

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON  
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

- PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Grace Ayling, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Steve Gallon, Cr Jane Burns, Cr Simon Casey
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive, Marc Ferguson (Chief Financial Officer), Lawrence Stephenson (Group Manager Infrastructure), Geri Brooking (Group Manager People and Corporate), Katrina King (Democratic Services Officer)
- OTHERS:** Taumata Arowai / Water Services Authority - Tim Cadogan (Engagement Specialist) Water Services Authority) and Neil Shaw

## **1 REPORTS**

### **1.1 COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

For Taumata Arowai to present on the role of the Water Services Authority / Taumata Arowai.

Tim Cadogan presented to the elected members on the role of the Water Services Authority.

#### **Water safety and regulatory oversight**

The regulatory authority's role in ensuring drinking water safety was outlined, including recent E. coli notifications across the country and the importance of multi-barrier protection systems including source water protection, filtration, disinfection, and secure distribution networks.

#### **National wastewater standards implementation**

New national standards for wastewater discharge were discussed, replacing varied regional council requirements with standardised approaches across nine water body types and land discharge categories, including 35-year consent periods and simplified compliance pathways.

#### **Small rural water scheme challenges**

The balance between affordability and safety for small rural communities was examined, including potential enforcement actions for failing schemes and the availability of early intervention support to prevent scheme failures requiring council takeover.