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It may feel quiet from a Wellington Water perspective in terms of water reform – but for our Councils it is a busy time.

There is currently an 8 week process (commencing 2 August – 24 September) whereby (amongst other activity) Government engages with Councils to seek clarification on Council positions and feedback. Councils are working to identify potential implications of water reform. This includes understanding the information that has been released on the challenges, fully understand the Government's proposal and identifing issues of concern and feedback.

The decision on 'is-a Council-in-or-out of water reform' is not required during this period. If you're interested, the DIA has posted their guidance document on their website <u>here:</u>

And as a reminder, the reform programme and proposed entities are here:

This Thursday, Wellington City Council will be discussing water reform at their Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Link to paper here. There may be some media announcements following this meeting.

We're also keeping an eye on what other councils are up to.

If you have any questions or comments, or there's more you'd like to know, please ask your GM or send a note to me.

We are also setting up a site on woogle where we will place all our communications and information of interest. I will let you know when it is established.

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