



17th March 2023

Hon Kieran McAnulty
Minister of Local Government
Parliament Buildings
Wellington 6160

By email: k.mcanulty@ministers.govt.nz

Dear Minister,

1. I am writing on behalf of the *New Zealand Taxpayers' Union* to request to meet with you to discuss the Three Waters Reforms and our perspective on how the ownership and management of water infrastructure should be structured.
2. We are pleased you have decided to meet with some of the mayors who have expressed concerns about the Three Waters reforms. This engagement is necessary but believe it is also appropriate to meet with our organisation — New Zealand's largest taxpayer and ratepayer group with 200,000+ registered members and supporters.
3. Since the reforms were announced, we have engaged extensively with our supporters, mayors, councillors, and local communities including on our roadshow last year where we held events in 42 towns and cities around the country. Over the course of the roadshow, we met with more than 10,000 people, including elected officials and those working in the delivery of water services.
4. We have heard from those directly affected by the reforms who expressed concerns about the removal of local control, the undermined democratic accountability, the potential for higher water costs and the addition of unnecessary layers of bureaucracy.
5. We applaud you for taking the time to rethink these reforms to ensure that they deliver better outcomes at an affordable cost for taxpayers and ratepayers. We believe we would provide a valuable contribution to these discussions.
6. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

New Zealand Taxpayers' Union Inc.

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