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Report to the Utility Services Committee
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Local Government New Zealand's Terms of Reference for the Review of Water Services

1. **Purpose**

To receive and respond to the request from *Local Government New Zealand* for comment on the terms of reference for the Review of Water.

2. **Background**

The draft terms of reference (Attachment 1) for the Review of Water in New Zealand outlines the background to this project.

Local Government New Zealand is asking for our comment by 12 November 1999.

3. **Comment**

The General Manager has been involved with the *Local Government New Zealand* working party that was formed to provide a co-ordinated and consistent response from Local Government to the Ministry of Commerce review of water initiated last year. He has also been involved in the development of the terms of reference we now see.

From a management perspective we believe the terms of reference as set out are comprehensive and appropriate. *Local Government New Zealand* has asked that our response be in the form of answers to a series of questions. Attached is our draft response to those questions (Attachment 2).

5. Recommendation

That the Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee that the attached comments (amended as necessary) be forwarded to Local Government New Zealand as this Council's response to the Water Review terms of reference.

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Attachment (1)