

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 What is this Assessment about?

This is the first assessment of water and sanitary services prepared by Council. It is an assessment of the water and sanitary services provided by Council but also by individuals, communities, businesses and other organisations.

Given the importance of water and sanitary services to the public health and well being of the community, the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002 requires all territorial authorities to make assessments of:

### Water Services

- Water supply (drinking water)
- Waste water
- Stormwater

### Sanitary Services

- Cemeteries
- Crematoria
- Public toilets
- Waste disposal (not required by this Council as Solid Waste Management Plan 2003 has already been completed).

This assessment meets the Council's obligation to prepare an assessment under the LGA 2002.

## 1.2 Scope of Assessment

Information covered in this assessment includes:

- provision for drinking water, management of wastewater, stormwater and sanitation services
- assessment of the risks to the community
- assessment of the quality and adequacy of the services
- statement of current and estimated future demands
- statement of the options available to meet current and future demands
- statement of Council's intended role in meeting the current and future demands.

The assessment has been based on various ‘communities’ within Wellington City. The communities considered vary between the services provided. This is covered in the next chapter – Communities.

As required by the LGA 2002, this Assessment has been made after consultation with the Wellington Medical Officer of Health. As part of the consultation process, copies of the draft Assessment were placed in all Council libraries, the Service Centre and on Council’s website. Information about the draft Assessment was contained in The Wellingtonian, the Absolutely Positively Wellington newspaper sent to all city residents and public notices were placed in The Dominion Post newspaper. A public meeting was also held to discuss the Assessment. A presentation was made to the Makara Ohariu Community Board.

Further consultation was carried out with Ngati Toa and the Tenths Trust, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), Ministry for the Environment (MfE), Hutt City Council (HCC), Porirua City Council (PCC), the Makara, Ohariu Valley, South Karori and Horokiwi Communities and 157 resident and special interest organisations. In addition, the Assessment was included in the consultation material for the draft Annual Plan.

Section 125 of the LGA requires Council to undertake assessments from ‘time to time’. Council anticipates future assessments to be carried out approximately every 3-5 years though the timing of future assessments may be different for each service.



### 1.3 Links to other Council plans and policies

#### 1.3.1 Creative Wellington – Innovation Capital

Council’s vision for Wellington is *Creative Wellington – Innovation Capital*. One core role in achieving this vision is to manage the city's infrastructure efficiently. As Council sees having quality infrastructure as the foundation on which the city's future will be built. Relevant Council outcomes for Wellington are: