oversight role in protecting the environment from the impacts of wastewater and stormwater.

Taumata Arowai became the new water services regulator on 15 November 2021. While most of the Water Services Act 2021 came into effect on this day, provisions relating to wastewater and stormwater will come into effect on **4 October 2023**.

Wai ora. Tangata ora.  
Healthy water. Healthy people.

[taumataarowai.govt.nz](https://taumataarowai.govt.nz)

### Te Mana o te Wai

A key objective of the Water Services Act 2021 is for Taumata Arowai to give effect to Te Mana o te Wai, to the extent it applies to our functions and duties. This obligation also applies to all those who operate under the Act.

Te Mana o te Wai is about putting the health and wellbeing of the water first while also providing for the needs of our people and communities.

### Our role in the water system

Te Mana o te Wai				
	Freshwater	Drinking water	Wastewater	Stormwater
Regulator	Regional Councils	Taumata Arowai	Regional Councils	Regional Councils
Oversight	Ministry for the Environment	Department of Internal Affairs	Taumata Arowai	Taumata Arowai
Policy	Ministry for the Environment	Ministry of Health	Ministry for the Environment	Ministry for the Environment

Hapū, Iwi, Māori

### Our role in relation to stormwater

Regional Councils are the front-line regulator of stormwater. Taumata Arowai will work in partnership with them to support their role as the regulator and improve national consistency.

#### We will be responsible for:

- ✓ Setting stormwater measures and targets.
- ✓ Publishing an annual report on the environmental performance of stormwater networks.
- ✓ Establishing a public register of stormwater networks. There is currently no national public register of stormwater networks.

#### We will not be responsible for:

- ✗ Front-line regulation of stormwater networks' environmental performance.
- ✗ Setting standards for stormwater (as we will do for wastewater).
- ✗ Requiring / reviewing stormwater management plans.

We look forward to working with stormwater operators and the water services sector to shine a light on the environmental performance of stormwater networks – it's time to prioritise stormwater.