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Submitted to **Forming a Shared Waters Management Company**

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### Verbal submissions

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Yes, I wish to make a verbal submission. Please contact me on (phone number).

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### Your feedback

**7 Please indicate whether or not you support the proposal to form a Shared Waters Management Company here by ticking one option:**

Yes, I support it. (You can provide further comments below.)

Not Answered

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Background

Property Council is a member-led, not-for-profit organisation representing New Zealand's commercial, industrial and retail property owners, developers and professional service providers such as architecture, engineering, planning, and construction firms. Property Council's Waikato branch has 94 businesses as members. Research shows that property is the Waikato region's second largest economic sector, making a direct contribution of \$2.6bi (equivalent to 13%) of the region's economy.

The property sector is a key facilitator and enabler of the region's growth. Property Council members cater for growth by designing, developing, building and owning the buildings that house the businesses and people of the Waikato region.

Property Council's primary goal is the creation and retention of well-designed, functional and sustainably built environments that contribute to New Zealand's overall prosperity. Efficient and effective water, wastewater and stormwater systems and management are crucial to liveable and prosperous cities and towns. As key developers and ratepayers in both Hamilton City and Waipa District, efficient and effective provision of services is important to Property Council members.

Submission

Property Council strongly supports the proposal to form a Shared Waters Management Company for Hamilton City Council and Waipa District Council, because:

- A single organisation allows for better governance and a more strategic approach to decision-making and asset management.
- Given the complexity and capital intensity of three waters networks scale is important to make best use of technical expertise, help in negotiating better

contracts through improved purchasing power, and to control and manage rising costs.

- It will help create a critical mass for specialist three waters knowledge in the Waikato region.
- It will help ensure a consistent approach to asset management and asset planning to manage and replace existing assets as well as to plan for and implement increased network capacity to facilitate and enable the ongoing growth expected in the region. This should result in a more resilient and flexible system.

Property Council supports the ability of Waikato District Council to join the Shared Water Management Company in the future and strongly encourages Hamilton City Council to join as soon as possible. Having all three councils would further enhance and maximise the benefits and create leverage across the region.

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No

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