



Quarterly monitoring report - water services delivery plan

Manawatū Water Services

Manawatū District Council

1 January 2026 – 31 March 2026

29 April 2026

Council plans that are retaining water service delivery (In-house Business Unit)

Part A: Progress updates

Guidance on completing this table

The purpose of this section is to:

- *Identify each of the key activities, deliverables and milestones involved in implementing the arrangements in an accepted water services delivery plan;*
- *Identify the expected date for completing each of the identified activities, deliverable and milestone*
- *State whether the activity, deliverable and milestone is on track or off track, and if off track provide commentary for why.*
- *Describe any significant issues and risks associated with achieving each activity, deliverable and milestones – and the mitigations in place to overcome these issues and risks*
- *Identify activity expected in the next quarter towards completion of milestones or deliverables*

Some examples of activities, deliverables and milestones that might be included

- *Complete any required service level agreement and operational handover from council*
- *Financial and treasury arrangements finalised (including LGFA access if amendments are required)*
- *Address financial separation / ringfencing requirements*

Note that even if your implementation plan did not cover these activities, any progress made in the last quarter should be reported here.

Quarterly reporting period: 1 January to 31 March 2026

Activity / milestone / deliverable	Expected completion date	On track to meet timeframe? (Yes/No)	Issues, risks and mitigations (if any)
Finalise and adopt the Water Services Delivery Plan		Yes	The Manawātū District Council Water Services Delivery Plan was approved by the Department of Internal Affairs on 12 November 2025.
Obtain Feilding Integrated Abstraction consent		Yes	The Feilding Integrated Abstraction Consent Decision (APP-2002010024.01), for a resource consent to take a combined total volume of 27,813 cubic metres per day comprising surface water from the Ōroua River at Barrows Road, groundwater from Bore 326117 at Campbell Road, groundwater from Bore 326113 at Newbury Line, and groundwater from Bore 325403 at Roots Street, Feilding, to supply the Feilding township, was approved on 20 October 2025. The expiry date for this consent is 1 July 2059.
Begin Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) SCADA upgrades and Standard Operation Procedures (SOP's) standardisation		Yes	Initial work to progress SCADA upgrades is underway. Standard Operating Procedures for water, wastewater and stormwater have been completed.
Asset condition assessment (stormwater focus)		Yes	Stormwater asset condition assessment work has commenced to improve the quality of condition data and support prioritisation of future renewals and capital investment.
Begin preparatory financial ringfencing work		Yes	Preparatory work for financial ringfencing has commenced. This includes progressing the financial structures, coding, and reporting approaches needed to support separation of water services finances from other Council activities in advance of the 1 July 2027 requirement.

Expected activity in next quarter

Milestone / deliverable	Expected activity
Complete Drinking Water Safety Plans (all schemes) SCADA and data integration upgrades	The Drinking Water Safety Plan has been updated to include the new water treatment plant located at Roots Street West. It has also been updated to ensure alignment with current regulatory obligations and Taumata Arowai requirements.
Draft 2027–37 Long Term Plan inclusions	Preparatory work has commenced on Manawātū District Council’s Long Term Plan to identify and develop water services matters for inclusion in the draft 2027–37 Long Term Plan.
Start pipe renewal prioritisation program	The next quarter will focus on establishing and progressing a pipe renewal prioritisation programme, informed by asset condition information, performance risks, and network criticality. This work will support a more targeted and evidence-based approach to renewals planning and future investment decisions.
Progress Halcombe Wastewater Centralisation	Stage 1 pipework installation is substantially complete, with the confluence installation also completed.

Part B: Additional monitoring information – items noted in letters of acceptance

Guidance on completing this table

The purpose of this section is to:

- *Identify each of the items noted in the letter of acceptance for a water services delivery plan – where the Secretary indicated the Department would be monitoring these items;*
- *Describe progress with addressing the item(s) raised – including any significant issues and risks*

Items noted in letters of acceptance	Progress update
Delivery of the renewals investment programme and any potential impacts on levels of service.	2025/26 - replaced a section of Feilding trunk main between Colyton Rd and Amadale WTP
	2025/26 - Heayns Place (Cul de sac)
	2025/26 - Cheviot Place (Cul de sac)
	2025/26 - Ranfurly Rd booster pump – increase water pressure to residents on Ranfurly Rd
	2026/27 - Feilding trunk main (North Street to bridge) is planned
	2026/27 - Renewal works for selected cul-de-sacs are planned, subject to budget approval, including Harding Place, Murihau Place, Charles Street, Eden Place, Anne Street, Attlee Place, and Rangitikei View Place.