

## Project Title Sewer Pipe Ownership

Project details	To investigate the option of public ownership of sewer laterals. Currently, property owners own the section of sewer lateral in roads between the property boundary and the sewer main.
Financial year	2015/16 – 2024/25
Proposal type	Service Level Change
Primary funding	Rates
Why are we doing this?	Currently, sewer laterals within the road reserve are privately owned, which most ratepayers are unaware of. If a breakage or blockage occurs the individual ratepayer is responsible for rectifying the problem at their cost, which is often many thousands of dollars. The proposal is to identify if public ownership of sewer laterals is more appropriate and better supports the needs and aspirations of our community.

### Options/Alternatives Considered

Option 1: Take responsibility for sewer pipes between the property boundary and the sewer main. Property owners will not have to pay for any repairs – this will be met by us.

Option 2: Sewer pipes remain in private ownership. The cost of fixing any problems is met by the property owner.

### Agreed Option:

Option 1

### Cost of Agreed Option:

Rates: A total of \$950,000 over ten years (from sewer rate).

### Council's Outcomes

We enable opportunities for new and existing businesses	N/A	We understand the diverse needs of our community	N/A
We provide and enable services and facilities so people want to stay and move here	N/A	We maintain the safest community we can	Low
We keep our district affordable	Medium	Waitaki's distinctive environment is valued and protected	N/A

(Low, Medium or High)

### Risk Assessment

Price/Size (Economic) Risk	High	Engineering Risk	High	Regulatory/Compliance Risk	Low
Health & Safety Risk	Low	Reputational Risk	Low	Governance/Political Risk	Low
Commentary: Risk is related to absence of knowledge of sewer lateral condition, location, installation quality and workmanship standard.					

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