

**Title:** Implications of the Havelock North Inquiry for our Regulatory Function  
**Section:** Environmental Services & Protection  
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Legal     Financial     Significance = Medium

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## Report to COUNCIL for information

### SUMMARY

The report provides an overview of the findings and recommendations from the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry as it relates to the Regional (regulatory) function of the Council, and to respond to the request of the Tairāwhiti District Health Board to form a Joint Working Group in relation to drinking water supplies in the region; a key recommendation from the inquiry.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **Medium** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Council:**

1. **Notes the contents of this report – and in particular:**
  - a) **Changes to both the RMA and the NES for Drinking Water are proposed as a result of the Havelock North Drinking Water Inquiry.**
  - b) **The recommendations to Regional Councils which arise from the inquiry.**
  - c) **Staff will provide regular updates to the Environmental Planning and Regulatory Committee on the work of the Drinking Water Joint Working Group.**

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