

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 22 November 2022

## Water Services Entities Bill

### *Proposed amendments*

Simon Court, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

#### *Clause 6*

In *clause 6*, replace the definition of **Te Mana o te Wai statement for water services** (page 17, lines 24 and 25) with:

**Te Mana o te Wai statement for water services** means a statement provided to a water services entity—

- (a) by mana whenua under **section 140**; or
- (b) by a local community under **section 140A**

#### *Clause 128A(4)*

In *clause 128A(4)*, after “mana whenua” (page 71, line 6) insert “or a local community”.

#### *New clause 140A*

After *clause 140* (page 76, after line 16), insert:

#### **140A Local community may provide Te Mana o te Wai statements for water services**

- (1) A local community may provide a Te Mana o te Wai statement for water services to a water services entity.
- (2) A Te Mana o te Wai statement for water services provided under **subsection (1)** may relate to 1 water body, or to multiple water bodies.
- (3) A local community that has provided a Te Mana o te Wai statement for water services under **subsection (1)**—

- (a) may review the statement at any time; and
  - (b) following a review, may provide a new statement that replaces the statement that was reviewed, in which case, the reviewed statement expires when it is replaced.
- (4) A statement provided under **subsection (1) or (3)(b)** expires after 10 years.

*Clause 141(1)*

In *clause 141(1)(b)*, after “mana whenua” (page 76, line 22), insert “or the local community (as relevant)”.

### **Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper enables local communities to provide Te Mana o te Wai statements to water service entities. Currently, only mana whenua may provide such statements.

Minister Mahuta has stated that the Te Mana o te Wai statements are “for the combined benefit of communities, the environment, and in the way that we think about the intergenerational challenge of looking after our most precious resource: water...” As the Government has accepted that mana whenua interests in water are potentially no greater or lesser than other groups with intergenerational interests in water, then those groups should have the same rights as mana whenua.