

AWHEAWHE/WORKSHOP: Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee	
WORKSHOP ITEM NO: 1	KAUPAPA/SUBJECT: Zone Committee Action Plan 2021-24 Review
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Purpose

The purpose of this workshop item is to seek feedback from the Ashburton Water Zone Committee which will be considered as part of the CWMS Zone Committees Review led by Environment Canterbury.

Background

At its meeting in August 2023, the Canterbury Mayoral Forum agreed to a review of Zone Committees to enable and support local leadership and ownership of freshwater management issues into the future.

This review will focus on what structure, function and resourcing are needed to support local freshwater leadership into the future.

The CWMS is underpinned by a collaborative approach between Environment Canterbury, territorial authorities, Ngāi Tahu, sector groups and communities. While the aim is to keep this review simple, it will reflect this collaborative ethos by engaging with key stakeholders under the auspices of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum (as the 'owner' of the CWMS).

The review's objectives are to answer the following main questions:

- a) What local freshwater leadership is required in the future?
- b) For which actions will key partners (Environment Canterbury, Territorial Authorities and mana whenua) need local leadership to deliver freshwater management outcomes in the future?
- c) What resourcing is required to support local leadership?

Environment Canterbury is leading the review and will report back to the Mayoral Forum, following engagement with Mayors, zone committee members, and mana whenua representatives. Refer to Table 1 below for key actions and milestones.

Table 1: Zone Committee review – key actions and milestones

August 2023	Mayoral Forum agrees to a review of Zone Committees
December 2023	Initial engagement with Zone Committee Chairs and Deputies
February – April 2024	Engagement with Zone Committees, Mayors, mana whenua and other key partners
May 2024	Preliminary report to Mayoral Forum and agreement to next steps
August 2024	Progress update to Mayoral Forum
November 2024	Final report with recommended options for Mayoral Forum decision

Note, Ashburton District Council are also leading their own Zone Committee Review which is independent of this review. The two Councils have been in contact about their respective reviews.

Workshop Structure

A set of questions is being developed to assist all CWMS zone committees to help frame their feedback. The Zone Facilitator will assist the Zone Committee to consolidate its feedback.