

Review of the Water Supply Bylaw 2013 and Backflow Prevention Policy

Overview of the Review process
Thursday 15 August 2024

Background - need for the Review

- The current Water Supply Bylaw was made in August 2013 and due for review by August 2023 (tens years)
- The statutory allowance of two years means the review needs to be completed by August 2025
- *There was a pause on policy work during previous Three Waters transition work – but we are now progressing this work to meet statutory deadlines*
- The Water Supply Bylaw and the Backflow Prevention Policy are projects on the Policy Work Programme 2021-24

What the Water Supply Bylaw Does



- Provides our communities with reliable and safe drinking water
- Supports health and wellbeing
- Protects our people, animals and properties including through having enough water to fight fires

Key Changes: Water Supply Bylaw

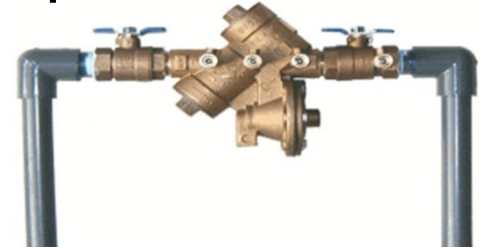
- There are no major changes in approach.
- The new Water Supply Bylaw updates technical detail and reflects 2024 operational practices.
- Need to future-proof the Water Supply Bylaw by including requirements necessary to deal with Kāpiti Coast's expected property intensification.
- Allows for a more comprehensive set of requirements for Backflow Prevention by introducing a separate Policy.

Outline of the Water Supply Bylaw

- Authority and definitions
- Protects the water supply system
- Protects the source water
- Imposes conditions over supply
- Classifies types of supply (includes fire protection)
- Continuity of water supply
- Collection of water use data
- Customer responsibilities for plumbing.

Introducing the Backflow Prevention (BFP) Policy

- Protects the health of water users by preventing chemical and microbiological contamination
 - Applies hazard rating to backflow impact to determine suitable BFP device
 - BFP device installation
 - BFP device testing, upkeep, record keeping
 - Qualifications for installers and testers.
- BFP Policy will be incorporated into the Bylaw by reference giving it the force of law.



Stakeholders and Engagement

- Key stakeholders
 - Mana whenua
 - Developers
 - Plumbing industry (potential BFP installers)
 - More generally, property owners and occupiers
 - Council contractors undertaking work.
- Engagement - use of Local Government Act Special Consultative Procedure.

Next steps

ACTION	Timeframe
Approval for consultation (Council)	29 August
Consultation Period	September
Hearings (if needed)	October
Work to finalise Bylaw and BFP Policy	November-December
Work on Implementation: operational, training, website	December-March 2025
Adoption of Bylaw and BFP Policy (Council)	March 2025
Commencement of Bylaw and BFP Policy	By May 2025