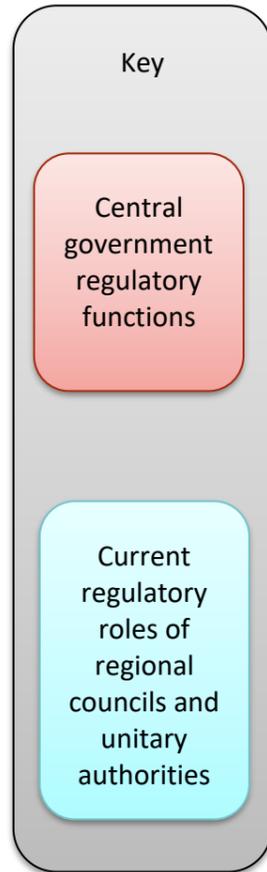


# THREE WATERS: REGULATORY ROLES OF CENTRAL vs REGIONAL GOVERNMENT



## Drinking water

**Central government**

- **Sector leadership**
  - coordination, oversight, public communications
  - monitoring of sector, leading or overseeing the response to drinking water emergencies
  - identify and monitor emerging contaminants
- **Setting standards**
  - setting and review standards for drinking water
  - developing requirements for multi-barrier approach to manage drinking water risks
- **Compliance monitoring and enforcement**
  - considering and granting exemptions
  - auditing and monitoring of water safety plans (including source water risk management plans)
  - monitoring and auditing drinking water suppliers
  - taking enforcement actions, including working with suppliers that are at risk of defaulting on their regulatory duties.
- **Capability building,**
  - ensuring the sector has enough capability to fulfil its responsibilities
  - maintaining registers for drinking water suppliers, and water sampling and testing laboratories
  - developing accreditation, certification and/or licensing systems
- **Information, advice and education,**
  - centre for technical and scientific expertise
  - best practice advice and guidance to suppliers
  - facilitate research into drinking water science
- **Performance reporting,**
  - collating and publishing drinking water compliance and monitoring information.

## Regional councils: roles in source water protection

## Wastewater

**Central government**

- National standards for wastewater discharges and overflows
- Set national expectations for compliance, monitoring and enforcement approaches
- Collect, analyse and publish performance information

**Regional councils**

**Main regulator of wastewater discharges:**

- Develop objectives, policies and rules for the control of wastewater discharges and overflows
- Consider and grant resource consent applications for wastewater discharges and overflows
- Monitor compliance with resource consents for wastewater discharges
- Take enforcement action for non-compliance with regional plans rules and/or resource consents
- Monitoring and reporting

## Stormwater

**Central government**

- Promote national good practice
- Collect, analyse and publish performance information

**Regional councils**

**Main regulator of stormwater discharges:**

- Develop objectives, policies and rules for the control of stormwater discharges
- Consider and grant resource consent applications for stormwater discharges
- Monitor compliance with resource consents for stormwater discharges
- Take enforcement action for non-compliance with regional plan rules and/or resource consents
- Monitoring and reporting