

**HUTT CITY COUNCIL****KOMITI NGĀ WAI HANGARUA | WELLINGTON WATER COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting held via Zoom on  
**Tuesday 22 April 2025 commencing at 1:01 pm**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor A Baker (PCC)  
(via audio-visual link) Mayor C Barry (HCC) (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter (SWDC)  
Cr R Connelly (GWRC) (Deputy Chair)  
Mayor W Guppy (UHCC)  
Mayor T Whanau (WCC)  
K Puketapu-Dentice (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika)  
R Faulkner (Te Rūnanga O Toa Rangatira)

**APOLOGIES:**

H Modlik, Te Rūnanga O Toa Rangatira and A Rutene, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Tamaki Nui a Rua Treaty Settlement Trust

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

(via audio-visual link) W Walker, Chief Executive, Porirua City Council  
J Miller, Chief Executive, Hutt City Council  
N Corry, Chief Executive, Greater Wellington Regional Council  
G Swainson, Chief Executive, Upper Hutt City Council  
S Corbett, Group Manager Infrastructure and Community Operations, South Wairarapa District Council  
K Glanville, Senior Democracy, Hutt City Council

**PUBLIC BUSINESS****1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga  
Kia mākinakina ki uta  
Kia mātaratara ki tai  
E hī ake ana te atakura  
He tio, he huka, he hau hū  
Tihei mauri ora.

*Cease the winds from the west  
Cease the winds from the south  
Let the breeze blow over the land  
Let the breeze blow over the ocean  
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air.  
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

**ITEM OF BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA****RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Cr Connelly)**Minute No. WWC 25201***"That, in terms of Standing Order 10.12, the Committee:*

- (1) notes that the public excluded matter of the 'Appointment of Director's to Wellington Water Limited' was not listed on the agenda because the information was received after the agenda was distributed;*
- (2) notes that the reason the report is publicly excluded is due to privacy matters; and*
- (3) agrees to discuss the matter at this meeting due to the urgency of the matter."*

**2. APOLOGIES****RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Mayor Baker)**Minute No. WWC 25202***"That the apologies received from H Modlik and A Rutene be received and leave of absence granted."***3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

## 5. WELLINGTON WATER - VALUE FOR MONEY

Report No. WWC2025/2/2 by Wellington Water Limited

Patrick Dougherty, Chief Executive, Nick Leggett, Board Chair and Erin Ganley, Acting Chief Risk and Compliance Officer of Wellington Water Limited (WWL), were in attendance for the item.

The Board Chair, WWL, elaborated on the report. He advised that the WWL Board would review and prioritise the 123 recommendations outlined in the report at its next meeting, focusing on completed actions and necessary steps. He emphasised the importance of prioritisation due to limited resources. He said immediate changes included restructuring contractual relationships, implementing a new performance framework, and introducing competitive tendering to improve value for money. He acknowledged the board's awareness of past shortcomings and its commitment to improving. He said an update on the recommendations and priorities would be reported to the Committee at its next meeting in May 2025.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Executive, WWL, confirmed the 2021 PwC Wellington Water Internal Audit Report would be published on WWL's website. He said the report included an action plan but was never implemented due to a lack of resources. He agreed the issues identified in the report had reappeared in later reports.

In response to questions from members, the Board Chair, WWL, advised that the WWL Board would consider the FieldForce4 report and its recommendations alongside all other reports and recommendations. He said viewing the report in the context of the whole body of reports was essential.

The Chief Executive, WWL, advised that it was important to group and identify consistent themes from the 123 recommendations, including those from the FieldForce4 report. He did not believe a deep dive into the report was necessary.

In response to questions from a member, the Acting Chief Risk and Compliance Officer, WWL advised that recommendations 115 and 116, outlined in Appendix 1 of the report, addressed issues raised in qualified audits concerning WWL's delivery of performance measures. She added that data quality and reporting had since seen significant improvement.

Cr Connelly noted that recommendation 107, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report, did not accurately reflect the actual recommendation from the Fluoride report. She said it related to the internal audit function.

Rawiri Faulkner proposed more specificity to clarify the relevance of the recommendations, making them clear and actionable.

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Cr Connelly)

**Minute No. WWC 25203**

*'That the Committee:*

- (1) notes that the full implementation of recommendations from all the reviews and reports cannot be achieved by Wellington Water Limited (WWL) due to time and resource constraints, and in some cases, are best addressed once Local Water Done Well decisions have been made. This means that not all recommendations will be addressed in the short-term or medium-term.*
- (2) notes that to ensure the best use of resources, WWL will prioritise key actions that we believe can be achieved in the time we have left as a company and those that will have the biggest impact on demonstrating value for money for our councils and ratepayers and setting up the new organisation for success;*
- (3) notes that this prioritisation will go to the WWL Board for approval in May 2025; and*
- (4) notes that for the 30 May 2025 meeting, staff will provide a full analysis of actions required to meet the recommendations and whether those actions are achievable in the time and resources available."*

## 6. **QUESTIONS**

The Chair mentioned receiving an email from the WWL Board Chair regarding legal advice on a conflict of interest and stated he would circulate this advice to the members.

After a question from a member regarding the Western Hills Sewer Main work, the Chief Executive of WWL stated that he would provide an update to the committee members.

## 7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** (Mayor Barry/Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter) **Minute No. WWC 25204**

*"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:*

*ITEM OF BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Appointment of Directors to Wellington Water Limited*

*The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

(A)	(B)	(C)
<i>General subject of the matter to be considered.</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution.</i>
<i>Appointment of Directors to Wellington Water Limited</i>	<i>The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. (s7(2)(a)).</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exist.</i>
<i>This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified in Column (B) above."</i>		

There being no further business, the Chair declared the public part of the meeting closed at 1.27 pm. The public excluded part of the meeting closed at 1.37pm.

Mayor C Barry  
**CHAIR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 30th day of May 2025**