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New Zealand’s water resources - natural rivers, lakes, streams; and drinking water, stormwater, wastewater - are critical to our nation’s livelihood and wellbeing. We need to understand the linkages and that changes in one area impact significantly on the others.

The Water 2050 project recognises this and will develop a coherent framework for water policy that integrates allocation, water quality, infrastructure, cost and funding; and an overarching governance framework for central and local government.

- PROJECT OUTCOMES SOUGHT:**
- A coherent policy and institutional framework that:
- 1. recognises the interlinked nature of all water;
  - 2. leads to greater integration of policy, in particular reconciling the setting of outcome and asset standards with communities’ ability to fund investments of all types to achieve those standards; and
  - 3. identifies a suitable institutional framework to govern water.

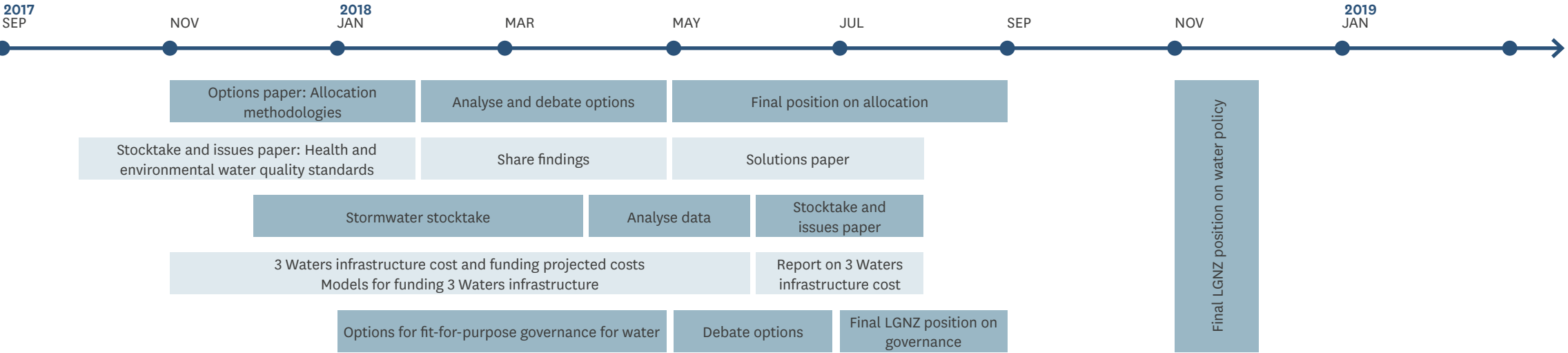


FIVE KEY WORKSTREAMS

				
1. Allocation	2. Water quality	3. Infrastructure	4. Cost/funding	5. Governance framework including best practice and capability
A framework for water allocation that delivers an efficient allocation of water between competing uses.	A coherent policy framework for water quality that considers costs and delivers communities’ expectations and meets national standards.	Three waters infrastructure that is fit-for-purpose, resilient and that affordably meets communities’ expectations and national standards.	An up-to-date cost of infrastructure and a comprehensive toolbox for funding and financing three waters infrastructure.	A coherent governance and policy framework to manage water across central and local government.

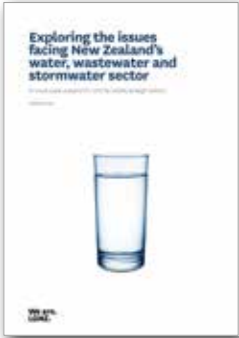
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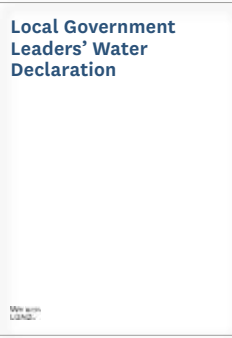


SUPPORTING WORK

The sector has led a significant piece of work which is focused on understanding the issues facing New Zealand’s three waters infrastructure and recommending improvements.



New Zealand’s natural resources are managed by 16 regional councils and unitary authorities which collect, analyse and report environmental information. LAWA presents information on fresh water and beach water quality, freshwater quantity and air quality.



New Zealand’s mayors and chairs have declared their commitment to leading and supporting communities to value and manage the quality and quantity of our water.