

Wellington Water Overview

Wellington Water is seeking two people to join its Board of Directors.

Wellington Water is responsible for managing the three waters assets of its six council owners. Through strategic advice and delivery on behalf of its owners, and in partnership with iwi mana whenua, our purpose is to restore balance among te ao wai, te ao taiao and te ao tangata – the worlds of water, the environment, and people.

The Board reports to a committee of representatives of its six council owners: Greater Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council, Lower Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council, and South Wairarapa City Council. Their combined assets are valued at over \$6 billion, and the company is tasked with managing and operating these to provide the people we serve with safe drinking water, treating their wastewater and discharging it safely back into the environment and managing the flows of stormwater in ways that minimise the risk to people and property. The annual budgets for this work are in the order of \$100m per annum for operational expenditure, and \$200m for capital works, while the company's operating budget is around \$26m per annum.

As asset managers, and not owners, our role is to provide advice to our shareholding councils on managing and investing in their assets. The principal framework for this is the council three-yearly long term plan process, through which councils, in consultation with their communities, set strategic priorities and investment programmes. Current areas of focus for our council owners are growth; sustainable supply of water; improving environmental water quality; reducing carbon outputs; and investing in existing assets. Additional priorities include improving network resilience and addressing flooding issues. This year we will begin preparation for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan cycle.

The Government's 3waters reform programme will be a significant focus for the company in the next 2-3 years. A smooth transition to the new proposed water entity is critical for customers, communities, the environment, and staff.

Expressions of interest in these roles should cover:

- Experience of local government
- Competence in the concepts of te ao Māori
- Familiarity with best practice asset management
- Governance experience and responsibilities
- Understanding of machinery of Government
- Keen understanding of issues facing the water sector

Caring for water is among the most meaningful contributions people can make for now and the future. Wellington Water's people are incredibly dedicated to their work, knowing the difference it makes to their contributions. This is reflected in their values of kaitiaki, mana, and whanau, and brought to life in a strong culture that makes Wellington Water a positive workplace where trust and respect are integral to how they work.