Quarterly monitoring report - water services delivery plan

Manawatū Water

Manawatū District Council

1 April 2026 – 30 June 2026

27 July 2026

Council plans that are retaining water service delivery (In-house Business Unit)

Part A: Progress updates

Guidance on completing this table
The purpose of this section is to: • *Identify each of the key activities, deliverables and milestones involved in implementing the arrangements in an accepted water services delivery plan;* • *Identify the expected date for completing each of the identified activities, deliverable and milestone* • *State whether the activity, deliverable and milestone is on track or off track, and if off track provide commentary for why.* • *Describe any significant issues and risks associated with achieving each activity, deliverable and milestones – and the mitigations in place to overcome these issues and risks* • *Identify activity expected in the next quarter towards completion of milestones or deliverables*
Some examples of activities, deliverables and milestones that might be included
• *Complete any required service level agreement and operational handover from council* • *Financial and treasury arrangements finalised (including LGFA access if amendments are required)* • *Address financial separation / ringfencing requirements* *Note that even if your implementation plan did not cover these activities, any progress made in the last quarter should be reported here.*

Quarterly reporting period: 1 April 2026 – 30 June 2026

Activity / milestone / deliverable	Expected completion date	On track to meet timeframe? (Yes/No)	Issues, risks and mitigations (if any)
Finalise and adopt the Water Services Delivery Plan	Completed	Yes	The Manawatū District Council Water Services Delivery Plan was approved by the Department of Internal Affairs on 12 November 2025.
Obtain Feilding Integrated Abstraction consent	Completed	Yes	The Feilding Integrated Abstraction Consent Decision (APP-2002010024.01), for a resource consent to take a combined total volume of 27,813 cubic metres per day comprising surface water from the Ōroua River at Barrows Road, groundwater from Bore 326117 at Campbell Road, groundwater from Bore 326113 at Newbury Line, and groundwater from Bore 325403 at Roots Street, Feilding, to supply the Feilding township, was approved on 20 October 2025. The expiry date for this consent is 1 July 2059.
Begin Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) SCADA upgrades	Ongoing	Yes	Initial work to progress SCADA upgrades is underway. The programme will require continued coordination between operational, compliance, information technology, and supplier resources to support consistent data capture, alarm management, and reporting.
Standardise water, wastewater, and stormwater standard operating procedures	Completed	Yes	Standard operating procedures for water, wastewater, and stormwater activities have been completed. Ongoing review will be required as operational practices, assets, and regulatory requirements change
Asset condition assessment (stormwater focus)	Ongoing	Yes	Stormwater asset condition assessment work has commenced to improve the quality of condition data and support prioritisation of renewals and capital investment. The principal risk is incomplete or inconsistent asset information; this will be managed through staged data validation and targeted inspections.

Begin preparatory financial ringfencing work	In progress	Yes	Preparatory work for financial ringfencing has commenced. This includes progressing the financial structures, coding, and reporting approaches needed to support separation of water services finances from other Council activities in advance of the 1 July 2027 requirement.
Drinking Water Safety Plan	Complete	Yes	The Drinking Water Safety Plan has been updated to include the completed work at the Campbell Road bore plant. It has also been updated to ensure alignment with current regulatory obligations and Taumata Arowai requirements.

Expected activity in next quarter

Milestone / deliverable	Expected activity
Prepare the draft Water Services Strategy	Work has commenced on Manawatū Waters Services Strategy to identify the strategic matters, service priorities, and future investment requirements to be addressed.
Prepare the draft Strategic Asset Management Pan and Asset Management Plan	Work has commenced on the Manawatū Waters Services Strategic Asset Management Plan and Asset Management Plan with a focus on asset condition, levels of service, risk, renewals, and the capital programme.
Prepare the draft Trade Waste Bylaw and Discharge Plan	Continue drafting and internal review of the Trade Waste Bylaw and Discharge Plan to support consistent management, monitoring, and enforcement of trade waste discharges.
Establish a pipe renewal prioritisation program	We have established a plan focussing on prioritisation, informed by asset condition information, network criticality and information provided by our reticulation teams. This work will support a more targeted and evidence-based approach to renewals planning and future investment decisions.
Progress Halcombe Wastewater Centralisation	Stage 1 pipework installation between Mt Stewart and Mt Biggs school is completed and looking to award the final stage of the pipe in August between the school and Halcombe township.
Continue financial ringfencing preparation	Further develop the financial structure, coding, reporting, and internal processes required to achieve water services financial separation by 1 July 2027.

Part B: Additional monitoring information – items noted in letters of acceptance

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The purpose of this section is to: • *Identify each of the items noted in the letter of acceptance for a water services delivery plan – where the Secretary indicated the Department would be monitoring these items;* • *Describe progress with addressing the item(s) raised – including any significant issues and risks*

Items noted in letters of acceptance	Progress update
Delivery of the renewals investment programme and any potential impacts on levels of service.	2025/26 - replaced a section of Feilding trunk main between Colyton Rd and Amadale WTP
	2025/26 - Heayns Place (Cul de sac)
	2025/26 - Cheviot Place (Cul de sac)
	2025/26 - Ranfurly Rd booster pump – increase water pressure to residents on Ranfurly Rd
	2026/27 - Feilding trunk main (North Street to bridge) is planned
	2026/27 - Renewal works for selected cul-de-sacs are planned, subject to budget approval, including Harding Place, Murihau Place, Charles Street, Eden Place, Anne Street, Attlee Place, and Rangitīkei View Place.