

## **Direction from the Committee for Project Team to use in developing policy packages**

- Substantial shift is needed in the way we manage urban development and urban water assets
- Rural areas have challenges too and are under pressure from urbanising activities
- Policy packages and delivery could look to enhance community connections to water
- Clear connection from objectives to other scales of planning and delivery is necessary and must be supported by concise objectives, limits and guiding policy
- Solutions packages should consider short, medium and long term goals, actions and targets, in order to describe pathways to improvement over time
- Regulation of urban discharges (from networks and from new development) is necessary to provide certainty and to create change
- Regulation should focus on the outcome to be achieved, rather than how something should be done, leaving room for innovation and place-based responses
- Reducing pollution at source is an important principle for both urban and rural activities
- The councils and WWL should work closely to deliver actions on water quality goals, including to make the most of where roles and relationships with landowners overlap
- Asset management goals should be aligned with the water quality objectives and limits for the whaitua
- New rules and regulations need to provide for time for landowners to change
- Engagement of any local government authority with urban and rural landowners needs to recognise and find opportunity in the multiple rules and directions that a property may need to respond to
- The councils and WWL should look into the value of communal or sub-catchment treatment devices for stormwater treatment, particularly in catchments with high risk activities
- There is value in a much larger urban water quality advisory programme (e.g. Take Charge)
- The point of sale and contacting with new landowners are valuable moments for triggering engagement and education
- Structure planning that better addresses water quality objectives could be powerful in delivering different urban development outcomes
- Councils should consider their role in triggering water sensitive development outcomes, such as through financial incentives and constructing sub-catchment scale stormwater devices